

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**October 30, 2016**  
**Reformation Sunday / Memorial Sunday**

**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 and social hall after the first service and in the atrium after the second service.

*\* As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. \**

*Today we memorialize church members who have died during the preceding year. After the service, family members are invited to come forward and take one of the roses in memory of their loved one. Note also that today is Reformation Sunday, always the last Sunday in October, marking the occasion in 1517 when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany—a vital moment in the Protestant Reformation movement which changed the world.*

## Gathering

**Prelude**

Towers

Cathy Moglebust

Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

(See description of tower ringing on page 5.)

*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) Jane Hallman  
(11:00) Sharon Nichols

*Today, we remember with appreciation those who paved the way for us with their faith:*  
**Grandmothers and grandfathers, parents, family, friends, teachers, leaders, mentors.**

*We remember with gratitude God's gift of people.*

**The lives of so many people across time and space shape who we are.**

*We remember with love and honor the people who blessed us and this church with their lives.*

**We praise God for the gift of their life.**

*Let us worship God.*

◆ Hymn 732

Rejoice in God's Saints

OLD 104<sup>TH</sup>

**Call to Reconciliation** (please be seated)

*Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith....*

**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.

**A Responsive Litany of Confession and Forgiveness**

*When we live in fear of death, when we come to fear life,*

**Forgive us, O God, for not seeing that death, as well as life, is in your hands.**

*When we see death as the end, and live as though we have no future,  
when we surrender ourselves to cynicism and despair,*

**Forgive us, O God, and remind us that Christ was raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have died in the faith.**

*When our vision of being your people narrows,*

**Forgive us, O God, and open our eyes to the unity of your whole church  
and all thy saints spanning time and space.**

*When we try to escape the responsibilities of today,*

**Forgive us, O God, for our lack of faith and for our irresponsibility.**

*The resurrection of God's Son is our living hope. God's Spirit forgives and renews us  
in this hope.*

**Whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's. We live in this hope.**

*Live, therefore, as forgiven people—loved and forgiven by 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!*

**Litany of Remembrance**

*When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death. We were buried, therefore, with Him by Baptism unto death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God the Father, we too might live a new life.*

**For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

*Let us pray ...*

*Almighty God, we remember your promise in Christ that those who die shall live with you in eternal joy and blessedness. We give you thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your beloved who now rest from their labors and abide with you forever, especially these saints of First Presbyterian Church, who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year; we now remember them with chime and flame signaling the radiant joy of Jesus' triumph of Love over death: Lee Earl Christensen, Elizabeth Chapman, Donald Leon Hann, Thomas Earnest Hosier, Robert June Jarett, Margaret Eileen Knudsen, Glenice Rae Newton, Ronald Lenberg Ress, Mark Sickman, James Orrin Walts, James Hemington Watson, Lewis Benjamin Woolner.*

*Grant to your church on earth that as we celebrate the triumph of your saints in glory we may profit by their example and enter with them into the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## 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 re - ceive your truth in  
faith and love, that we may be o - be - dient  
to your will and live al - ways for your glo - ry through  
Je - sus Christ our Sav - vior A - - men.

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### Reading from the Gospels

Luke 18:9-14

#### Anthem

(8:30)

#### Look Around!

Helen Kemp

Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director

Look! Look around! Look around at this holy place. Look! Look all around!  
Thank you, God, thank you, God. Thank you, God, for the beauty and the space.  
Look at the windows, with colors of rainbows, symbols of promise, assuring God's love  
Look at the table, the cross and the candles, "The light of the world," God's gift from above.  
Look at the people singing and praying receiving forgiveness, beginning anew.  
Look at the babies, in arms of their parents; their baptism tells them, "God's love lives in you."  
So fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, grandpas and grandmas and all of the others,  
Let us sing a song, a hymn, of adoration.

