

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Welcome to worship this morning.

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. Audio from the worship service can be heard in the library (adjacent to the sanctuary) and social hall.
- If you are visiting because of medical treatment at Mayo Clinic we offer our prayers for healing.
- Our activities and programs are open to all, member and friend alike.
- We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship in the social hall following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service.

** As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. **

Gathering

Prelude

Resurrection Suite

Alec Wyton

*Our worship begins with the prelude. Let the power of the music speak to you of God's glory;
let its quietness tell you of God's peace; let its beauty lift your hearts in prayer.*

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Charles Coddington
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Walk in the light of his love.

Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord!

◆ **Hymn 231**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

SUO GAN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Trusting in a second-chance God who meets us as dedicated yet doubting followers,
let us confess our sins in the presence of Christ and one another.*

Silent Confession

Kyrie 604

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, the resurrection of your Son has not pulled us far from our old ways. Our faith becomes fear in the face of the world's troubles. We trust more in the power of "the way things are" than in the new life you grant. We hesitate to speak out against wrong, convinced it will do no good. We excuse ourselves from chances to help others, fearing for our security. We stay busy with small concerns to avoid facing our shortcomings.

Holy God, forgive our fears and our doubts. Plant Easter seeds in us to push through the packed, dead ground of old habits. Transform our suffering into greater faithfulness. Catch us up into the dance of your Holy Spirit, so that we may find hope and strength for the living of these days. Amen.

Words of Life

Hear these words from Christ: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So go forth in the power of the almighty, who forgives you and loves you.

Alleluia! Amen.

◆ **Response 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

◆ **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lee J. Afdahl

O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a
light to our path. Give us grace to re - ceive your truth in
faith and love, that we may be o - be - dient
to your will and live al - ways for your glo - ry through
Je - sus Christ our Sav - vior A - - men.

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Reading from the New Testament

Acts 5:27-32

Anthem (8:30)

**Easter Morning
Chancel Choir**

Paul Christiansen

Mary came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord. Then the same day as they were assembled came Jesus and stood in the midst. Then said Jesus unto them: Peace be unto you.

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Voluntary (11:00)

Easter Meditation

William Haller

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 1) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

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Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

Children through third grade may go to room E206 for Kids' Zone or are welcome to stay with their parents in worship. Children above third grade should stay in worship.

Reading from the Gospel John 30:19-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Response 243 Be Not Afraid BE NOT AFRAID

Message *Recognizing Thomas* Richard L. Morris

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 678** (sing three times) Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight LA TENEBRE

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 1

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

At the Offertory This Joyful Eastertide David Cherwien

◆ **Offertory Response 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.
The wine used in this sacrament is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader All
The Lord be with you And al - so - with you.

Leader All Leader 3
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

All
thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give our thanks and praise!

...On this first day of the week we await the coming of your new creation, when we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing ...

Sanctus

2
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r - and

might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

... Praise to you, Lord Jesus, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

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Christ has died and Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain!

Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing hymn 507, "Come to the Table of Grace" (TABLE OF GRACE)

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ **Hymn 817** We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 541** (stanza one) God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude Christ Is Risen Christopher Tambling

Those who wish may be seated for the postlude. Our music is offered to the glory of God;
if you want to express your appreciation, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is appropriate.

Some of the service music was written by Lee J Afdahl.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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Calendar for the week of April 3 – April 10 (and beyond)

TODAY – April 3

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Don Scholz in memory of Georgia F. Scholz.

A **nursery** for infants through 2-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a quiet space for nursing mothers. An usher will be happy to direct you if you don't know where the nursery is located.

Education hour:

- 9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (2-years-old)
- 9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5
- 9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1
- 9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grade 6 – adult education
- 10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1
- 10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grade 2-5

Adults:

- 9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues* in Sheldon Jackson lounge ... *Ripped from the Headlines*
- 9:40 a.m.: *Grace-based Parenting Class* in room A-101 will continue with *Building Character*. All current and future parents and grandparents are welcome.
- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study* in south fireside room ... *Matthew*

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library from 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:40-11 a.m. and available to take your blood pressure.

TUESDAY – April 5

Board of Deacons will meet at 7 p.m.

Most committees meet, although check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours. We know Christian Education and Worship and Music have rescheduled to April 12.

WEDNESDAY – April 6

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.

All other Wednesday afternoon and evening activities, including supper and Bible study, are cancelled due to Spring Break.

THURSDAY – April 7

Jubilate Deo Bells rehearses at 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – April 8

Sitter Service. Parents with children in 4th grade and younger are encouraged to take advantage of our Sitter Service on April 8 from 6-10 p.m. at the church. Sign up in the atrium after worship on Sunday, April 3 or contact the church office (282-1618) or Gayle Jones (993-2443 or mngjones@charter.net) by Tuesday, April 5.

SUNDAY – April 10

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A Festival of Music will present the Murasaki Duo at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Duo, 'cellist Eric Kutz and pianist Miko Kominami, has performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Scandinavia. Its repertoire includes commissioned new works as well as the classics.

For Your Information

Turn your old blue jeans into Hope! FPC youth are collecting used **denim** jeans to use at a Sole Hope shoe cutting party April 24. Sole Hope provides closed-toe shoes and the medical care to remove parasites from the feet of Ugandan children. At the party we'll cut and bundle denim "uppers" that will be shipped to shoemakers in Uganda who will add the soles and complete the shoes.

The **Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women** of the Twin Cities Area will be Saturday, April 23 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin. PW will pay the registration fee, which includes lunch, for all who attend. Get your registration to Peg Parsons, PW treasurer, by April 13. Speakers will talk about the Global Exchange to the Caribbean and the successful integration of refugees in Austin. Mission projects include baby kits for the Rural Health Initiative in Sierra Leone and Little Dresses for Reiser Relief in Haiti.

Rummage Sale alert. Due to scheduling conflicts the Presbyterian Women's rummage sale has been rescheduled to April 30! This will allow you to get a little more spring cleaning done and to empty some closets. You can start bringing items to the church April 18.

Among Our Church Family

We extend our condolences to Joan Jarett on the death of her husband, Robert Jarett, March 30.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 13-17 / 9 a.m.-noon

"Abundance Orchard"

where faith grows

& the hungry are fed

SAVE THE DATE

Farewell and thank you

Diane Johnston-Arthur has submitted her resignation as custodian effective April 13. We thank Diane for fifteen years of faithful service and wish her well in her future endeavors.

To thank Diane personally you can contact her at the church or send her a card at her home (627 5th Avenue SW / Rochester MN 55902).

