

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
May 1, 2016
Sixth 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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Alleluia Ringers

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) Charles Coddington
(11:00) Ruth Saling

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let the peoples praise you, O God.

Let all the people praise you.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

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Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Do not let your hearts be troubled but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have__ mer - cy. Lord, have__ mer - cy on us.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the peace of Christ. Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fath - er, Glo - ry be to the Son,
Glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Ghost, God, the three - in -
one! As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be. world with-out end,
world with - out end. A - - men.

◆ 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 (please be seated)

Pre - pare our hearts, O God, to ac-cept your Word.
Si - lence in us a - ny voice but your own, that,
hear - ing, we may al - so o - bey your will; through
Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - - men.

Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

Anthem (8:30) Let All the World in Every Corner Sing (Psalm 67) K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir

Let all the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for you will judge the world in righteousness and govern the nations of the earth. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King.

The nations are not too high, his praises there may fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King.

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing, my God and King!

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(11:00) With the Help of the Spirit of the Lord Jayne Southwick Cool
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

With the help of the Spirit of the Lord, I will bring good news to the poor, heal the broken-hearted, set the captives free, help the blind to see, declare God's liberty, comfort those who mourn, give them joy and gladness, and give them songs of praise to sing.

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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 14:23-29

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Message

To Those Left Behind

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 511** Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven LLANFAIR

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

The earth has yielded its increase and God has richly blessed us. Therefore bring your tithes and offerings and come into God's courts with praise.

Offertory

(8:30)

Lord, Let Your Hands
Chancel Choir

Dolores Hruby

Lord, let your hands which built the heavens; Hands which built the heavens touch my eyes; Lord touch my eyes that I may see you; O that I may see the beauty of your creation.
Lord, let your hands which formed the dry land; Hands which formed the dry land touch my ears; Lord touch my ears that I may hear you; O, that I may hear the wisdom of the words you speak.
Lord, let your hands which made the oceans; Hands which made the oceans touch my hands; Lord touch my hands that I may labor; O, that I may work for justice, peace and truth, through you.
Lord, let your hands which fashioned all peoples; Hands which fashioned me heal my soul; Lord heal my soul that I may know you; O, that I may see, that I may hear, that I may know and love the Lord.
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(11:00)

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

J. S. Bach

- ◆ **Offertory Response 643** (stanza 1) Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices.
 Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
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- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering so that others may also be blessed. We pray in name of Jesus Christ. 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

All
 right to give our thanks and praise!

... Therefore with apostles and prophets and that great cloud of witnesses who live far beyond all time and space, we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

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!

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

7 One All
Christ is the bread of life: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
11 we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

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

Words of Institution

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 "Eat This Bread."

Jacques Berthier
p
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and nev-er be hun-gry. Eat this bread,
mf
drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Responsive Prayer after Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us glorify you in all things. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 529** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response 547** (stanza 3) Go, My Children, Fed and Nourished AR HYD Y NOS
"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."
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- Postlude** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds Mark Sedio

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*

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. There will be an information session for VBS volunteers Sunday, May 1 at noon. Sign up/ask questions to Rick Morris (morris.rick@fpcrochester.org).

Calendar for the week of May 1 – May 8 (and beyond)

TODAY – May 1

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Kay Tate and Larry Harrison in memory of loved ones.

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 ... *Current Events* with guest leader Tim Zetzsche
- 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*

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

Information meeting for VBS volunteers at noon.

TUESDAY – May 3

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.

WEDNESDAY – May 4

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

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 "Short books in the Bible" (Mark Mueller)
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – May 5

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – May 7

May Mayhem from 6-9 p.m. for First Players.

SUNDAY – May 8

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

TUESDAY – May 10

Presbytery of the /Twin Cities Area will meet at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Stillwater. Let the church office know if you'd like to attend.

Festival of Music Committee will meet at 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY – May 13

Sitter Service. Parents with children in 4th grade and younger are encouraged to take advantage of our Sitter Service on May 13 from 6-10 p.m. at the church. Sign up

in the atrium after worship on Sunday, May 8 or contact the church office (282-1618) or Gayle Jones (993-2443 or mngjones@charter.net) by Tuesday, May 10.

SATURDAY – May 14

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).

The Bdecan mission team invites you to join them from 9 a.m. – noon 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 received this week.

SUNDAY – May 22 (Celebration Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Please come down to the newly completed multi-purpose area from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for a **celebration hosted by the Christian Education Committee.**

- Come celebrate another wonderful program year.
- Come enjoy refreshments.
- Come enjoy fellowship with other students, teachers and parents.
- Come celebrate our Christian Education, youth and music programs and participants.

For Your Information

Cut Sole Hope shoes at home. We cut over 50 pairs of shoes at the party last Sunday and also made 10 shoe cutting kits for you to complete at home. The kits include the jeans, patterns and instructions for about 5 pair of shoes per kit. Get a kit from **Lucinda Clements** in the foyer after today's services. Bring the completed kits back on **Sunday May 15.** We will bless the shoes during children's time in worship. (Rick Morris)

Clear glass vases needed. We are planning some special visual treats for our Pentecost worship service on May 15, and we need your help. If you have any clear glass vases or bowls that you would be willing to bring in to be used for a visual display, please bring them to the office by Wednesday, May 11, with your name printed on a piece of masking tape affixed to the bottom. Thanks very much!

The **FPC Habitat for Humanity** work group is scheduled to work on the house on Cedar Park Court (the house we started last summer) on May 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or whenever you need to leave). No construction experience is necessary, we will probably be doing inside work, and there are jobs for every skill level. Let Sarah Edgerton (edgertonsarah@gmail.com) know if you're interested in volunteering. If May 21 doesn't work, keep June 18 in mind.

Volunteers needed! The official start for **remodeling our church kitchen** is May 11. The implementation committee has a budget to complete this job, but we are looking for volunteer help to defray some of the costs. The first need is for people to help take down the kitchen between May 12 and May 20. All the appliances and the cabinets have to be removed so the contractors can get in to do their magic. There will be jobs for many abilities. We will plan day time, evening and weekend schedules as needed. Please call Bev Lewis (288-8959) if you would be willing to help and save the church some money.

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!*

Thanks to everyone who has already returned a pledge card!

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

Child Care staff: Valerie Asleson, Kelly Bock, Margie Schaaf

Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Sue Kruger, Tami Rinn, Eric Schwartzbauer

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