

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
May 8, 2016
Seventh 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

Bwana Asifiwe (Praise the Lord)
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.

Minute for the Capital Campaign

Jeremy Braun

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Wendy Shannon
(11:00) Otis Laurberg

As the Creator and Savior are one:

let us all be one.

So that the world will see Christ:

let us all be one.

So that the nations will know the love of God for them:

let us all be one.

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world:

let us all be one.

Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

God longs to hear our prayer and pardon our sins. Let us pray ...

Silent Confession

Kyrie



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

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have set us free to serve you, but we serve our own interests. You have delivered us from captivity, but we remain captive to fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your loving-kindness upon all believers so that we may rejoice in Jesus Christ our Lord who rescues us from sin and death. Amen.

Words of Life

God's forgiveness is as everlasting as the ages. God's mercy is as wide as the sea. God restores a right spirit within us. God forgives us.

Let us awaken to God's renewing love, alive in us, so that compassion may abound in us and give glory to God through Jesus 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

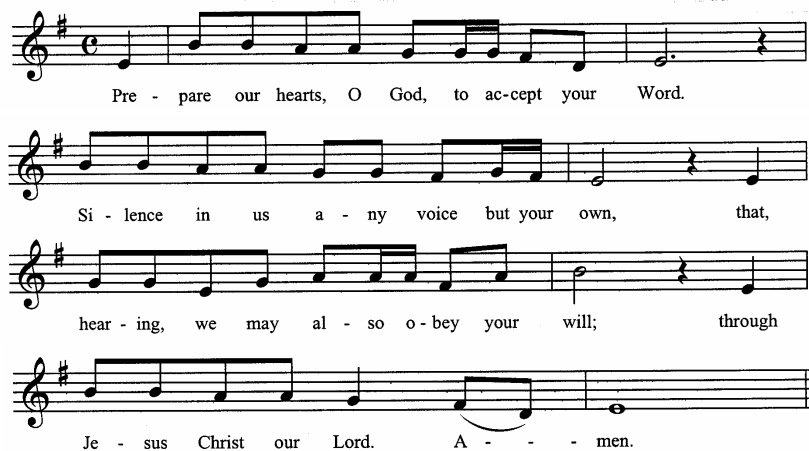
The peace of Christ be with you.

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.

Anthem (8:30) Rejoice in the Lord always Henry Purcell
Chancel Choir

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice! Be careful for nothing, but in ev'ry thing by pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice!
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(11:00) God Created People Anna Carolyn Gilbo
Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director

God created people and taught them how to love.
He sent his own son, Jesus, as teacher from above
Thank you, God, for families to help and love each day.
And thanks for friends and neighbors with whom we work and play.
Help us, God, creator, to show that we love you
By loving one another as Jesus said to do. Amen.
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Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn sung to All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

Come, Lord Jesus, to this holy place, and bless the children here.
Guide them, mold them in your gentle ways, to know your love so dear.
Text by Judy Smithson.

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 New Testament Revelation 22 (selected verses)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message *The Bright Morning Star* Rev. Jay P. Rowland

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 827** O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

◆ **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.

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

Offertory
At the offertory O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Mark Sedio

◆ **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**

Gracious God, bless this offering so that your Word may be proclaimed, your people may be enriched and supported, and your love may be experienced. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 353**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 547** (stanza 3) Go, My Children, Fed and Nourished

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“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

Allegro

C. V. Stanford

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.

For Your Information

Applications being taken for custodian position. Applications for a full-time custodian position are now available in the church office or can be requested electronically on the indeed.com website. Link to job posting: **Custodian Worker**. Applications will be accepted through Friday, May 13, and interviews scheduled through Monday, May 16.

Cut Sole Hope shoes at home. We cut over 50 pairs of shoes at the party April 24 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** when 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!

Is there a graduate in your house? If you or your child will be graduating or graduated midyear (either high school or college), please let the church office know. We will honor our graduates during worship on June 5.

May is First Presbyterian's month to provide paper products and other needed items for **Ronald McDonald House**. A list of requested items is on the collection tub in the foyer.

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 8 – May 15 (and beyond)

TODAY – May 8 (Mother's Day)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Peg and John Wade in celebration of all moms.

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* (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*

Picture Directories are available in the atrium today. Members whose pictures were taken by Lifetouch will receive a complimentary copy. Others are asked to contribute \$5.00.

MONDAY – May 9

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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.

WEDNESDAY – May 11

Crafters Group will meet at 3 p.m. Note: This is a week earlier in the month than usual.

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 "Are you stuck spiritually?"
7:15	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

THURSDAY – May 12

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.

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 ways to defray some of the costs. We need volunteers to help take down the kitchen between May 12 and May 20. All the appliances and the cabinets have to be removed so that the contractors can get in to do their magic. There will be jobs for many abilities. Times to work have been set for Thursday, May 12 from 1-4 p.m.; Friday, May 13 from 1-4 p.m.; and Monday, May 16 from

6-9 p.m. We will plan other daytime and evening schedules as needed. Please call Bev Lewis (288-8959) if you would be willing to help and save the church some money.

The **FPC softball team** will play Assembly of God - Green at 7:15 p.m. at McQuillan Field #1.

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

Building and Grounds is sponsoring a Work Day from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to get the church grounds ready for summer! Please let Jay Beck (hjbeck4@gmail.com) know if you can help, even if just for a few hours.

The Bdecan mission team invites you to join them from 9 a.m. – noon to **tie fleece blankets** for 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. Supplies will be provided. For more information, see the May Good News.

SUNDAY – May 15 (Pentecost)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The **Pentecost Offering** will be dedicated during worship. One of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Pentecost Offering helps bring God's transforming, redeeming love to children at risk, guide and nurture young people's growing faith, and provide opportunities for young adults to become spiritual leaders.

Organ scholars of the student scholarship program as funded by the J. Isabelle Dyck Fund of the Rochester Area Foundation and facilitated by the Southeast Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present their spring recital at 2 p.m. in our sanctuary.

SATURDAY – May 21

The **FPC Habitat for Humanity** work group is scheduled to work on the house on Cedar Park Court (the house we started last summer) 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.

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 great 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.

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Lonnie Martin, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday May 10.

Congratulations to Robert and Cindy Sannes who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary May 15.

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!
If you haven't turned yours in yet, we encourage you to do it soon.
There are extra cards in the pew racks.

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
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Vera B. Herr, Interim Custodian

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

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

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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