

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 11, 2016
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 11 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 after each worship service.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Make a Joyful Noise to God (DIX)

Wayne Wold

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

(8:30) Jay Youmans
(11:00) Ruth Saling

Let us bow before our Creator,

Whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,

Whose word has the power to create, to judge, and to save. Come, let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Sisters and brothers, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. Amen.

Words of Life

This we call to mind, and therefore have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope, I declare that our sin is forgiven.

May our mouths be filled with praise.

◆ **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 Psalms

Psalms 51:1-10

Anthem (8:30) Create in Me a Pure Heart (Psalm 51)
Chancel Choir

Johannes Brahms

Create in me, O God, a pure heart and grant anew a right spirit within me.

(11:00) **Your Only Son (Lamb of God) (Text: hymn 518)**
James Sessler, bass

Twila Paris

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 2)

These Treasured Children

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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 Pastoral Epistles

1st Timothy 1:12-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message

Words from West Africa

Rev. Josh Heikkila

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

◆ **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')

Invitation to the Offering

Time and again, God clears a path for us to seek the way of life, to do good, to become a refuge for the poor. That path lies before us. With joy, let us offer our gifts and our lives in trust.

Offertory

At the Offertory (8:30) O Taste, and See (Psalm 34:8)

David Ashley White

Chancel Choir

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blest are they who trust in him.

(11:00) Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Robert Hobby

◆ **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**

Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 10**

Sing Glory to the Name of God

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



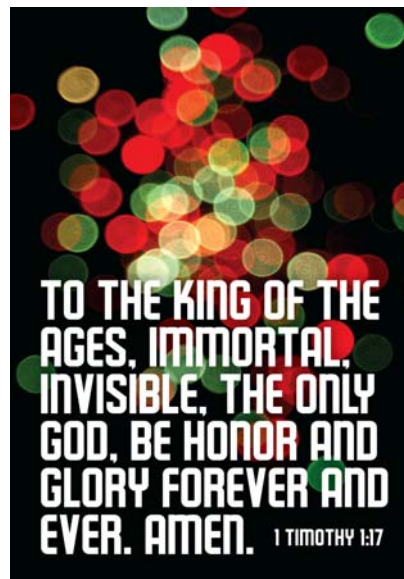
Postlude

Sing Glory to the Name of God (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Wilbur Held

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.



Calendar for the week of September 11 – September 18 (and beyond)

TODAY – September 11

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dick and Jan Bennett in memory 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.

Kickoff Sunday/Ministries Fair 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.

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.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

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

Check out the **new carpet in the Sheldon**

Jackson Lounge. Thanks to Rob and Carrie Elder for this wonderful gift.

MONDAY – September 12

Grief Support Group (continued) meets at 11 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

Kitchen Guild meets at 1 p.m.

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)

THURSDAY – September 15

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

Jubilate Deo Bells rehearses at 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – September 17

September 17 is the last scheduled work day for Habitat for Humanity in 2016. The group will work from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (or whenever you need to leave) and there are always a variety of jobs for every skill level. Please let Sarah Edgerton know (EdgertonSarah@gmail.com) if you would like to join the group. Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful organization giving Rochester Area families a hand up. Their mission statement is "Seeking to put God's love into action. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

Ruth Circle invites all church members to join them at 10 a.m. for an introduction to this year's Horizons Bible study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*. Rev. Susan Li will lead the presentation.

Esther Circle will meet with Ruth Circle for the Bible study and have a short Circle meeting after the study. They'll resume their usual third Monday meeting on October 17 at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – September 18

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

For Your Information

Art Wall. Check out the Art Wall for a show of oil paintings by Corine Bernatz.

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.

Have you signed up for your Good News?

You're off to college or an out-of-town job. Have you (or your parents) made arrangements to have the church newsletter sent to you? Call the church office (282-1618) and we'll be happy to add your name to either the mailed or weekly e-mail version (or both).

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Kenneth and Laura Irvin who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary September 18.