

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day

8:30 and 11 a.m.

October 23, 2016

Twenty-third 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

How Firm a Foundation

James Johnson

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) Paul Steger
(11:00) Ruth Saling

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;

You are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

Let us worship the God of our salvation!

◆ **Hymn 17**

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Even before we admit our sin, God promises to hear us with mercy. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Let us confess our sin to the Lord.

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.

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 Psalms

Psalms 65

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Message

Paying What Is Due

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ Hymn 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

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◆ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed (Traditional)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering

God has delivered us by awesome deeds! With gratitude and joy, let us bring our gifts of thanksgiving and love.

Offertory

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

J. Bert Carlson

◆ Offertory Response 708 (stanza 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We give Thee but thine own, what'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of creation, you water the earth and send forth food; you shower us with grace and feed us with your love. Accept these gifts, humble though they may be, and use them to spread your goodness throughout the earth; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

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

◆ 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

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

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.



**"You make the gateways
of the morning and the evening
shout for joy."**

Psalm 65:8

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
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 23 – October 30 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – October 23

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Jane, Lucy, Maryanna, and Molly in memory of Vincent Destro.

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 (A-104)
- 9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues. :Current Events: The Pros and Cons* in the lounge (E-207)
- 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.

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** 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. A friendly reminder...Olmsted County prohibits dogs, bicycles, horses and recreational vehicles on the trails.

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)

WEDNESDAY – October 26

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—"Greying of church-goers, part 1" |
| 7:00 | Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational) |

Madrigal singers rehearse at 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY – October 27

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Youth of FPC: Plan to join us for 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).

For Your Information

"Stewardship 2017: Faithful Stewardship." Our ability to accomplish our goal is dependent on the generous financial support of the congregation. Please do your part by making a generous pledge and returning your pledge card during worship on Dedication Sunday, November 13; by mail; or in the offering plate any Sunday.

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.

Among the Church Family

We extend our condolences to Sylvia Swede on the death of her brother-in-law, Donald Koch, October 17 in Iowa City.

Congratulations to Hannah Olson-Williams, daughter of Lonny and Helen Olson-Williams, who has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be serving in Lesotho, Africa until December 2018. Hannah graduated with a BS in Mathematics from Case Western Reserve University this past May. Her primary role in Lesotho will be to teach math to high school-aged students there.



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