

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
November 13, 2016
Twenty-sixth 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

O Day of Peace
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir
For meditation, see hymn 373.

Lee J. Afdahl

*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

Isaiah 12

(8:30) Kathryn Lenn
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

Sing praise to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;
Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
From the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
From the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.

Shout aloud and sing for joy,
In the midst of our joys and our sorrows.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!

◆ Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

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Call to Reconciliation (please be seated) Isaiah 12

*Just as the prophet Isaiah assured God's people so many years ago he assures us
now that God is our salvation. It is because of that confidence, because of that
promise, that we dare to approach God with our confession.*

Silent Confession

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Kyrie



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

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of peace, we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our comfort in you. Amen.

Words of Life

Isaiah 65

The prophet Isaiah assures us: God is building a new heaven and a new earth; the former things will not be remembered or come to mind. Forgiven and freed, rejoice in what the Lord is creating in you, in me, and in all creation. 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

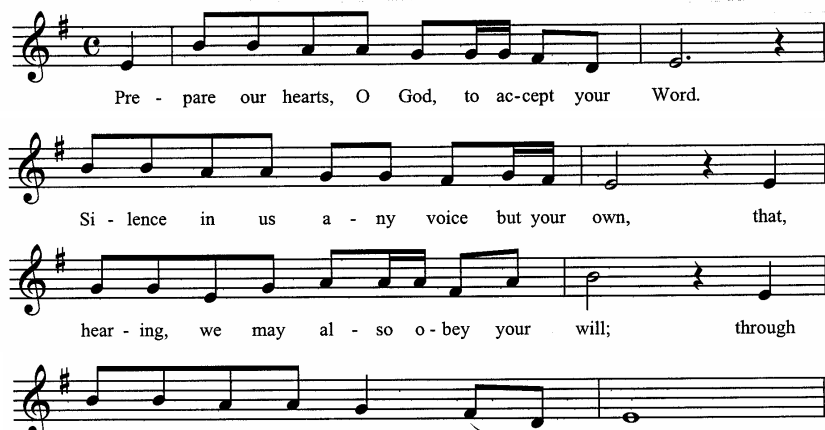
The peace of Christ be with you.

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 Prophets

Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem (8:30) O Lord God Paul Tschesnokoff
Chancel Choir English Adaptation N. Lindsay Norden

O Lord God, hear Thou my pray'r, help Thou me, and give ear to my pray'r. Daily do I worship Thy great name and Thy pow'r. Thou alone canst help me; O send me Thy peace and love, O protect me, my God. Let me never stray, O my Saviour. Leave me not, O God of my salvation. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live, and praise Thy great name while I have my being. Hear my pray'r, hear Thou my pray'r; help Thou me, and give ear to my pray'r. Glory to Thee, Glory to Thee.

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(11:00) My Lord, What a Morning arr. Mark Hayes
Robert Jacobson

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 Epistles

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message *Get to it* Rev. T. J. Parlette

Moment for Reflection Hymn 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken LISTEN
Please sing three times.

Our Response

Dedication of Pledges

Prayer of Consecration (in unison)

O God, our gracious and generous creator, we gratefully acknowledge your ownership and recognize our stewardship. All we have is a trust from you. We thank you that through Christ's love, we have learned the relationship between giving and living. Teach us to give as loyal partners with him. We would pledge to you an honorable share of our income. May our pledges express our genuine, sincere faith and true loyalty. Use us and our offerings to extend the worldwide kingdom of him who loved us and gave himself for us. In his name we pray and pledge. Amen.

Offering our Pledges to God

Please come down the center aisle and place your pledges in the baskets on the communion table. There are extra pledge cards in the pew racks if necessary. The regular offering will be received later in the service.

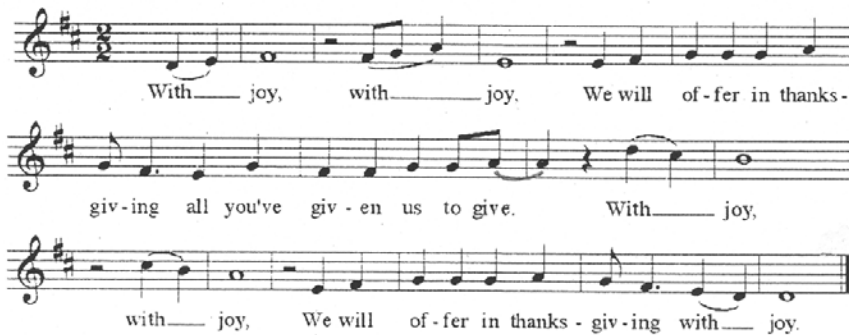
Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, who has shown us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, we dedicate these pledges to the service of your church, humbly praying that all our gifts and energies may be used in the extension of your kingdom here on earth. Accept these pledges, we pray; multiply them in your service and then transform them into loving deeds of grace and mercy, given in Christ's name and to the everlasting glory of your name – for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- ◆ **Hymn of Dedication 712** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory O for a World (AZMON) Paul Bouman

