

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 24, 2016
Fifth 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

Allegro con moto
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Jason Krug

*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) Judy Smithson
(11:00) T. J. Parlette

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

◆ **Hymn 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 604

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Life

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love. Amen.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

◆ **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
Je - sus Christ our Sav - vior A - - men.

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Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 21:1-6

Voluntary (8:30)

This Joyful Eastertide

David Cherwien

Anthem (11:00)

Greater Love Hath No Man
Chancel Choir

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. That ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light!

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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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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Sacrament of Baptism (11:00 a.m.) (see page 5)

Jacob Carrington Harris
Son of Brett and Emily Harris
Grandson of Bruce and Melissa Walk

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 13:31-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Response 243

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Message

The Foundation of the Jesus Community

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 244**

This Joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 3

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 true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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')

Offertory

(8:30)

Now the Green Blade Rises

William Haller

(11:00)

Go Forth for God

Sam Batt Owens

Chancel Choir

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good courage armed with heavenly grace, in God's good Spirit daily to increase, till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak; help the afflicted; richly from above his love supplies the grace and pow'r we seek.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy; to serve God's people ev'ry day and hour. Go forth for God, serving Christ our ev'ry gift employ, rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power. Amen.

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◆ **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**

Gracious God, accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 251** Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia MFURAHINI HALELUYA
- ◆ **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** An Eastertide Postlude John Marsh

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

(11:00 a.m.)

Introduction

Presentation

Professions of Intent and Faith

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Elder: Jacob Carrington Harris is now received into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. People of this congregation, I charge you to nurture and support Jacob, that he and all baptized children may become faithful disciples.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Jacob Carrington Harris and all children into Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage, support and share the gospel with all children that they may know and follow Christ.

Elder: The peace of God be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

- Response 188** Jesus Loves Me (st. 1) JESUS LOVES ME
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the family of Jacob Carrington Harris. The rose symbolizes our joy in the life of each child and the candle symbolizes our commitment as a congregation to support the parents in raising their children in the Christian faith. The baptismal banner celebrates the sacrament of baptism. The shell with drops of water is a symbol of Jesus' baptism. The water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation, the grace of God's covenant with our ancestors and the living water offered by Jesus.

Calendar for the week of April 24 – May 1 (and beyond)

TODAY – April 24

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dee Tiedeman in memory of Lester and Eleanor Tiedeman.

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*

Please join FPC youth following worship today 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 children in Uganda. 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 information, contact Lucinda Clements (513-0776 or LucindaClements@me.com) or <http://www.solehope.org>. (Lucinda Clements)

MONDAY – April 25

Endowment Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

WEDNESDAY – April 27

Wednesday Activities	
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 (AI Depman)
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – April 28

Jubilate Deo Bells rehearses at 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – April 30

Rummage Sale alert. Donations of good quality clothing, books, furniture, toys, and household miscellaneous are needed for the PW Rummage Sale on April 30. 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.

SUNDAY – May 1

Worship and communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library from 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:40-11 a.m. March 6 and available to take your blood pressure.
Information meeting for VBS volunteers at noon.

For Your Information

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).

On May 14 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Bdecan mission team is planning to tie fleece blankets to be given to children on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation when they need to go to foster care. Everyone in the congregation is invited to help. No experience is necessary – you just need to be able to tie a knot. For more information, see the May Good News that you should get this week.

Among Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Don Scholz who will celebrate his 95th birthday April 30.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

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

"Abundance Orchard"
*where faith grows
& the hungry are fed*

Volunteers, 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. There will be an information session for volunteers Sunday, May 1 at noon.

Capital Campaign launched to raise money for building improvements

Amazing things are happening at FPC!

- If you've been in the social hall recently you've seen the new flooring, new paint job, and new chairs. You don't see the work that went into asbestos abatement when we removed the old tile, but we did that too.
- If you've been in the Great Room, now referred to as the Multipurpose Room, you've been amazed at the transformation from an unfinished basement to a room with many possibilities, including a finished floor, painted walls, enhanced audio-video capabilities, a lounge area, and a play space and equipment for children.
- If you've been in the two former Sunday school rooms under the sanctuary, you've seen the change from two small, dingy classrooms/storerooms into one large room with new flooring, rug, and paint job that turned the area into a great place for our children's choirs and First Players to rehearse.

We were able to accomplish all this with the help of enormous hours of volunteer help, a grant and a loan from the church's Capital Reserve fund, and some early donations from our members.

- If you've been in the main kitchen, you know that's yet to be done. In May volunteers and construction workers will essentially strip the kitchen and prepare it for installation of new cabinets, new appliances, and upgrades that will bring it up to code. We expect the work to be completed by the end of July.

Now the time has come to make paying for all the projects a priority. You have already received information from the Capital Campaign committee that explains in more detail the money we need to raise. The cost of the projects, including a component for outreach (mission and social concerns) and contingencies, is \$320,000 and it is that amount that we need you to help us raise. We are asking you to consider making a pledge to be paid over a three-year period, although we would gladly accept a pledge paid in full early in the period.

Included in the mailing was a pledge card, a return envelope, and a form to fill out and return to the church if you'd like to have your pledge automatically deducted from your checking or saving account. If you would like to make your pledge today and don't have your card, there are extra ones in the pew racks.

Thank you for your part in helping us grow as a faith fellowship with up-to-date facilities to better serve our congregation and our community.

- *And if you haven't been in these places yet, you really need to check them out. You'll be amazed!*

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist
Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
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Vera Herr, Interim Custodian

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Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (9:30 a.m.-noon)

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