

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
November 6, 2016
Twenty-fifth 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 and social hall after the first service and in the atrium after the second service.

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

Gathering

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Alleluia Ringers

John Behnke

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) Cindy Kunzman
(11:00) Bev Lewis

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Come, make a joyful noise, sing praises!

Come, let us worship the Lord!

◆ Hymn 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

The psalmist assures us that the Lord is near to all who call on God in truth. So with that assurance of God's presence, God's steadfast love, and God's overwhelming mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have__ mer - cy. Lord, have__ mer - cy on us.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and liberation; be with us even now. Amen.

Words of Life

The psalmist declares that God hears the cry of the beloved and saves them. Be assured: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Praise the Lord, and bless God's holy name forever. 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 Epistles

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Anthem (8:30) How Can I Keep from Singing? Taylor Davis
Chancel Choir; Ariel Boswell, flute; Karla Webb Sukov, oboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

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(11:00) Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye (Psalm 17) arr. Jane Marshall
Cherub Choir, Katie Kruger, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Keep me, keep me, hide me, hide me,

Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

Keep me, keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me, hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

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Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 1) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name:

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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 Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message

Whose wife is she anyway?

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 516** For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM

◆ **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.**

Invitation to the Offering

In celebration of the God of life who sustains, upholds, saves and watches over us, let us continue our worship through the offering of our gifts to almighty God.

Offertory (8:30)

Lamb of God
Chancel Choir

arr. F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross didst suffer patient still and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken, Or hope had us forsaken: Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

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(11:00)

I Come with Joy

David Cherwien

◆ Offertory Response

With Joy

Daniel Kallman



With joy, with joy. We will of-fer in thanks-giv-ing all you've giv-en us to give. With joy, with joy, We will of-fer in thanks-giv-ing with joy.

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◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

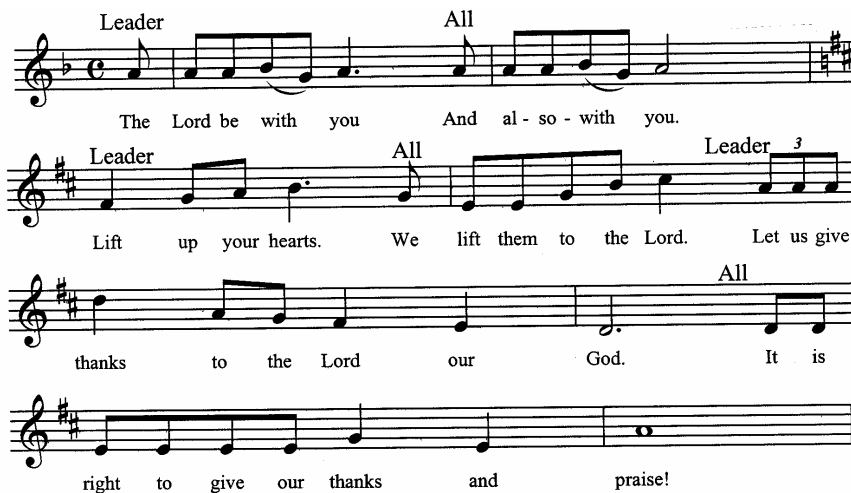
For the gifts offered this day and every day, we give thanks, O God. Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted to our care. May these gifts be used to serve your beloved creation, to sustain your children in all they say and do, and to build up your kingdom throughout the earth. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior. The wine used in this sacrament is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

The Invitation

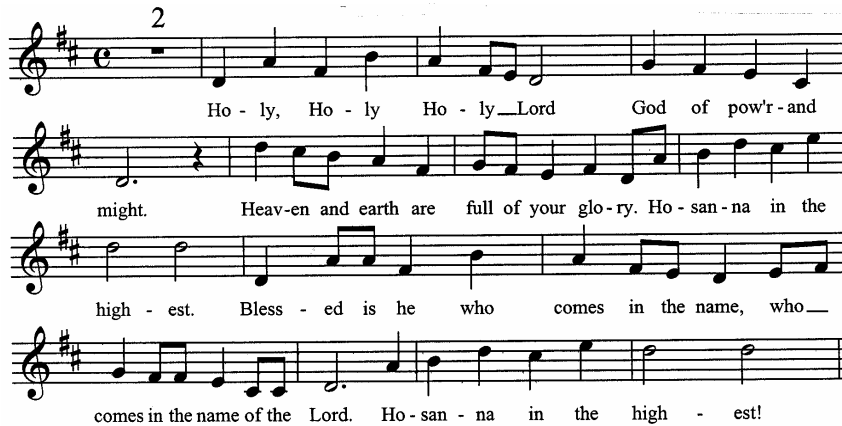
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Leader: The Lord be with you
All: And al- so - with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

... and so we praise you, tuning our voices to the angels' songs, joining all those who sing on earth and in heaven:

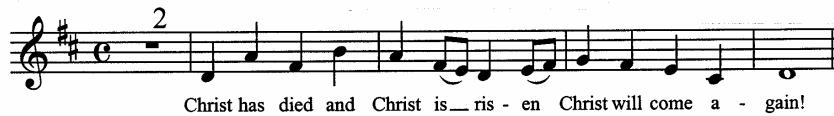
Sanctus



2
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r - and
might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation



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Christ has died and Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain!

Lord's Prayer (using 'debtors' and 'debtors')

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing hymn 507 "Come to the Table of Grace."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

- ◆ Hymn 529 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether UNION SEMINARY
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Benediction Response 547 (st. 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS



2
A - men, A - men, A - men!

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Paul Bouman

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.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
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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 November 6 – November 13 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – November 6

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dwight and David Jones in memory of their mother, Mary E. Jones.

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*: The class will attend the presentation on Cuba in the social hall.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 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.

WEDNESDAY – November 9

Kitchen Guild meets at 1 p.m.

Madrigal Feaste walk-through at 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday Activities	
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— <i>The Bible and America, part 1</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – November 10

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 – 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.

SATURDAY – November 12

Madrigal singers rehearse at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – November 13 (Stewardship Dedication)

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.

TUESDAY – November 15

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet at 4 p.m. at House of Hope in St. Paul. Contact the church office if you'd like to attend.

WEDNESDAY – November 16

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 Feaste walk-through at 6:15 p.m.

All youth activities are on their normal schedule.

SATURDAY – November 19

Help us decorate the halls of First Presbyterian for Advent beginning at 9:30 a.m. We have trees to decorate, wreaths to hang, and poinsettias to put out. There are jobs for all ages and interests. We will have light refreshments to keep us going.

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

SUNDAY – November 20

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

At 9:30 we will **dedicate our recently renovated spaces** with a special ribbon cutting ceremony. We will meet in the atrium and visit the social hall, kitchen, multipurpose room, and music room.

For Your Information

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the **poinsettia fund**. The plants will decorate the sanctuary in December and then be delivered by the Deacons to our 40 C.A.R.E. members. To contribute, put your check (note for poinsettias) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Church Family Information

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Helen Janes Hill, who died October 31. Her memorial service will be December 3 at Charter House.