

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
August 14, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Welcome to worship!

- 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 Prelude and Fugue in C Major BWV 553 J. S. Bach
Grant Natzke, 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 (from *Guerrillas of Grace* by Ted Loder) Phyllis Schmid

O Holy One, we hear and say so many words, yet yours is the word we need.

Speak now, and help us listen;

And if what we hear is silence, let it quiet us,

Let it disturb us, let it touch our need, let it break our pride

Let it shrink our certainties, let it enlarge our wonder.

Let us worship the Lord!

◆ **Hymn 733** We All Are One in Mission ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated) (from the Amistad dedication)

Living God, we come before you and each other today to search our ways and to acknowledge the truth of our journeys, in holy anticipation of your transforming grace.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 604 Lamb of God AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession (from the Amistad dedication)

We confess how often we neglect to respond to your voice calling us into your cleansing love. We confess how often we neglect to address the legacy of genocide, slavery and colonialism. We prefer our slanted histories and selfish liberties. We confess how often we refuse to share the bounties of the earth. We prefer our privileges. We confess how often we neglect to stop the hate, oppression and violence inflicted on those who are different. We prefer our own safety and comfort. Loving God, we pray that you will have mercy on us, forgive us and free us to know, embrace and live truthfully and wholly in you and in each other, now and always. Amen.

Words of Life (from *Guerrillas of Grace* by Ted Loder)

Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven; rise and walk." Forgiveness is an unlocked door to walk through into a wide-whoopie-open world. Forgiveness is a seed to water with new dreams and wild risks until it bears unexpected fruit. Forgiveness is an enemy-friend to be born out of, a quietness beneath the clamor. It is I becoming We becoming Yours.

Amen!

◆ **Gloria Patri 581** Glory Be to the Father GREATOREX

◆ **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 463 (stanza 1) How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures Isaiah 5:1-7

Anthem Prayer for Today Text: Mary M. Coulson
Margaret R. Tucker/arr. Michael Kemp
Summer Choir

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out.
God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces.
God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere who live in comfort, love, and peace and pray sincerely for strife to cease; but who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all.
God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere to come closer together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.

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Time for All Our Young Worshipers

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 Epistles Hebrews 11:29-12:2

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia! Praise we sing for God's Ho - ly Word!

Message

Borrowing God's Glasses

Richard L Morris

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ Hymn 835 Just a Closer Walk with Thee CLOSER WALK

◆ Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of Belhar)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever

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

Offertory

At the offertory I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Mark Hayes
Summer Choir

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, comfort me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to comfort me.
When I'm in trouble, Lord, stay with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to stay with me.
I want Jesus, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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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

May these gifts, O Lord, be a reflection of you, a rainbow of your promise, warmth from your flame, good cheer from the storehouse of your joy. Thank you, God, for your faithfulness, even when the waters get high. In the name of him who said, "be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world," Amen.

Sending

◆ Hymn 769 For Everyone Born FOR EVERYONE BORN

◆ Benediction

◆ Response (see page 4) Go Now in Peace Don Besig

Postlude The Emperor's Fanfare from the Sixth Double Concerto Antonin Soler
Grant Natzke, 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 the service music was written by Lee J Afdahl and is published in "Holy Is the Lord" ©2003.

Grant Natzke, 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. Grant studies with Mr. Afdahl.

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Voice

Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go
with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith, stead-fast strong and
true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in
love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to othe - ers so all the world can
see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in
peace, in faith, and in love.

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Calendar for the week of August 14 – August 21 (and beyond)

TODAY – August 14

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 Mike and Mary Harper in memory of James Bastron.

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.

Sign up today in the atrium for the **Celebration of Life** dinner August 21.

MONDAY – August 15

Grief Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the library.

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

TUESDAY – August 16

Session will meet at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

SATURDAY– August 20

Habitat for Humanity. Our next chance at a work day to build affordable housing for a Rochester area family is Saturday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or whenever you need to leave. There are jobs for all skill levels, so you don't need construction experience. In July the group painted at a Cedar Park Court House and got a lot done - wonderful feeling of accomplishment. Please let Sarah Edgerton (EdgertonSarah@gmail.com) know if you're interested in volunteering and she'll send you the location. If you can't make it this month, the next Habitat work date is September 17.

Memorial service for Betty Chapman at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY – August 21

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

The **Celebration of Life dinner** will begin at 5:30 p.m. The meal will consist of fried chicken, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes, and salad. If convenient for you, bring a pie to share for dessert. If you are a single, please share bringing a pie with at least one other person or just come ... we always have plenty. **Reservations** are needed and can be made by signing up in the atrium after church today or by calling the church office by August 17. There is no charge but a freewill donation will be accepted.

MONDAY – August 22 to FRIDAY – August 26

First Players hosts its annual **Band Camp** from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The final concert and ice cream social will be Friday, August 26 at noon.

MONDAY – August 22

Grief Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. in the library.

TUESDAY – August 23

First Players will play in the summer concert series at Calvary Episcopal Church from noon – 1 p.m.

Nominating Committee will meet at 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – August 24

Bible Study led by Al Depman at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. Everyone is invited!

For Your Information

We're working on the **all-church calendar** for the coming program year (September 2016-September 2017). If you or your committee have activities you want included, please let Carol Evans know (282-1618 or fpc_carol@hotmail.com)

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for the names of candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2017. There are positions available for six elders, seven deacons, and an at-large candidate for the Endowment Committee. These are three-year terms, 2017-2019. In addition, there is a one-year term open for Elder and a two-year opening for Deacon. There are also five openings for next year's Nominating Committee, a one-year commitment. If you are interested in finding out more about what these positions entail, contact a member of the current Nominating Committee. If there is someone you'd like to nominate for a position, we will be glad to consider them. [Gayle Jones (lead elder), Jane Murl (elder), John Brandrup, Barbara Depman, Robert Sannes, Lucy Schmidt, Frank Sharbrough, and Neil Shepard

Among the Church Family

Happy Anniversary to Allen and Marcia Dollerschell who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary August 18.

Happy Anniversary to Bruce and Mary Ellen Brown who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary August 19.

Happy Anniversary to Neil and Marilyn McKay who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary also on August 19.

Happy Birthday to Pat Whisnant, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday August 20.

Happy Birthday to Omer Burgert who will celebrate his 92nd birthday August 22.

We extend our condolences to Clyde Newton on the death of his wife, Glenice Rae Newton, August 6.