

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**April 10, 2016**  
**Third 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**

Lamb of God  
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

Cathy Moglebust

*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) Kenneth Alderks  
(11:00) Judy Kruesel

*O Lord, our God, we praise you.*

**We cried to you for help and you answered us.**

*You have restored our lives;*

**You have rescued us from the grave**

*Let us worship the Lord our God.*

## **◆ Hymn 229**

In the Darkness of the Morning

KAS DZIEDAJA

## **Call to Reconciliation** (please be seated)

*When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness, who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.*

## **Silent Confession**

## **Kyrie 604**

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

**Words of Life**

*Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ **Response 447**

**We Are Forgiven**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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◆ **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 receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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**Reading from the New Testament**

Acts 9:1-20

**Anthem**

(8:30)

**My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir; Carolyn Beck and Anne Gyura, flutes

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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(11:00)

**Feed My Lambs**

Natalie Sleeth

Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; in My name, lead them forth gently as a shepherd.

When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to me.

Unto all who lose the way hope and comfort be. As ye do unto My flock, thus ye do to Me.

Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep; in My name, lead them forth gently, gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord. As a loving shepherd of the Lord.

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## 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 21:1-19

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Response 243

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

## Message

*Words from Beyond the Grave*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*\*\* A Moment for Reflection \*\**

## Our Response

### ◆ Hymn 235

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

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### ◆ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 2

**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 God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**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.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer** (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

### Invitation to the Offering

*Jesus calls us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep. Let us show and share his love through the offerings of our lives.*

### Offertory

At the Offertory

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Kristina Langlois

### ◆ Offertory Response 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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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

**O Gracious God, receive these gifts of thanksgiving and praise and use them for your glory and the good of your people; in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 239**                      Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!                      GELOBT SEI GOTT
- ◆ **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**                      O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing                      Francois Dandrieu

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.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)  
**June 13-17 / 9 a.m.-noon**  
"Abundance Orchard"  
*where faith grows  
& the hungry are fed*  
SAVE THE DATE

### About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor                      Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant  
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor                      Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist                      Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
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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 10 – April 17 (and beyond)**

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### **TODAY – April 10**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Sylvia Swede in memory of Benjamin and Charlotte Swede and Nathan Koch. The **atrium flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Holly Ebel in memory of David Ebel.

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** will rehearse at 9:45 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.

### **TUESDAY – April 12**

**Christian Education and Worship and Music Committees** will meet at their usual hour.

### **WEDNESDAY – April 13**

<b>Wednesday Activities</b>	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Supper (suggested donation \$4/person or \$10 max/family)
6:15	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
6:15	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Adult Bible Study (Al Depman)
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

### **THURSDAY – April 14**

- Prayer Shawl** group will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge.
- Jubilate Deo Bells** rehearses at 6:15 p.m.
- Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY – April 15**

Items for the **May newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc\_carol@hotmail.com.

### **SATURDAY – April 16**

**Ruth Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. in the lounge.  
**Chancel Choir and orchestra** will meet from 1-3 p.m. to rehearse for next Sunday's cantata.

### **SUNDAY – April 17**

**Worship** at 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
**Chancel Choir and orchestra** will present the cantata "Feel the Spirit – a Cycle of Spirituals" by John Rutter at both hours of worship.

### **MONDAY – April 18**

**First Players** will present their Spring Concert at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### **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.** The Presbyterian Women's rummage sale is coming April 30! This will allow you more time for spring cleaning and to empty some closets. You can start bringing items to the church April 18. A sign-up sheet for helpers is on the People bulletin board in the foyer.

### **Among Our Church Family**

We extend our condolences to Joan Jarett on the death of her husband, Robert J. Jarett, March 30.  
Congratulations to James and Patricia (Keith) Talen who were married April 2.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW / Rochester MN 55902).*