

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 4, 2016
Sixteenth 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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Wilbur Held

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

Paul Steger

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up. You discern our thoughts from far away.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us. It is so high that we cannot attain it.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

◆ Hymn 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us confess our sin to God.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



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

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build in other places. The things we have made are weak and unstable. The works of our hands crumble around us, and we realize that our best efforts are not good enough because sin is real and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Heal our pride and mend our broken values. Create within us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build may give you glory. Amen.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Words of Life

Sisters and brothers, in the name of Jesus Christ I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven and your life is made new. Let us live as those who have been reborn. Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri



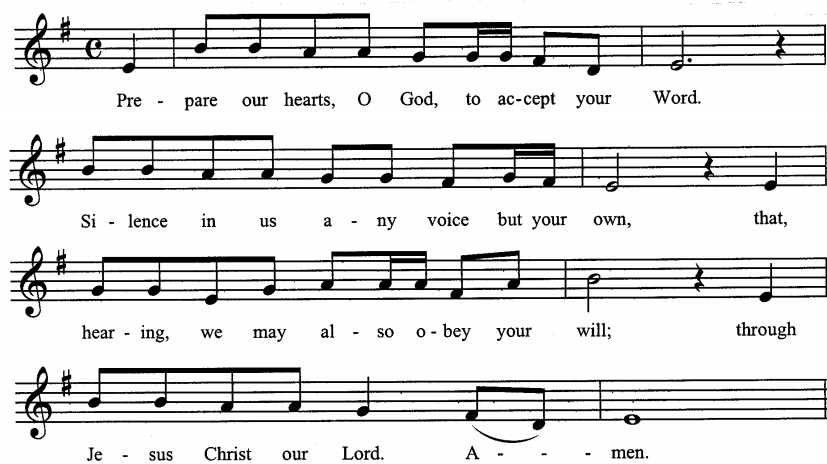
Glo - ry be to the Fath - er, Glo - ry be to the Son,
Glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Ghost, God, the three - in -
one! As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be. world with-out end,
world with - out end. A - - men.

◆ 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



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 Epistles

Philemon 1-21

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Text: hymn 475)
Paul Walker, bass

Mark Hayes

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 2)

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Our ancient story we shall tell,

till these our children know it well within their souls and minds and hearts,

for this is where their journey starts.

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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

Luke 14:25-33

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message

A Look Down the Road

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ Hymn 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the triune God, who is the Creator and Redeemer of all the world. We believe that Jesus Christ, God's only son, is one with God and the works he did in God's name were his witness. He was capable of feeling our human weaknesses, but he also ascended to the highest heavens. He was tempted in every way that we are, though he was without sin. He was obedient through suffering, even suffering unto death. But having been made perfect through suffering, he became the source of our salvation. We believe that God has given him a name which is above all other names, that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God. Amen.

Offertory

At the offertory

Lord, Here Am I

Beck, Courtney

Paul Walker, bass

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, what is my labor, and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing my Savior, to take up the cross; willing to suffer reproaches and loss; willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead; only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest and this I reply, "Ready, and willing, Lord here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine, yet I am mortal while Thou art divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I, here am I."

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◆ Offertory Response 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

O gracious God, we give you thanks this day for the goodness and love that you have shown to us in Christ and pray your blessing upon these gifts; may they build your love in the world, to the honor of your name. 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
right to give our thanks and praise!

... Therefore, in joy, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints of every time and place, we join in giving you 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!

... Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

Memorial Acclamation

2
Christ has died and Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain!

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 "In Remembrance of Me."

William Sisson

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
do this in re-mem-brance of me. Eat this bread,
drink this cup, do this in re-mem-brance of me.

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Prayer after Communion

Sending

- ◆ Hymn 536 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen SURGE ECCLESIA
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Response

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

Postlude A Solemn Festival Josef Rheinberger

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.

The service music was written by Lee J Afdahl.

About Our Church

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Calendar for the week of September 4 – September 11 (and beyond)

TODAY – September 4

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Bruce and Lois Fye in celebration of family and friends.

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.

Pick up your all-church calendar for 2016-2017 so you can plan for the church's yearlong cycle of activities.

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 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 rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY – September 8

Prayer Shawl group meets 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

Sunday School teacher orientation from 10 a.m. to noon. 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. Speak with Rick Morris or Pastor Jay after church if you are curious about the possibilities.

(Rick Morris / Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education)

SUNDAY – September 11

Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 a.m. Guest minister will be Rev. Josh Heikkila, PCUSA mission representative in West Africa.

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 the mission and work of PCUSA in West Africa. Join his presentation in the social hall.

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY – September 13

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet at 4 p.m. at United Seminary in New Brighton. Call the church office if you'd like to attend.

Madrigal Feaste Committee meets at 6:30 p.m.

Festival of Music Committee meets at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – September 14

Madrigal singers rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday programming resumes on a revised schedule. **Note we will no longer be serving supper.**

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
5:45	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Adult Bible study— <i>Great Themes of the Bible</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)

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 are being 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 Ruth Pexton, who will celebrate her 98th birthday September 8.

Congratulations to Peter and Isabelle Dyck who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary September 11.

Congratulations to Robert and Charlene Kyle who will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary also on September 11.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of James Watson, who died August 19.