

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
August 28, 2016
Fifteenth 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 Today We Are Called to Be Disciples Robert Powell

*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

Jean Marvin

*Do not neglect to show hospitality,
for there may be angels among us.
Jesus said the exalted will be made humble,
and the humble will be exalted.
Let us worship God.*

◆ **Hymn 49** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God invites us to mutual love. In humility let us seek forgiveness, trusting in the
promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord ...*

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

**Loving God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We stake out
positions of privilege and push aside the oppressed. We seek the favor of the
powerful and refuse to welcome the poor. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us
your way of mutual love and hospitality to all, so that we may dwell in your
house; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Life

God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life. Let us rejoice for we are reconciled to God and to one another.

With joy we seek the honor of serving God. 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 Epistles Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Anthem Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51) John Carter
Melbourne Grovesnor, bass

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism (see page 4) Kambrie Grace Folkens
Daughter of Barry and Lori Folkens
Sister of Lincoln, Kinley, and Kennedy Folkens

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 Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 *The Places of Honor* Rev. Jay P. Rowland

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 722** Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak CANONBURY

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God who has shown us great love in Jesus Christ. I trust in God to move in my life in those places of my greatest need.
I believe God yearns to bring grace and joy to all people.
I believe in sharing the good news of God's love for all people, whether in word or deed because I believe that salvation is something we experience together and not apart.
I believe that my reliance upon the goodness of God is as important to my neighbor as it is to me.
Today I remember and proclaim the Lord's goodness and love! Amen.

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

Offertory

At the offertory

Come, Follow Me
Melbourne Grovesnor, bass

Jay Althouse

The kingdom of Heaven is near. As you have received, so, then must you give. Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died so we may live. He said, "Come, follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place." That someday we may see His face. Those who are weary, take rest. Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul. For he is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.

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

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us. We give thanks for your hope in us. We rejoice in your unending grace as we dedicate these offerings and ourselves to you. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 372** O for a World AZMON
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response** Go Now in Peace Don Besig
- Postlude** Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer J. Bert Carlson

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.

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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Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation

Professions of Intent and Faith

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Elder: Kambrie Grace Folkens is now received into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism God has made her 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 Kambrie, that she and all baptized children may become faithful disciples.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Kambrie Grace Folkens 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 (stanza 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 Kambrie Grace Folkens. 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.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
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 August 28 – September 4 (and beyond)

TODAY – August 28

From now through Labor Day Sunday (September 4) we will have one service 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 The Tollefson Family in memory of Ron Tollefson, Pat Tollefson, and Bob and Mary Johnson.

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.

Trail Walk to Cascade Lake. Meet at the soccer field parking lot behind Shorewood Senior Campus (2115 2nd Street SW) at 1 p.m. We will check out part of the Cascade Lakes trail system, the future swimming beach, the Cliff swallows, and if we are lucky we might see Snappy the snapping turtle. We will talk about early Rochester radio history, but you have to come on the walk to find out what that connection is. There is no shade on the walk so wear a hat, put on some sunscreen, and bring a bottle of water. (Mark Mueller).

MONDAY – August 29

First Players is sponsoring “**Meet the Instrument**” night from 6-7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – September 4 (Last Sunday on summer schedule.)

Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library after the service to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

MONDAY – September 5

The **church** will be closed for Labor Day.

TUESDAY – September 6

Deacons meet at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

Most committees will meet. Check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours.

WEDNESDAY – September 7

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

Madrigal singers will rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY – September 8

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.

FRIDAY – September 9

Parents Night Out Sitter Service from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium September 4 or if your child is already registered, call the church office by Tuesday, September 6.

SATURDAY – September 10

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to noon we will have **Sunday School teacher orientation**. Whether you are a single millennial or an octogenarian there is a place for you in this vital ministry! We not only need regular Sunday School teachers, but also on-call substitutes and class

helpers. If you'd like to help out once a week or once a year, we have a place for you. Come learn about Sunday School ministry on September 10, and speak with Rick Morris or Pastor Jay after church if you are curious.

(Rick Morris / Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education)

SUNDAY – September 11

Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Kickoff Sunday/Ministries Fair. September 11 marks the start of FPC's Sunday school program year. Parents and children preK through high school can meet their teachers, learn what's new, re-connect with classmates, and visit classrooms. Church committees will have tables in the atrium to provide information about their ministries. Mark your calendar!

Education hour:

Nursery - preschool (3-year-old class): go directly to your classrooms at 9:40 a.m.

9:40-10:20: Open House /Meet-the-teachers for PreK and Kg/1 and Calvin Choir rehearsal for grades 2-5

9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grades 6 – adult education

10:20-10:50: Open House/Meet-the-teachers for grades 2/3 and 4/5 and Cherub Choir rehearsal for age 4–grade 1

Adults:

9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study* in south fireside room

9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues* in Sheldon Jackson lounge

9:40 a.m.: *Parenting Support Group* in room A-101

9:40 a.m.: **Rev. Josh Heikkila**, PCUSA mission representative in West Africa, will talk about mission and his work. Join his presentation in the social hall.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

Members of the Christian Education will be in the atrium to help you find the correct room!

For Your Information

We have long supported Kemmerer Village, a Presbyterian childcare agency in Assumption, Illinois, with Campbell's Labels for Education and General Mills Boxtops for Education. We have been notified that **Campbell's is ending the Labels for Education program** this month. **General Mills Boxtops for Education are still being accepted** to support their school programming. Keep those boxtops coming! There is a container in the foyer for them.

Wednesday evening suppers discontinued. After much consideration, we will not be serving Wednesday evening suppers this year. Please plan accordingly.

Atrium bulletin board. In order to keep the atrium bulletin board available for all committees to advertise their programs, posted items should be on the board no longer than 2 weeks. After that please take them down. Thank you.

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Norman and Hilda Nelson who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary September 7.

We extend our condolences to John and Judy Kruesel on the death of John's father, Elmer Carl Kruesel Jr., August 18.