

# First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day  
September 18, 2016  
Eighteenth 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

Our Hope, Our Life (O WALY WALY)

Dale Wood

*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

Minute for Christian Education  
Minute for Nominating Committee  
Minute for Stewardship

Mark Mueller  
Gayle Jones  
Brett Carroll

## Call to Worship

(8:30) Cindy Kunzman  
(11:00) Mary Huie

*Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

**Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;**  
*Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. Let us worship the Lord.*

## ◆ Hymn 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful, washes us clean. With one heart and voice, let us pray.*

## Silent Confession

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have\_\_ mer - cy. Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy on us.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Words of Life

*Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Nothing you have done, or will ever do is enough to separate you from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ. I declare in the name of the risen Christ that our sin is forgiven and our lives are made new. 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 Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Anthem (8:30)

Come to the Water

John B. Foley, SJ

Chancel Choir and congregation (see page 5)

(11:00)

There Is a Balm in Gilead  
Gayle Jones, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

**Time for All Our Young Worshippers**

**Hymn 487** (stanza 2)

These Treasured Children  
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 2:1-7

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



**Message**

*Simple Faith, Plain Truth*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 847**

Our Hope, Our Life

O WALY WALY

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 1

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

**Offertory** (8:30)

Treasures in Heaven (Matthew 6:19-21)  
Chancel Choir

Kevin J. Sadowski

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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(11:00)

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

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

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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**

Gracious God, source of our daily bread and Sabbath rest, you feed us with your love and equip us to share in your purpose. Receive the offerings of our wounded spirits, our guarded purses, our meager strength, and continue to expand our hearts, until we live with the boldness and joy of Easter morning; for we pray in the name of your son, Jesus, and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

**Sending**

◆ **Hymn 42** Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure WINCHESTER NEW

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



**Postlude** Winchester New Malcolm Archer

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 18 – September 25  
(and beyond)**

**TODAY – September 18**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Terri Vrtiska and Bernie Swenson in memory of Doris Vrtiska and Hilma Swenson.

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.

**Education hour:**

- 9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (2-years-old)
- 9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5
- 9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1
- 9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grade 6 – adult education
- 10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1
- 10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grade 2-5

**Adults:**

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

9:40 a.m.: *Parenting Support Group* in room A-101 ... *Faithful Parenting Workshop: Parenting – It's So Worth It.* All current and future parents and grandparents are welcome.

9:40 a.m.: *Current Events: the Pros and Cons* in the Sheldon Jackson lounge.

**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.

**Fundraiser for youth groups:** Handmade cards will be for sale between services September 18 and 25 in the atrium. Prices range from \$1 to \$3 per card. Help support our youth with a purchase!

**MONDAY – September 19**

Esther Circle met last Saturday with Ruth Circle.

**TUESDAY – September 20**

Session meets at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

**WEDNESDAY – September 21**

**Priscilla Circle** meets at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

**Crafters Group** meets from 3-5:30 p.m. in the social hall. Bring that almost finished project or help us make cards for C.A.R.E. members of FPC.

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

**Wednesday** programming continues on the revised schedule. **Note: we are not serving supper this year.**

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 22**

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY – September 23**

**Worship** at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

**Come take a hike along the Creek!** Meet at Quarry Hill Nature Center (701 Silver Creek Road NE) at 1 p.m. to hike along the creek and explore some of Quarry Hill Park.

**TUESDAY – September 27**

**Forums@First** at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary will focus on

**"Home Away From Home:**

**Support Services for Patients and Families."**

See more information on page 6 of today's bulletin.

### For Your Information

**Childcare worker needed.** We have an immediate need for a childcare worker on Sunday mornings from 8:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. To apply or for more information, contact Jay in the church office (282-1618).

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

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.

**Grief Support Group.** If you are interested in participating in a Grief Support Group starting in October contact Rev. Rowland. The amount of interest will help him determine whether it's feasible to offer a new Support Group at this time.

### Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Edith Albrecht, who will celebrate her 104th birthday September 27.

Congratulations to Alfred and Ursula Thedens who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary September 25.

Congratulations to Derald and Sandra Holloway who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary September 27.

## COME TO THE WATER

Suggested by  
Is 55:1,2; Mt 11:28-30

John Foley, SJ



1. O let all who thirst, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come \_\_\_\_\_
2. And let all who seek, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come \_\_\_\_\_
3. And let all who toil, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come \_\_\_\_\_
4. And let all the poor, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come \_\_\_\_\_



1. \_\_\_\_\_ to the wa - ter. \_\_\_\_\_ And let all who have
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to the wa - ter. \_\_\_\_\_ And let all who have
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the wa - ter. \_\_\_\_\_ And let all who are
4. \_\_\_\_\_ to the wa - ter. \_\_\_\_\_ Bring the ones who are



1. noth - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_
2. noth - ing, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_
3. wea - ry, \_\_\_\_\_ let them come to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_
4. lad - en, \_\_\_\_\_ bring them all to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord: \_\_\_\_\_



1. \_\_\_\_\_ with - out mon - ey, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out price. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ with - out mon - ey, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out strife. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ all who la - bor, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out rest. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ bring the chil - dren \_\_\_\_\_ with - out might. \_\_\_\_\_



1. Why should you pay the price, \_\_\_\_\_ ex - cept for the
2. Why should you spend your life, \_\_\_\_\_ ex - cept for the
3. How can your soul find rest, \_\_\_\_\_ ex - cept for the
4. Ea - sy the load and light: \_\_\_\_\_ y come to the



1. Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Lord? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

## Faith In Action

### Social Concerns Committee

*“Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there a bed for him, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us.”*

2 Kings 4:10

“Where will I stay?” Your cousin (or a brother, or a parent, or a dear friend) calls and frantically asks the question. They have just discovered they need the specialized care only Mayo Clinic can provide successfully. The diagnosis is devastating. You’re heartbroken to hear them as they languish in their search for hope and answers.

They are from a distance and the care needed requires staying in Rochester for an extended time. As much as you would like to take them in and care for them, you know that isn’t possible for several, logical reasons. You, yourself, toil with how to help them. Do you know where to guide them for assistance?

Come and join the Social Concerns Committee at the next “Forums @ First” as our panel will discuss services available to you, your family, your friends, whenever housing services and assistance are needed: whether for days, for weeks, and for some, even months. We will have a panel of experts representing community housing services and how they each eagerly look forward to helping those loved ones. Invite friends, neighbors and family into the Forum:

**“Home Away From Home:  
Support Services for Patients and Families.”  
Tuesday, September 27, 2016  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church**

#### About Our Church

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

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