

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**November 20, 2016**  
**Christ the King**

**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**

At the Name of Jesus

Robert Powell

*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) Ken Aalderks  
(11:00) Lindsay Zetsche

*Worship Christ, Eternal Son of God;*

**Honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;**

*Serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;*

**For to Christ belong the power and the glory of the Almighty.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

## ◆ Hymn 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*With humble hearts, trusting in grace, 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.

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.

We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege, we have lived in fear of death and loss, we have not loved our neighbors nor sought reconciliation with our enemies.

Therefore we pray: break our rebellious will. Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace. Expose our insincere thoughts. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Release us from the fear of death. Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ. Amen.

### Words of Life

Isaiah 65

*God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven. 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**

Colossians 1:11-26

**Anthem** (8:30)

**My Eternal King**  
Chancel Choir

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally. Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord! E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

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(11:00)

**Will You Be Ready?**

Mark Patterson

Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

People who walk in darkness have seen a great light.  
The light will shine upon them, may it shine brightly tonight.  
Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine upon you?  
Will you be ready for the light, ready for the light to shine?  
Will you be watching, will you be list'ning? Will you hear the angels sing?  
Will you be waiting, will you be searching for a Savior and a King?  
People keep watching, true light is coming. Look for a bright star in the East.  
Look for the Christ Child, born in a manger, there you will find the Prince of Peace.

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**Time for All Our Young Worshippers**

**Hymn 487** (stanza 1)

**These Treasured Children**

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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 Old Testament**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Message**

*Promises we can be thankful for*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 260**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake shared human life and human death, even death on a cross.**

**We believe in the love of God, who is the source of all life and whose power raised Jesus from the dead.**

**We believe in the community of the Holy Spirit, who works without ceasing to unite believers of every time and place in their one Lord, Jesus Christ.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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

**Offertory** (8:30)

**Let Us with Confidence Draw Near**  
Chancel Choir

Richard DeLong

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of Grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of Grace.

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

◆ **Offertory Response 643** (stanza 1) Now Thank We All Our God

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Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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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 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



**Postlude**

Now Thank We All Our God

Bach/Fox

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.

**\* WEATHER ADVISORY \***

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTC-TV, KTTC.com, put it on our WEB page FPCRochester.org, put it on the church's answering machine, and, if possible, send you an e-mail. Whenever canceling is a possibility, please check these sources for up-to-date information.

**\* SAFETY ADVISORY \***

In the coming winter season when conditions can create slippery walkways, we ask all members to be responsible and wear appropriate footwear made for snow and ice and choose the safest path from your car into the building. The staff aims to keep the church walks as clear of snow/ice as possible, but each of us must also do our part for safety by exercising caution and discretion. Here's to a safe winter season!

**About Our Church**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor  
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist

Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Child Care staff: Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, Margie Schaaf

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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 November 20 – November 27 (and beyond)

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### SUNDAY – November 20 (Christ the King Sunday)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by James and Sandra Walker in memory of Carole Lloyd.

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 grades 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.

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

Due to schedule conflicts we are **postponing the dedication of our recently renovated spaces. The event will now take place December 11.**

### MONDAY – November 21

**Esther Circle** will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

### TUESDAY – November 22

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

### WEDNESDAY – November 23

NO Wednesday activities November 23 because of Thanksgiving break.

Christ United Methodist Church has invited us to join them for their **Thanksgiving Eve Celebration service** at 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY – November 24

The church will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

### FRIDAY – November 25

The church will be closed.

### SUNDAY – November 27 (Advent One)

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

### WEDNESDAY – November 30

**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 Redemption of Scrooge"</i> led by Rev. T. J. Parlette.
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

### SATURDAY – December 3

**Orchestra** for Lessons and Carols will rehearse at 1 p.m.

### *For Your Information*

**Sign up to light the candles on the Advent wreath.** We are looking for families or individuals who would like to light one of the Advent candles any Sunday during the Advent season. Sign up at Sign Up Genius. Follow the link if you received an "invite." If you didn't, logon or register at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) and search for signups created by [duffer34@gmail.com](mailto:duffer34@gmail.com). You can also e-mail Paul Steger at [duffer45@gmail.com](mailto:duffer45@gmail.com) and he will sign you up. We offer opportunities each Sunday in Advent at both 8:30 and 11:00 services.

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.

**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 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. To date we have received 189 pledges for \$585,688 toward our goal of \$700,276 in pledges.

Advent is just around the corner! You can pick up a copy of the PCUSA **Advent devotional calendar** at the welcome desk or in the church office.

Whenever you're using the **stove in the kitchen** PLEASE be sure you **manually turn on the fan**. If you have any questions, ask Harry Coleman!

### **Church Family Information**

*Happy Birthday* to Betty Dobyns, who will celebrate her 90th birthday November 25.