

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
January 1, 2017
First Sunday after Christmas Day

11:00 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 after the service.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Prelude on "Irby"
Chorale Prelude on "In Dulci Jubilo"
Ryan Hulshizer, guest organist

David Willcocks
J. S. Bach

*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.

Call to Worship

Robert Kyle

*In this Christmas season we come together to praise the Lord,
who in mercy and abundant, steadfast love has become our Savior.
Even in times of danger and threat, we praise God,
**who frees us from fear and death through Jesus Christ,
the pioneer of our salvation.**
With all creation, in the midst of the congregation,
we praise the Lord and place our trust in God alone.
Come let us worship and sing praise to the God of our salvation!*

◆ Hymn 110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Sisters and brothers, Jesus became like us in every respect to that he might be our merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God. As we confess our sins, we come before One who was also tested by what he suffered. Therefore we prepare to confess confidently that he is able to help us ...

Silent Confession

Kyrie 551

Lord, Have Mercy
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

LAND OF REST

◆ Please stand if you are able.

There is no one who is righteous, not even one. . . .

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

(Romans 3:10, 23)

*The world says, "Violence is golden when it is used to put evil down,"
but faith in Christ declares,*

***The Living God tests the righteous and the wicked,
and . . . hates the lover of violence.***

***The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
but violence takes lives away.***

(Psalm 11:5 and Proverbs 11:30)

*The world says, "Lock them up and throw away the key,"
but the risen Christ declares,*

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, . . . for it is written,

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Living God."

(Matthew 5:7 and Romans 12:19)

*The world says, "We have to murder and kill and destroy
to preserve everything that's good,"
but faith in Christ declares,*

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:44 and 5:9)

Offertory

Voluntary on "Puer Nobis"

Aaron David Miller

Ryan Hulshizer, guest organist

◆ 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

***Along with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, we bring to you, O God,
the gifts you desire most: our hearts, our minds, our bodies, given in service to
you. Use each one of us in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among
us. In Jesus' holy name we pray. 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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*... With brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south, and with our loved ones,
separate from us now, yet in this mystery close to us, we sing our hymn of unending
praise:*

Sanctus 552

LAND OF REST

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

*... Born again from the shuddering earth, he is embodied forever in this living creation
and in these, its fruits of bread and wine. So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:*

Calendar for the week of January 1 – January 8 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – January 1

Worship and communion at 11 a.m. only.

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. A special “thanks” goes to Ryan Hulshizer, guest organist. Ryan is an Agent with Farm Bureau Financial Services in Northwood, Iowa.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Donald and Alice McIlrath in memory of many happy times.

No Sunday school classes today.

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.

MONDAY – January 2

Church will be closed.

TUESDAY – January 3

Deacons will *not* meet January 3. but instead will have a joint meeting with the Session for a Souper Start supper on January 17.

Most committees meet. Check with your lead elder if you aren’t sure about yours. We know Worship and Music has rescheduled to January 11.

WEDNESDAY – January 4

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 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 Book of Job.</i> ”
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – January 5

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – January 7

Help “**undecorate**” the church at 9:30 a.m. There will be jobs for everyone and snacks to keep you going.

SUNDAY – January 8

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

New officer training and examination at 9:40 a.m. in the Activity Room. **Session** will join the class at 10:40 a.m.

Ordination and installation of deacons and elders at the 11 a.m. service.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services January 8 and available to take your blood pressure.

TUESDAY – January 9

The **Festival of Music** committee meets at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – January 11

Wednesday programs are on as usual.

THURSDAY – January 12

Prayer Shawl group meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge,

FRIDAY – January 13

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, January 8; in the office by Tuesday, January 10; or contact Gayle Jones (993-2443).

MONDAY – January 16

ALL Annual Reports are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

For Your Information

Offering envelopes for 2017 are in the social hall. If there isn’t a box with your name and you want to use envelopes, check in the church office. We also have boxes of envelopes available for children and youth.

Pledge Statements. We will mail final statements for 2016 about January 6. To be considered a charitable donation in 2016 we either needed to receive your donation by December 31 or your envelope needed to be postmarked by December 31.

Each year our church activities are summarized in the “Annual Reports to the Congregation.” If you are responsible for writing a report, we need it in the church office by January 18. The best reports are those sent to Carol via e-mail or a Word attachment to an e-mail (evans.carol@FPCRochester.org).

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. There are extra pledge cards in the pew racks if you forgot yours today. To date we have received 219 pledges for \$685815 toward our goal of \$714,734 in pledges, leaving a gap of \$28,919.

Dakota Access Pipeline Protest. The Synod of Lakes and Prairies publicly supports the Standing Rock Sioux tribe and the water protectors who have been protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline for several months. At our December meeting the Mission Committee of FPC approved a donation of \$500 to support the Standing Rock Sioux people in their protest. Money will be used for a legal defense fund as further action continues in 2017. Some FPC members have indicated an interest in supporting this cause. Any donations may be given to Carol Evans to forward to the Synod. (Mission Committee)

Among Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Marie Bolton who will celebrate her 93rd birthday January 3.

Happy Birthday to Jane Irving who will celebrate her 94th birthday January 6.

We extend our condolences to Isabelle and P. J. Dyck and Jim, Marian, Sophie and Jacob Dyck on the death of Isabelle’s brother and Jim, Sophie, and Jacob’s uncle, Rev. John Bonham, who died December 23 in Edmonton, Canada.

We extend our condolences to Ursula and Alfred Thedens on the death of Ursula’s sister, Marjorie Lee, December 23 in Rochester.