

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day

October 9, 2016

Twenty-first 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 and Sunday school. 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

Joyous Praise

Cynthia Dobrinski

Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

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.

Minute for Stewardship

Jacqueline Moen

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Katie Lenn
(11:00) Dee Tiedeman

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water:

God has brought us out to a spacious place. Our God is an awesome God!

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Jesus came not to condemn or exclude, but to make us well, to make us whole. In his name we confess our sins and call out, "Lord, have mercy on us!" Let us pray.

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

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves away to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish in us joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Words of Life

In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

- ◆ **Response 447** We Are Forgiven WE ARE FORGIVEN
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

- ◆ **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

Lee J. Afdahl

O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory through Je - sus Christ our Sav - vior A - - men.

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Reading from the Pastoral Epistles

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Anthem (8:30) With a Voice of Singing (Isaiah 48 and Psalm 66) Kenneth Jennings Chancel Choir

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his Name, sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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(11:00) Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Jody W. Lindh
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise to the God of our salvation.
Come, let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise with songs of praise.
Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord ev'ry one!
Sing to the Lord, bless the name! Tell what God has done!
Sing to the Lord, lift up your voice! Praises all around!
Sing to the Lord with all your heart! Make a joyful sound!
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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.

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 17:11-19

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain) Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! HALLE, HALLE

Message *One Came Back* Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ Hymn 716 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

◆ 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

Practicing gratitude can change our lives as individuals; it can change our life as a congregation.

In the spirit of gratitude to God, our giving is not reduced to ethical duty but is elevated to delight and joy.

As we offer to God these measured gifts, let us also offer our unmeasured praise.

Offertory God Whose Giving Knows No Ending Janet Linker
Cynthia McLaren, guest organist

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

◆ Responsive Prayer of Dedication

*Like the shepherds in Bethlehem's field, like the leper healed who returned to Jesus,
like the Jews and Gentiles of the early church, we praise and glorify your name, O God.*

You have given us more than we could have imagined!

For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you.

Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to reconcile and redeem.

We ask all things in the name of Christ. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ Hymn 714 God of the Fertile Fields ITALIAN HYMN
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Benediction Response 547 (st. 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
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Postlude Lord, Keep Us Steadfast David N. Johnson
Cynthia McLaren, guest organist

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.

Some of the service music was written by Lee Afdahl and is published in "Holy Is the Lord" ©2003.

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow...."

Faith in Action Social Concerns Committee

On September 27, the latest "Forums @ First" presented another excellent panel discussion on "Home Away From Home: Supportive Services to the Patient & Family." Representatives from the Med City Foundation (F.P.C.'s very own Kristina Hesby), the Ronald McDonald House, the Gift of Life Transplant House, the Nazarene Well-House, and a transplant social worker led a very informative discussion on services provided and the needs of patients and families outside the Clinic setting. The panel discussion was led by our talented moderator, Dr. Casey Clements. Casey led the discussion with a review of his own family's personal experience as it related to the needs of their daughter at a critical point in her young life.

Highlights from the panel discussion, for those who missed it, included:

Kristina spoke how she and her family were deeply affected by her father's health problems and, as a result, she has now established the Med City Foundation which serves blood cancer patients and families. Patients & families, as she explained, need more than a bed. Hotels cannot provide the basics and family atmosphere that the Med City Foundation and the other resources mentioned above can provide. She is hoping to pilot a program of matching patients with community families to better serve more patients.

Ginger Holmes, Gift of Life Transplant House, reported having 87 beds available. Patients coming from all over the world might stay from 2 days to 3+ years. Average stay is 6 weeks. Because of the over-whelming need, they had to direct over 100 patients to hotels just in the month of September.

Paula Haraldson and Marit Williams of the Ronald McDonald House reported serving 800-900 families per year but have had to turn away 1,000 families per year for the shortage of beds. They hope to expand so that they might be able to serve 1500 families per year.

Pat Thomas of the Nazarene Well-House reviewed they, too, had to direct patients to hotels due to their limited 13 bedroom facilities. They, too, serve patients from Vietnam to Vermont to Vermillion. As a small church-supported facility, they provide a home to those of all faiths. Veterans and active-duty military can stay for free versus having to pay a minimum amount to cover House expenses.

Brady Voigt, the transplant social worker, spoke how patients are assisted by the Mayo Social Workers in finding the appropriate resources. He and the others expressed concern over the greater needs for more family-oriented beds in the community, the transportation issues of evenings and weekends, the costs patients encounter when needing extended stays, etc.

A basic conclusion that the panelists emphasized over and over is how much patients and families appreciate those services in the community that are available and how those services create such a warm and supportive, family atmosphere. It is the family atmosphere that cannot be found in hotels & motels. It is the family atmosphere that brings families together with support and encouragement that binds them together for years after their first and often many encounters.

All of the above resources encourage community members to volunteer when and where possible. Whether in terms of time, money, meals, or other, volunteers help create a memory that remains with the patient & family from all over the world for years to come.

Ken Aalderks / Social Concerns Committee

Calendar for the week of October 9 – October 16 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – October 9 (Stewardship Kickoff)

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today, with special thanks to guest organist Cynthia McLaren.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Vikki and Bruce Wolff in memory of Jacqueline Goodyear and loved ones.

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.: *Current Issues*. Randy Petersen, editorial page editor of the Post Bulletin, will talk about the election cycle. Also attending will be Randy Chapman, Publisher Emeritus of the Post Bulletin.
- 9:40 a.m.: *Parenting Support Group* in room A-103 ... *Faithful Parenting Workshop: Parenting – It's So Worth It*.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

The congregation is invited to join the family of Don Hann in the columbarium at 12:30 p.m. as we inter Don's ashes.

TUESDAY – October 11

Madrigal Feaste Committee meets at 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – October 12

Kitchen Guild meets at 1 p.m.

Join us for the 4th Annual **Octoberfest Dinner** sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Enjoy brats, hot dogs, potato salad, sauerkraut and more. Sign up in the atrium on October 9 to reserve your spot. The time is 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$4/person or \$10/family.

Madrigal singers rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday Activities

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| 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—"What religion would Jesus belong to?" (part 2) |

7:00 Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)
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THURSDAY – October 13

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 – October 14

Parents Night Out Sitter Service from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium October 9 or, if your child is already registered, call the church office by Tuesday, October 11.

SATURDAY – October 15

Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet at Calvin Presbyterian in Long Lake.

Ruth Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

SUNDAY – October 16

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A **new member class** begins October 16. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church is welcome. The class will meet in Rev. Parlette's office at 9:40 a.m. New members will meet with the Session October 23 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service that day.

A **Festival of Music** will present Adam Brakel, concert organist, in the opening concert of the 2016-2017 season at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

MONDAY – October 17

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

Esther Circle meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

For Your Information

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** (formerly Peacemaking) was dedicated October 2 but you can contribute any time in October. Please note "Peacemaking" on your check.

October is First Presbyterian's month to provide paper products and other needed items for the **Gift of Life Transplant House**. A list of requested items and a box for your contributions are in the foyer.

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Jo Rockwell who will celebrate her 90th birthday October 10.

Congratulations to William and Sharon Nichols who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary October 12.

Congratulations to H William and Heidi Oehler on the birth of their granddaughter, Anna Grace Swanson, born September 29 to Lucy (Oehler) and Eric Swanson.

We extend our condolences to Cheryl Hann on the death of her husband, Don Hann, October 4.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
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