

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
June 12, 2016
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 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 atrium before and after the worship service.

** As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. **

Gathering

Prelude

Prière

Jean Langlais

Thao-Vy Tran, organ scholar

*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

Psalm 5

Mary Huie

In the morning, O Lord, you hear our prayers.

In the light of this day we praise your name.

Through the abundance of your steadfast love you have gathered us into your house.

In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and adore you.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

The grace of God is a free gift; there is nothing we can do to earn it. We receive it through faith, by believing in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Trusting in Christ's mercy, and with gratitude for this free and precious gift, let us confess our sin.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 555

O Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know what kind of people we are. We judge others harshly and fail to see our own sin. We look on others with suspicion and fear, and neglect to show hospitality to strangers. We treasure things that are worthless and squander your precious gifts. We withhold the grace and love that you give us so freely. Forgive us, Lord. Pour out your grace upon us to save us from our sin. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

- ◆ **Response 606** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Reception of New Members

- ◆ **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)

Lisa Riggle

Lord, let me be a ves - sel through - which your love is
 poured; — let it fill me, wash o - ver me, — cov - er me ev - er more.

Reading from Epistles

Galatians 2:15-21

Anthem

Thy Perfect Love (Ephesians 5:1-2)

K. Lee Scott

Summer Choir

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast
 That I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things the best,
 And wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.
 Therefore, be a reflection of God, as dearly loved children;
 and lead a life of love, just as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us.

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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.

Reading from the Old Testament

1 Kings 19:1-15a

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

Elijah meets God in the silence

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 450** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

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

Offertory

At the offertory Just As I Am Richard DeLong
Summer Choir

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within,
without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down, now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season,
then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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◆ **Offertory Response 708** (stanza 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN
We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
**Gracious God, we present our offerings in joyful thanksgiving for all the
blessings we have received from you. Use them and us as instruments of your
peace, serving the call of the church, until Christ comes in final victory. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 543** God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response 748** Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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Postlude Prelude and Fugue in G Major J. S. Bach
Thao-Vy Tran, organ scholar

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 today's service music settings were written by Lee J Afdahl
and is published in "Holy Is the Lord."

Thao-Vy Tran, organ scholar, is one of the class of organ scholars benefiting from lessons
underwritten by the J. Isabelle Dyck Scholarship program through the Rochester Area
Foundation, facilitated by the Southeast Minnesota Chapter of the American Guild of
Organists. She studies with Mr. Afdahl.



Abundance Orchard

VBS 2016

Register today!

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

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

Update on Capital Campaign

Over the past year we have made many improvements in the multipurpose room, the social hall, and the music room. We're now working on the kitchen. We were able to start these projects with the help of a few early pledges and a grant and a loan from our Capital Reserve Fund. Now it's time to repay the loan and to finish paying for them.

Recently you received a pledge card and a brochure with more information. Since then we've had 85 responses pledging \$188,498. With additional non-pledged income, we are at \$198,080 toward our \$320,000 goal. We still have a way to go! If you've turned in a pledge or a donation, thank you very much. If you haven't, we encourage you to give serious consideration to doing it soon. Thank you!

About Our Church

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is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Calendar for the week of June 12 – June 19 (and beyond)

TODAY – June 12

From now through Labor Day Sunday we will have one service of worship at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dudley and Peg Parsons in memory of their parents.

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.

Coffee and donuts are available in the atrium both before (beginning at 8:45) and after the service.

The **Summer Choir** is singing today and will also sing July 10 and August 14. All singers are welcome! Please join us and bring friends or family members who do not usually sing with us. No long-term commitment is expected.

MONDAY – FRIDAY / June 13-17

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is for children going into kindergarten through grade 5 this fall. VBS is a fun, energetic week of Bible-inspired lessons, music, games, crafts and other activities. It's a great way for kids to celebrate the end of the school year and kick off summer praising God! The program runs from 9 a.m.-noon June 13-17. Contact Rick Morris for more information.

Due to VBS, the **FPC Grief Support Group** will meet at 11 a.m. at the Center for Grief Education and Support at Seasons Hospice office [not the house] on Greenview Drive SW. The Group resumes meeting at FPC on June 20. If you are interested in coming but have not registered, please contact Rev. Rowland prior to attending (282-1618).

WEDNESDAY – June 15

Items for the **July newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

The **crafters group** is continuing to meet during the summer and will meet at 3 p.m. June 15. Contact Mary Huie (282-9712) for information.

Bible Study led by Al Depman at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. Everyone is invited! We don't serve supper during the summer, but we do guarantee an invigorating discussion for all who come.

Seven FPC women will be attending the **PW Synod Gathering** in Sioux Falls from June 15-18.

THURSDAY – June 16

The **FPC softball team** will play Conquerors #2 at 7:30 p.m. at Assembly of God field (18th Avenue NW just north of Cedarwood Strip Mall).

SATURDAY – June 18

FPC's Habitat for Humanity team will work from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or whenever you need to leave). There are jobs for every skill level, so no construction experience is needed. Contact Sarah Edgerton (EdgertonSarah@gmail.com) if you're interested in volunteering and she'll send you the location. If June 18 doesn't fit your schedule, please keep July 16 in mind.

Join folks from around town to pack nutritious meals for starving children around the world in a fun team setting at "**Feed My Starving Children**" Mobile Pack on Saturday, June 18, 11:30-1 p.m. at Calvary Evangelical Free Church (5500 25th Ave NW). Register at <http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=899261>.

First Players will play before the Honkers game.

SUNDAY – June 19

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY – June 29

Presbyterian Women will host its annual **Medical Missions Coffee** from 1-3 p.m. at the home of Terry Narr (1911 Oak Knoll Lane NW). At 1:45 Marylynn Aalderks will talk about her recent experiences in Guatemala.

For Your Information

Bdecan backpack project. From June 1–26, the Bdecan VBS team will be collecting backpacks, underwear, socks, T-shirts, pants, combs, shampoo, washcloths and soap for children who live on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation and are heading into foster care unexpectedly. Clothing is needed for children toddler through age 10. We don't need tooth brushes or tooth paste. You don't have to purchase everything on the list. Whatever you can provide will be a big help! If you don't like to shop, but would be willing to make a donation, please make a check to First Presbyterian Church and put "Backpack Project" in the memo line.

Handbell ringers from First and Community Presbyterian Churches will attend the Area 7 Festival Conference of Handbell Musicians of America in Sioux Falls from June 16-19. Massed ringing and classes on techniques and repertoire will fill the days of learning and fun.

Yard games wanted for July 17 church picnic. If you own any popular yard games such as *Ladder Ball* and *Corn Hole* (bean bag toss), *Bocce Ball*, *horseshoes*, etc., and are willing to bring it to the church picnic at Silver Lake on July 17 please contact Rev. Rowland/the church office (282-1618) so we can coordinate getting a few of each for this event.

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to John and Judith Thistle who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary June 18.

Congratulations to James and Sandra Walker who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 18.

Congratulations to Arnold and Linda Schroeter who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary June 21.