

# First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

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Service for the Lord's Day  
April 17, 2016  
Fourth 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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Adolphus Hailstork

*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.

*Please pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.*

### Minute for Mission for Sole Hope

Rick Morris

### Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

(8:30) Lucinda Cutrer  
(11:00) Robert Kyle

*Alleluia, Christ is risen!*

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Blessing and honor is yours, O God.*

**Glory to God forever. Alleluia!**

### ◆ Hymn 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

### Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

### Silent Confession

### Kyrie 604

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

### Words of Life

*God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ. 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 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 Psalms**

Psalm 23

**Reading from the Gospel**

John 10:22-30

**Cantata**

Feel the Spirit: A Cycle of Spirituals  
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

John Rutter

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

*Steal Away*

*I Got a Robe*

*Sometimes I Feel like a Motherless Child*

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

*Deep River*

*When the Saints Go Marching In*

Voice Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, Oh, when the saints go march - ing in: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that num - ber, When the saints go march - ing in.

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

**Invitation to the Offering**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Trusting in divine care, let us present our tithes and offerings to God who restores our lives eternally.*

**Offertory**

At the Offertory

Give Me Jesus

Richard Billingham

- ◆ **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**

**Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***Sending***

- ◆ **Hymn 265**      Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun      DUKE STREET
- ◆ **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**

Look, the Sight Is Glorious

William Haller

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.

**We thank these people for sharing their ministries with us today:**

Soloists:

Ann Gastineau, Robert Jacobson, Laura Smith, Barbara Depman, Anna Larson, Paul Steger, Michael Cutrer, Elizabeth Woolner, James Sessler

Orchestra:

Violin: Joan Elkins, Dwight Jennings, Anne Judisch, Amy Lindstrom, Melissa Wobig  
Viola: John Vettel      Bassoon: Timothy Wells  
'cello: Kay Tate      Horn: Ellie Starks  
Bass: Robert Manulik      Trumpet: Warren Bandel  
Flute: Carolyn Beck      Harp: Mary Schneckloth  
Oboe: Karla Sukov      Percussion: Gabe Perkins  
Clarinet: Jennifer Matoush      Conductor: Lee Afdahl

**About Our Church**

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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 17 – April 24 (and beyond)**

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### **TODAY – April 17**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Diane and Jon Closson in honor of their families.

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.

**To show our appreciation to the Chancel Choir** everyone is invited to a reception in their honor in the social hall between services.

#### **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*

### **MONDAY – April 18**

**Esther Circle** will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge. Program: Bible Study (Naomi Spiekerman).

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

Donations of good quality clothing, books, furniture, toys, and household miscellaneous can be brought to church starting Monday, April 18. Tables are set up in the lower level Multipurpose Room for your donations.

**Volunteers are needed** to sort, set up and price on April 25-29. We work each day from 8 a.m. to noon. Look for sign-up sheets around the church or drop in whenever you are able to help for any length of time. We also need helpers the day of the sale from 8 a.m. on through clean-up in the afternoon.

### **TUESDAY – April 19**

**Session** will meet at 7 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY – April 20**

**Priscilla Circle** will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

**Crafters Group** will meet at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Bring that almost finished project or help us make cards for C.A.R.E. members of FPC.

<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 21**

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **SATURDAY – April 23**

The **Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women** of the Twin Cities Area will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin.

The **Parish Nursing program** at First Presbyterian Church in Kasson is hosting a seminar from 10 a.m.-noon to explain **advanced directives** and why it's important to have them. A user-friendly living will known as "5 wishes" will be available if you want to complete it. Let Ariel Boswell know if you plan to attend (fpcparishnursing@gmail.com).

### **SUNDAY – April 24**

**Worship** at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Please join FPC youth following worship on April 24 for a **"Shoe Cutting Party"** to support the charity "Sole Hope." 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 shoe-makers in Uganda. **Bring scissors and a smile!** Child care will be available in the nursery. For specific information, contact Lucinda Clements (513-0776 or LucindaClements@me.com). For general information about the program, see <http://www.solehope.org>. (Lucinda Clements)

### **SATURDAY – April 30**

**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.

### **For Your Information**

**VBS volunteering!** VBS is coming up June 13-17 and we need your help. Decorators, skit actors, traffic directors, leaders for snacks, crafts, lessons, games and stories, and more are all needed. Have some fun with this great ministry to our community. Sign up/ask questions to Rick Morris at [morris.rick@fpcrochester.org](mailto:morris.rick@fpcrochester.org). Info session Sunday, May 1 at noon.

Put on your work duds and join the Building and Grounds Committee May 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for an **outdoor work day** to get the the church's grounds ready for summer. If you can help help, please contact Jay Beck (hjbeck@gmail.com).

### **Among Our Church Family**

Happy Birthday to Clyde Newton who will celebrate his 91st birthday April 21.

Happy Birthday to Connie Bowen, who will celebrate her 96th birthday April 27

Happy Birthday to Jennie Orvis, who will celebrate her 95th birthday April 27.

<p><b>Vacation Bible School (VBS)</b></p> <p><b>June 13-17 / 9 a.m.-noon</b></p> <p><b>"Abundance Orchard"</b></p> <p><i>where faith grows</i></p> <p><b>&amp; the hungry are fed</b></p> <p><b>SAVE THE DATE</b></p>
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