

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
November 27, 2016
First Sunday in Advent

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

The Tallis Canon

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Cindy Kunzman and Karen Sessler, handbells

*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.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(8:30) Dan Wentz and Yamei Wang
(11:00) Mary Huie and Phyllis Schmid

Advent Candle Song 92 (stanza 1) While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING (CASON)

Call to Worship

(8:30) Van Jacobsen
(11:00) Robert Kyle

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

That we may learn God's ways and walk with God on God's paths.

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Invitation to Prayer (please be seated)

When the Lord comes, things now hidden in darkness shall be revealed. He shall also unveil the ways of the heart. In the light of Christ and his merciful love, let us confess our sin.

Silent Confession

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Kyrie, hymn 89 (refrain only)

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of night and day, no shadow can conceal our sin from you.
All secrets shall be exposed by the light of Christ. And so, forgive us O God:
for our reveling and drunkenness,
for our wickedness and wastefulness,
for our quarreling and jealousy ...
Forgive our every sin, O God.
Renew us in love and teach us to live in a way
that honors and glorifies you always,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Peace

*Beloved, in the gift of baptism, we are bathed in the light of Christ
and clothed with his grace. Put on, therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ!
Know that you are forgiven and live in peace.*

We are forgiven. Let peace begin with me in praise of Christ our Lord. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri**

REGENT SQUARE

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, expected King!

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◆ **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 106 (stanza 1) Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 122 (The Message Bible)

Voluntary (8:30)

Savior of the Nations, Come

Helmut Walcha

Anthem (11:00)

Keep Your Lamps!
Chancel Choir

Arr. André Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Christian children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

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Time for All Our Young Worshipers

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 Prophets

Isaiah 2:1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response to the Word, hymn 137 (stanza 1) He Came Down

HE CAME DOWN

Message

Climbing God's Mountain

Rev. Jay Rowland

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

Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 757** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD
- ◆ **Advent Affirmation of Faith** adapted from John Killinger
*I believe in the spirit of Advent, for it is the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose birth we await.
I believe that the lights during Advent remind me that Jesus is the light of the
world;
I believe that the greenery of this season symbolizes the eternal life of all who
are in Christ;
I believe that all the gifts that will be exchanged at the conclusion of Advent are
dim reflections of the greatest gift the world has ever known;
I remember that Jesus said we must become as children to enter the kingdom
of heaven;
And so I believe in the angels' song about peace on earth among persons of
good will, for when I serve for the good of others, I feel a peace and a joy in
my heart unlike any peace the world can give.
I believe in the peace and joy of God delivered for all in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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

- Offertory** (8:30) Savior of the Nations, Come J. S. Bach
(11:00) Sleeper, wake! A Voice Is Sounding Paul Manz
Chancel Choir

Sleepers, wake! a voice is sounding, from watch to watch the call rebounding. Awake, Jerusalem, awake! Midnight past, the hour is nearing when in the East, the darkness clearing, a new and brighter dawn will break. The Bridegroom to receive, arise! your couches leave, your torches light, and mount the height of Zion's wall to greet His coming, one and all.

Let all creatures now adore Him, all men and angels bow before him, with harp and lute in sweet accord. From the pearly gates towers the cherubim proclaim His powers and spread aloud His mighty word, no mortal eye or ear did ever see or hear such joyous thing; let therefore ring the song of praise that to almighty God we raise.

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- ◆ **Offertory Response, hymn 144** (stanza 4) What Can I Give Him? CRANHAM
What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.
- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, let all that we do show the glory due your name, serving the good of your people everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 756** O God of Every Nation LLANGLOFFAN
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Benediction Response, hymn 88** (refrain) VENI EMMANUEL
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- Postlude** Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Sounding Paul Manz

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.

Calendar for the week of November 27 – December 4 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – November 27 (Advent 1)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by The Huizenga Family in memory of Kenneth Huizenga.

A **nursery** for infants through 3-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 (3-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.

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)

If you ordered books for the **Advent Bible study** you can pick them up in the church office.

THURSDAY – December 1

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – December 2

Dress rehearsal for Madrigal Christmas Feaste at 5 p.m..

SATURDAY – December 3

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

Madrigal Christmas Feaste for those who have purchased tickets. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – December 4 (Advent Two)

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

A parish nurse will be in the library between services to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

TUESDAY – December 6

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 – December 7

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

Wednesday activities are on schedule as usual.

SUNDAY – December 13 (Advent Three)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The annual service of **Lessons and Carols** will be led by the Chancel, Calvin, and Youth Choirs with handbells, orchestra and organ at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship hours. The service, including the reading of nine lessons, carols and anthems, is based on the traditional English service of the same name.

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 and search for signups created by duffer45@gmail.com. You can also e-mail Paul Steger at 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.

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 199 pledges for \$644,423 toward our goal of \$729,734 in pledges.

Pick up a copy of the PCUSA **Advent devotional calendar**, *A Journey of Memories*, at the welcome desk or in the church office.

Spread Christmas joy by ringing a bell for the Salvation Army. The Social Concerns Committee encourages FPC members to support the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle campaign by spending an hour or two ringing bells at one of their collection sites. Every hour is important because a one-hour shift, on average, raises \$50 compared to zero for an unstaffed kettle. To volunteer, register online at www.RochesterSA.org. A community menu will appear. Choose "Sing up to ring bells." Select a range of days, a city, and the collections sites where you'd like to ring. Click on "search" and a list of openings that fit your criteria will appear. Check the appropriate boxes and then "submit." Thanks!

Church Family Information

Congratulations to Richard and Janice Bennett who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary December 1.

Congratulations to Hilda Nelson, who will celebrate her 90th birthday December 4.

Congratulations to Don and Barbara Cain who will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary December 6.



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!

*** 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

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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