#### **Congregation, please join in singing "Joyful, Joyful, we adore you"**

*Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

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(11:00)

#### Do Not Be Afraid (Isaiah 43)

Philip J. W. Stopford

Chancel Choir

Text by Gerard Markland

*Refrain: Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by  
your name; you are mine, you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves. When the fire is  
burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. (Refrain)

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. When you dwell in the exile of a  
stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. (Refrain)

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you with a perfect  
love, a perfect love. (Refrain)

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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 New Testament**

Ephesians 1:11-23

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia hymn 591** (refrain)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

**Message**

*For All the Saints*

Rev. Jay Rowland

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

***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 326**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

adapted from John R. Killinger (2001)

**I believe in God, whose thoughts are higher than our thoughts and whose ways are beyond human judgment;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit who has gifted us with religion so that people with different backgrounds will find different ways of embodying and serving the kingdom of God;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, that his teachings, his life, his death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead all speak to me in the most compelling manner about God's ways and God's wishes for me as a human being. As the Apostle said, we now know only in part, but some day we shall know even as we are known, and shall come face-to-face with the mystery of God. I believe that this will be heaven, and, for the time being, that is all I need to know. Glory be to God whose being is shrouded in mystery but has revealed enough of the divine nature to see me through this life. Amen.**

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

**Offertory** (8:30)

God's Time Is Best

J. S. Bach

(11:00)

Nearer, My God, To Thee (BETHANY)  
Chancel Choir

Lowell Mason, 1856  
arr. René Clausen

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee. E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone; yet in my dreams, in my dreams shall be nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.

There let the way appear steps unto heav'n; all that you send to me in mercy giv'n; angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky, and the sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.

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◆ **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**

**Loving God, with gratitude for your blessings at work in Christ we dedicate to you our lives and these gifts gathered from the church for the sake of the gospel. With your blessing may our gifts multiply and amplify the good news of your saving love to all. In Jesus' name. Amen**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

◆ **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**

**For All the Saints**

**Arthur Hutchings**

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.

### About today's prelude

Handbell ringing as we know it today began in England. Change ringers practiced in cold, damp towers pulling heavy ropes. Not only was this uncomfortable and tiring for the ringers, but also was often considered a public nuisance by the townsfolk. As ringers learned the methods, many repetitions were needed. Small bells with handles were developed so those ringers could practice while seated in a warm room. Before long, ringers were practicing "tunes" as well as changes. Thus, the art of tune ringing began to develop. A "change" is a distinct mathematical arrangement in which any given number of bells sound. Change ringing is the art of ringing bells in changes. A "method" is a pattern by which changes are produced. You hear a change pattern in "Towers." You will hear the distinct difference in the overtone series between our American made handbells, and the Dutch made Petit and Fritsen handbells, owned and shared by Paul Kingsbury for today's prelude. They sound very similar to the overtones we hear daily from the Plummer Tower of Mayo Clinic.



**“I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR  
YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.”**

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

#### **About Our Church**

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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.*

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## ***Calendar for the week of October 30 – November 6 (and beyond)***

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**SUNDAY – October 30** We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Robert Jacobson in memory of his Darcy.

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)

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

**Madrigal Christmas Feaste.** We still have a few tickets available for the Madrigal Christmas Feaste on December 3 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale today in the atrium for \$30 each after each worship service. You must pay for the tickets when you purchase them. No reservations will be taken or tickets held for later purchase. If we have tickets remaining, they will be for sale in the church office next week.

**Everyone is invited to join FPC youth** for a Hay Ride today 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).

**MONDAY – October 31**

Endowment Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

**TUESDAY – November 1**

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

**Deacons** meet at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

**Most committees** meet. Check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours.

**WEDNESDAY – November 2**

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.

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

<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)
5:45	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Adult Bible study—"Greying of church-goers, part 2"
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

**THURSDAY – November 3**

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

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

**SATURDAY – November 5**

**Daylight Saving Time** ends this weekend.

Remember to set your clocks \*back\* an hour tonight!

**SUNDAY – November 6**

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

During the education hour **Bob Sixta and Helen Monsees will lead a discussion about their mission trip to Cuba** in February. The class, which will begin at 9:40 a.m. in the social hall, will touch on a historical summary of Presbyterianism in Cuba, a brief highlight of foreign relations between Cuba and the United States, and personal observations by Helen and Bob about their travels and experiences. Their trip was sponsored by the Outreach Foundation.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library between services to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

**FRIDAY – November 11**

**Parents Night Out Sitter Service** from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up by calling the church office by Tuesday, November 8.

**SUNDAY – November 13**

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

**Session has called a special meeting of the congregation** for 9:30 a.m. to elect new classes of deacons and elders and congregational representatives for the Endowment and Nominating Committees. Names will be presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the nominee has given prior approval to having his or her name placed on the slate.

**"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.

**A Festival of Music** will present the Twin Cities Bronze handbell ensemble in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Members of the ensemble are from the Twin Cities Metro area and include Jeni (Lewis) Jonett and Becky (Oehler) Stever, former members of our church.

### ***For Your Information***

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.