

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
February 5, 2017
Fifth 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

We Are Marching in the Light of God
(See hymn 853 for text.)
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

John Behnke

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) Martha Sessler
(11:00) Jay Beck

Let us praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land,

The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

◆ Hymn 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

MORNING HYMN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us confess our sins before God, our help in times of trouble.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have__ mer - cy. Lord, have__ mer - cy on us.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshipped you with our lips, but we have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Life

In mercy God forgives us our sin and grants us genuine repentance through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Live as the forgiven people that you are. 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

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

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

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Anthem (8:30)

According to Thy Wisdom

Music: Daniel Gawthrop
Text: Alexander Carmichael

Chancel Choir

May I speak, may I speak each day, may I speak according to Thy justice. Each day may I show Thy chastening, O God; may I speak, may I speak each day, according to Thy wisdom. Each day and night may I be at peace with Thee.

Each day may I count the causes of Thy mercy, may I each day give heed to Thy laws. Each day may I compose to Thee a song, may I harp each day Thy praise, O God, may I harp Thy praise, O God.

May I each day give love to Thee, Jesu, each night may I do the same, Jesu. Each day and night, dark and light, each day and night, dark and light, may I laud Thy goodness, may I laud Thy goodness, O God.

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(11:00)

I Am the Light of the World

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

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

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 Judith 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 Gospels

Matthew 5:13-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message

Peer Pressure

Rev. T. J. Parlette

*** A Moment for Reflection ***

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 459**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory (8:30)

God Be in My Head
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and at my departing.

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(11:00)

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

J. S. Bach

◆ Offertory Response 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we give thanks for all you have given to us and praise you for your astounding goodness. Receive the dedication of our hearts, minds and bodies for the ministry of your church. Bless our offering for the work of your kingdom, and give us wisdom for the right use of all you have provided, through Christ our Lord. 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.

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader All
The Lord be with you And al - so - with you.

Leader All Leader 3
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

All
thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give our thanks and praise!

...Therefore, in joy, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints of every time and place, we join in giving you praise:

Sanctus

2
Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and

might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who—

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

... Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

Memorial Acclamation

7 One All
Christ is the bread of life: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
11
we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing hymn 507, "Come to the Table of Grace" (all stanzas).

Prayer after Communion

Sending

- ◆ Hymn 509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly HOLY MANNA
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Response

2
A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

Postlude

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

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.

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
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Child Care staff: Kelly Bock, Margie Schaaf, Woo-Jung Ra
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Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (closed)

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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 February 5 – February 12 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – February 5

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Larry, Gayle, Joel, and Cooper Sanderson in memory of Ben Sanderson on this, his 41st birthday.

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.

Rev. Parlette will offer a two-week **new members class today** and February 12 at 9:45 a.m. Prospective new members will join the church February 12 at the 11 a.m. service.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library today between services 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

Worship and communion at Charter House at 1 p.m.

Kitchen Guild meets 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 9

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 – 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 (CWS Blanket Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

The **new member class** concludes February 12. The class will meet in Rev. Parlette's office at 9:45 a.m. New members will meet with the Session at 10:40 a.m. and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service.

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.

Blanket Sunday donations will be dedicated at both services on February 12. Sponsored by Church World Service, Blanket Sunday provides blankets and relief efforts to victims of war and natural disasters. Offering envelopes are in the pews or checks marked "blanket fund" can be mailed to the church any time this month.

SUNDAY, January 12 – SUNDAY, January 19

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting Family Promise this week.

For Your Information

Copies of this year's **Annual Reports for the Congregational Meeting** are available in the atrium, narthex, foyer, and office.

Among Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Norman Nelson, who will celebrate his 91st birthday February 9.

Congratulations to Warren and LaDonna Fay who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary February 14.

We extend our condolences to Beverly Tuohy on the death of her son, Derek Read, January 28.

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!