

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Phone 282-1618

Service for the Lord's Day
January 8, 2017
Baptism of the Lord

8:30 and 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 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 **Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning** **Wayne Wold**

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

(8:30) Van Jacobsen
(11:00) Marcia Dollerschell

Worship God in holy splendor.

God's voice is powerful and thunders over the mighty waters.

God is full of majesty and power.

God gives us strength and offers us peace.

◆ **Hymn 482** **Baptized in Water** **BUNESSAN**

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us be bold and confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 551 **Lord, Have Mercy** **LAND OF REST**

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

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Message

Just the Beginning

Rev. T.J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 477** Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord TALLIS ORDINAL

◆ **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.**

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

Offertory (8:30) The Spirit of the Lord (Isaiah 61) Philip W.J. Stopford
Chancel Choir

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.
He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering
of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, to give unto them that mourn a
garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,
that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be
glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are
sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth
before the nations. The spirit of the Lord.

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(11:00) On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry Bruce Neswick

◆ **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**
**Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our
backgrounds and conditions. Therefore we praise you with our offerings. May
they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing
to the world. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 541** (stanza one) God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude All Who Believe and Are Baptized Richard Proulx

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.

Today we are ordaining and installing these new elders and deacons who were elected in November and who will begin their office after their ordination and installation.

Deacon / Class of 2019

Karin Braun
Holly Ebel
Sara Kluck
Anna Larson
Susanna Stone
Terry Whiting
Vicki Wintheiser

Elder / Class of 2019

Joe Doppler
Bruce Fye
Brent Kaslow
Allyson Maurer
Brad Narr
Phyllis Schmid

Service of Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11:00)

Litany

*There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.*
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**
*God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**
*Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.*

Introduction

Presentation of New Officers

Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands

Response Hymn 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (stanza 2)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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
Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
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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*The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester
is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Calendar for the week of January 8 – January 15 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – January 8

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Terry and Brad Narr in memory of Terry's parents.

A **nursery** for infants through 3-year-olds is staffed throughout the morning. We also offer a 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.

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

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

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 – January 10

Festival of Music committee meets at 7:15 p.m. in the north fireside room.

Personnel and Administration and Worship and Music Committees will meet. Check with your lead elder for time and location of meeting.

WEDNESDAY – January 11

Kitchen Guild will meet 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–Book study of Timothy Keller's <i>"The Reasons for God."</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – January 12

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 – 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).

SUNDAY – January 15

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

MONDAY – January 16

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

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

Church Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY – January 17

Board of Deacons and Session will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a Souper Start supper followed by their regular monthly meetings.

WEDNESDAY – January 18

Wednesday programs are on as usual.

Priscilla Circle meets at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Crafters meets at 3 p.m. in the social hall.

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.

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. Budget update: Pledges and related income now total \$781,821, leaving a gap of \$6,429 between income and committee requests. If you haven't returned your 2017 pledge yet, please do it soon. Thank you!

January is FPC's month to provide paper products and other needed items for **Hope Lodge**. A list of items and a box for your donations is in the foyer.

Among Our Church Family

Congratulations to David and Char Ellefson who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary January 11.

Congratulations to Roger and Denise Ring on the birth of their granddaughter, Matilda Catherine Fowkes, born January 3 to Rachel and David Fowkes in Johannesburg, South Africa.

WEATHER and SAFETY ADVISORIES

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTCC-TV, KTTCC.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.

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!