- ◆ **Offertory Response** With Joy Daniel Kallman



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

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- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
Loving God, before we give to you, you have given to us. All we offer we have received from you. We thank you for your goodness, and we praise you for your bountiful works, through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 372** O for a World AZMON
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response**



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

Postlude Today We Are Called to be Disciples (KINGSFOLD) Robert Powell

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.

Session has called a special meeting of the congregation for 9:30 a.m., immediately following the first service, to elect new classes of deacons and elders and congregational representatives for the Endowment and Nominating Committees.

The Nominating Committee will present the names of

Karin Braun, Holly Ebel, Sara Kluck, Anna Larson, Susanna Stone, Terry Whiting, and Vicki Wintheiser for deacon in the Class of 2019;

Joe Doppler, Bruce Fye, Brent Kaslow, Allyson Maurer, Brad Narr, and Phyllis Schmid for elder in the Class of 2019;

Eric Sorenson for the endowment committee Class of 2019; and

Jeremy Braun, Rusty Brown, Gregg Erickson, Cindy Kunzman, and Ruth Saling for the nominating committee Class of 2017.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the nominee has given prior approval to having his or her name placed on the slate.

Calendar for the week of November 13 – November 20 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – November 13

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Marilyn Olseen in memory of Bill Olseen.

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)

9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grade 6 – adult education

9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5

9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1

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.

The *Parenting Class* is taking a break and will resume in January.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

Stewardship 2017: Faithful Stewardship: with much, with little, with all. Our ability to accomplish our goal depends on the generous financial support of the congregation. Please do your part by making a generous pledge and returning your card during worship today; by mail; or in the offering plate any Sunday before the end of November. There are extra pledge cards in the pew racks if you forgot yours today or if you already returned yours and would like to come forward when we dedicate the pledges.

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.

Because of the Presbytery meeting, the November meeting of **Session** is rescheduled to November 22.

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.

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 2"</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – November 17

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – November 19

Help us decorate the halls of First Presbyterian for Advent beginning at 9:40 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.

Over 600 handbell ringers, including 25 ringers from First Presbyterian and Community Presbyterian Churches, will gather at the Mall of America to kick off the Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle campaign and to set a Guinness Books of Records for number of ringers. Ringers should be in place at the Mall for rehearsal at 8 a.m.; the Big Ring will be at 11 a.m.

SUNDAY – November 20

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

At 9:40 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.

WEDNESDAY – November 23

NO Wednesday activities this week because of Thanksgiving break.

Christ United Methodist Church has invited members of our congregation to join them for their **Thanksgiving Eve celebration service** at 7 p.m.

For Your Information

On Wednesday evenings from November 30 through December 21, Rev. Parlette will lead an **Advent study** on the book "The Redemption of Scrooge," based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Register by calling the church office. The book for the study is \$15, payable to the church.

All tickets have been sold for the Madrigal Christmas Feaste. Call the church office to put your name on a waiting list in case any are turned in.

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

Happy Birthday to William Johnson, who will celebrate his 92nd birthday November 17.

Happy Birthday to Lucille Bill, who will celebrate her 94th birthday November 20.

Happy Birthday to Elaine Davis, who will celebrate her 90th birthday November 23.

We extend our condolences to Kay Boege, Judy Hunter, and Susan Rostad and their families on the death of their brother, Tom Boege.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Diana Wakefield, who died November 8.

Statement of Mission
First Presbyterian Church
Rochester, Minnesota

- The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, our church shall work toward the following goals:
- To nurture the members of the church with a strong worship experience and compassionate pastoral leadership
- To encourage active participation in worship by individuals and families
- To strengthen faith and commitment by promoting vital Christian education, music, and fellowship programs for all ages
- To be a caring church community that ministers to individual needs
- To recognize our unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual needs of visitors to the medical center
- To share our faith through mission and social concern outreach in both the local and world community
- To maintain strong ties with Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to fulfill our responsibilities toward these bodies

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
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Vera B. Herr, Custodian

Child Care staff: Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, Margie Schaaf
Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Sue Kruger, Tami Rinn, Eric Schwartzbauer

Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (9:30 a.m.-noon)

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