

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Phone 282-1618

Service for the Lord's Day
January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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

Offertory (Micah 6:6-8)
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Beck, Muschick

*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) Judy Smithson
(11:00) Kathryn Lenn

Let us meet God in this gathering

**We gather to praise God; to offer our hopes, to hear again God's call, to
strengthen our faith.**

God calls us to honor all persons, be kind to our neighbors, and praise God's holy name.

Let us worship God together.

◆ Hymn 299

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk
with God.*

Silent Confession

Kyrie 551

Lord, Have Mercy

LAND OF REST

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Words of Life

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hate and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri 581** **Glory Be to the Father** **GREATOREX**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

◆ **Passing of the Peace**
Due to health concerns in this cold and flu season, please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.
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 460 (st. 1) (seated) **Break Thou the Bread of Life** **BREAD OF LIFE**
Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Reading from the Psalms **Psalm 15**

Hymn 172 (8:30) **Blest Are They** **BLEST ARE THEY**

Anthem (11:00) **Offertory (Micah 6:6-8)** **John Ness Beck**
Chancel Choir

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings? Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
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Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 2) **These Treasured Children** **PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**
Our ancient story we shall tell,
till these our children know it well within their souls and minds and hearts,
for this is where their journey starts.

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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 Prophets **Micah 6:1-8**

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Response 587 **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!** **CELTIC ALLELUIA**

Message **From Great to Good** **Rev. T. J. Parlette**

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

Our Response

◆ Hymn 301 Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

◆ Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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

At the Offertory (8:30) My Song Is Love Unknown Karl Osterland

(11:00) Peace I Leave with You (John 14:27) Matthew Glandorf
Chancel Choir

Peace I leave with you; not as the world gives do I give unto you.

◆ **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**

We thank you, O God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

Sending

◆ Hymn 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

◆ **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 Toccata Eugene Gigout

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.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
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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 29 – February 5 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – January 29

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Sondra and Gordon Danielson in memory of their 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.

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will follow the first service in the sanctuary. Business to be conducted includes approving changes in the pastors' terms of call. We will present the general budget for 2017 and review reports of committees for 2016. Out of courtesy to all those attending, please speak only when you have a microphone.

Youth in grade 8 through senior high will attend the annual meeting.

Education hour for children through 7th grade will be held as usual:

9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (3-years-old)

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

Adult Education resumes next week.

Chancel Choir will not rehearse today.

Beat the winter blues and join us for a **Cabin Fever**

Soup potluck in the social hall immediately following the second service.

MONDAY – January 30

Endowment Committee will meet at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – February 1

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—Book study of Timothy Keller's <i>"The Reason for God"</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – February 2

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – February 5

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

Rev. Parlette will be offering a two-week **new members class** on February 5 and 12 at 9:45 a.m. Prospective new members will join the church February 12 at the 11 a.m. service. Please call the church office (282-1618) if you would like to attend.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library from between services February 5 and available to take your blood pressure.

TUESDAY – February 7

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 – February 8

Kitchen Guild meets at 1 p.m.

Wednesday programs are on as usual.

THURSDAY – February 9

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

FRIDAY – February 10

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, February 5, in the office by Tuesday, February 7; or contact Gayle Jones (993-2443).

SUNDAY – February 12

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A **Festival of Music** will present Du Huang and Xiao Hu, Unison Piano Duo, in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Du Huang and Xiao Hu are faculty members at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

For Your Information

Offering envelopes for 2017 are on a table in the foyer. 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.

Special Offerings continue. We are currently receiving special offerings for the Christmas Joy Offering and the Deacons Fund. You may contribute to either fund during January by noting the designation on your contribution.

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

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Shirley Harper Cox, who died January 12 in Bloomington, Minnesota. Shirley was Interim Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian from 1998-2000.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Jean Shaw, who died January 20. Jean was an active member of FPC until several years ago when she moved to the Twin Cities area to be closer to her family.

WEATHER and SAFETY ADVISORIES

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.

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!

