

First Presbyterian Church



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Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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**Service for the Lord's Day
October 16, 2016**

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Ballade

G. H. Johanssen

Finnish American Brass Band

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.

Moment for Madrigal Christmas Feaste

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Diane Grill
(11:00) Patricia Talen

No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart;

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart;

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice, we do not lose heart;

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us.

Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

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

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and words of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Words of Life

Grace flows like a river; mercy like a never-ending stream. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Anthem (8:30) I Will Lift Mine Eyes (Psalm 121) Jake Runestad
Chancel Choir

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord; He is the maker of heav'n and earth. He will not let your foot be moved. He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep you soul.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this day forth forevermore.

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(11:00) I Can Do All Things Mike Burrows

Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, I can do all things.

I can clap, I can run, I can laugh in the sun.

I can stomp, I can shout, I can spread God's love about.

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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 18:1-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Message *And Then Some* Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 767** Together We Serve SAN ANSELMO

◆ **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')

Offertory (8:30) Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown (Genesis 32:24-30) Erik Routley

Michael Cutrer, tenor; Chancel Choir

Come, O thou traveler unknown whom still I hold but cannot see; my company before is gone, and I am left alone with Thee. With Thee all night I mean to stay and wrestle till the break of day. I need not tell Thee who I am, my misery and sin declare; Thyself hast called me by my name, look on Thy hands and read it there. But who, I ask Thee, who art Thou? Tell me Thy name and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self-despair. Speak to my heart, in blessings speak; be conquered by my instant prayer. Speak or Thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if Thy name is Love. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love, Thou diedst for me. I hear Thy whisper in my heart; the morning breaks, the shadows flee, universal Love Thou art! To me, to all, Thy mercies move; Thy nature and thy name is Love.

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(11:00) Kehtolaulu Armas Jarnefeldt
Finnish American Brass Band

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Eternal God, may these gifts be signs of your grace, and may our lives show forth the coming kingdom, that when Christ comes again he will find faith on earth. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 633** Praise Ye the Lord CLEVELAND

- ◆ **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

Preludium
 Finnish American Brass Band

Armas Jarnefeldt

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.

Today we welcome the Finnish American Brass Band (Ameriikan Poijat) of Northfield, Minnesota, and thank them for providing instrumental music for worship. The band will appear this afternoon in a 2 p.m. matinee concert at the State Theater in Zumbrota.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor	Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor	Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
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 is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Calendar for the week of October 16 – October 23 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – October 16

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Jane Hallman in celebration of the lives of Horace Hallman and their parents.

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. :Current Events: The Pros and Cons*"

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

A two-week **new member class** begins today.

Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about our church, is welcome. The class will meet in the conference room (A-209) at 9:40 a.m. If you decide to join, 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. Brakel has been recognized by some as "one of the most talented organists in the world."

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.

TUESDAY – October 18

Session will meet at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – October 19

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.

NO choir, supper, youth groups, bells, or Bible Study because of Education Minnesota workshops. Programs will resume October 26.

THURSDAY – October 20

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, October 19 – SATURDAY, October 22

The Synod **Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women** will be meeting at FPC.

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

SUNDAY – October 23

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The **new member class** will meet at 9:45 a.m. in Rev. Parlette's office and be joined by the Session at 10:40 a.m.

Madrigal Christmas Feaste tickets go on sale in the atrium. We will have 96 tickets; cost is \$30 per person. You must pay for the tickets when you purchase them. No reservations will be taken or tickets held for later purchase. Tickets will be sold again on October 30 and if any remain, you may buy them in the church office.

Weather permitting, our next **group walk will be at Root River Park** October 23 at 1 p.m. Root River Park is a relatively new park, and is another of Olmsted County's best kept secrets. We'll check out the old stagecoach bridge and the 90-foot tall limestone bluffs. We will also talk about some fascinating stagecoach history. The trail is about 2 miles long, and is a nice wide grass covered trail. You might want to bring some water and a camera.

Directions to Root River Park:

Go South on County Road 1 through Simpson

Go under the underpass

Go about 2 miles, take a left (go East) on 80th

Street SE (there is a small gray shed on the corner)

The Park is located at the end of the street

There is a sign on CR 1 and at the entrance to the Park (Mark Mueller)

SUNDAY – October 30 (Memorial Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Memorial Sunday, a day when we remember our loved ones who passed away during the past year, will be observed at both hours.

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 donations are in the foyer.

To all Host and Buddy Churches for Family Promise Rochester (IHN): Our annual choir concert for FPR/IHN has a new name and theme! The "Coming Home" choir concert/fundraising event will be held Friday, November 18 at Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE). New this year is a silent auction from 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. The choir concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Youth of FPC: Plan to join us a Hay Ride Sunday, October 30 at 1:30 p.m. Meet at Sekapp Orchard (3415 Collegeview Road E) for a hay ride, corn maze, and apple picking. Cost is \$5 plus extra for extra apples. For more information, contact Rick Morris (morris.rick@fpcrochester.org).

Among the Church Family

We extend our condolences to Laura and Reeghan Raffals on the death of Laura's mother, Nancy Harrell, October 9 in Rochester.



Changes in Coffee Time

Since the middle of September the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee has been serving our coffee and donuts in the atrium between services. Our intent was to copy a successful practice at other churches which seemed to encourage conversation and visitation, with a particular emphasis on welcoming our visitors and new members.

One of our greatest strengths is the wonderful people we have at First Presbyterian....it doesn't take long for the church family to become a strong source of joy. But visitors and new members sometimes find it difficult to "break in" and to get to know others. Our committee wanted to try something to emphasize "welcoming" by having the bistro table arrangement to encourage easy conversation. We appreciate all of you and all of the staff that so graciously "gave it a try." During this trial run we have become aware of some concerns and are making some changes.

We are returning the main coffee/donut service to the social hall. As always, members are welcome to enjoy coffee there and families will find it easier to accommodate their children. But we want to continue the bistro tables for at least a couple more weeks in the atrium and will have coffee and donuts available in the atrium as well as the social hall.

We encourage all you who are willing to gather in the atrium and help us welcome visitors, new members or even members you might not know very well. If you see visitors sitting around you in church, please invite them to join you for coffee.

Please feel free to give a member of the Welcoming and Nurturing Committee your feedback.

Gayle Jones, Lead Elder
Jane Murl, Elder
Lowell and Patti Meyer
Rob and Carrie Elder
Holly Ebel
Jean Abels
Sandy Carroll