

# First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day  
September 25, 2016  
Nineteenth 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** On Eagle's Wings arr. Michael Helman  
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir; Ariel Boswell, flute

*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 Stewardship

Lucinda Clements

## Call to Worship

(8:30) Judy Smithson  
(11:00) Judy Felten

*Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.*

**The Lord reigns forever, for all generations.**

*Praise the Lord! Let us worship our God.*

◆ **Hymn 32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God ELLACOMBE

## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*If we call out in need, the Lord will answer. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the Lord who sets us free.*

## Silent Confession

## Kyrie



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

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**We have sinned, O God, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us, that we might love others as you have loved us. Amen.**

◆ Please stand if you are able.

## Words of Life

*The Lord welcomes all who return from the exile of greed and self-interest. Be at peace, for in Christ we find our way home again, where all are forgiven, loved and restored. 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 16:19-31

### Anthem (11:00)

Sometimes I Feel

Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Chancel Choir; Barbara Depman, alto

Sometimes I feel like a moanin' dove, Sometimes I feel like a moanin' dove, Sometimes I feel like a moanin' dove, Wring my hands an' cry, cry, Wring my hands an' cry, cry.  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, Sometimes I feel like a motherless chile, Wring my hands an' cry, cry, Wring my hands an' cry, cry.  
Sometimes I feel like I gotta no home, Sometimes I feel like I gotta no home, Sometimes I feel like I gotta no home, Wring my hands and cry, cry, cry.  
Sometimes I feel like a eagle in de air, Sometimes I feel like a eagle in de air, Sometimes I feel like a eagle in de air, Spread my wings an' fly, fly, fly, Spread my wings an' fly, fly.  
Sometimes I feel like a moanin' dove. Wring my hands an' cry, cry, cry. Wring my hands an' cry, cry.

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**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 Pastoral Epistles**

1st Timothy 6:6-19

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



**Message**

*A Contented Life*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 848**

Trust in God

SONG 13

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 2

**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 God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**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')

**Invitation to the Offering**

*We bring nothing into this world, and when we depart from this life we will take nothing out of it. All that we have is a gift from God; therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.*

**Offertory**

God of Grace and God of Glory

J. Bert Carlson

◆ **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**

**We give you thanks and praise, o generous God, for every good gift comes from your hand: for food and clothing, for life and health, for family and friends, above all for the treasure of your grace. Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share, taking hold of the life that really is life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 13**

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

KINGSFOLD

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



**Postlude**

Allegro from *Occasional Oratorio*

G. F. Handel

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.

**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**

## ***Calendar for the week of September 25 – October 2 (and beyond)***

### **TODAY – September 25**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Char Davis in memory of her parents and twin sister, Joan.

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 library ... *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.

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

**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 4 of today's bulletin.

### **WEDNESDAY – September 28**

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

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

<b>Wednesday Activities</b>	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)



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| 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 (intergenerational)         |

### **THURSDAY – September 29**

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

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

### **SUNDAY – October 2 (World Communion Sunday)**

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

**Peace and Global Witness Offering** will be dedicated.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library between services October 2 to take your **blood pressure** and to offer **depression screenings**. In addition to getting your blood pressure checked, fill out some questionnaires and check on your mental as well as your physical health.

### ***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 Rev. Rowland in the church office (282-1618).

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

**The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery** of the Twin Cities Area will be held Saturday, October 15, at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake. October is Domestic Awareness Month so the program for the day, "Shelter: A Safe Place to Call Home," will deal with this issue. PW will pay for registration, which includes lunch, for all woman who wish to attend. Please get your registration form to Peg Parsons, treasurer, by October 7.

### ***Among the Church Family***

Congratulations to Louise Bastron who will celebrate her 93rd birthday September 30.

Congratulations to Ruth Guy who will celebrate her 92nd birthday October 5.

Congratulations to William and Judy Haas who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary October 6.

We extend our condolences to Isabelle and Peter Dyck on the death of Isabelle's brother, David H. Bonham, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

We extend our condolences to Deborah Bandel on the death of her mother, Deloris Bandel, September 11.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Rena Dyer, who died September 12 in Morgantown, North Carolina. John and Rena were active members of First Presbyterian from 1982 to about 2010.

### **About Our Church**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor  
 Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor  
 Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist  
 Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant  
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Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (9:30 a.m.-noon)

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

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