

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**February 12, 2017**  
**Sixth 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**

Joyful Praise  
Alleluia Ringers

Susan Geschke

*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.

## Minute for Mission for Blanket Sunday

(8:30) Britta Youmans  
(11:00) Eileen Hay

## Opening Prayer

## Call to Worship

(8:30) Jane Hallman  
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

*We gather as God's people:*

**To seek direction in the living of our lives.**

*We gather as God's people:*

**To be still and hear what God would have us do.**

*We gather as God's people:*

**To be renewed, restored and recreated.**

*We rejoice that we are God's people.*

**To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.**

◆ **Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.*

## Silent Confession

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◆ Please stand if you are able.

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have\_\_ mer - cy. Lord, have\_\_ mer - cy on us.

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.**

## Words of Life

*Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God. 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.

## Reception of New Members

### ◆ 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 3:1-9

**Anthem** (8:30) **Blessed Are They** (Psalm 1 and 119; Ephesians 3) Carolyn Jennings

Chancel Choir; Kristina Hesby, oboe

Blessed are they who take delight in the living Word of God, for they, like trees along a stream, grow strong in all they do, deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word; and the fruit of a holy life is good.

The Word enlightens all who strive to know and do God's will: A lamp to guide us on our way, a light upon our path, for the law of God is true, and the grace of God is pure, and the fruit of a holy life is good.

All you hearers of the Word, rejoice and offer thanks for love so deep and broad and high, and praise for life so full, deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word. And the fruit, the fruit of the holy life is good, life is good.

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(11:00) **Come One, Come All, Come Follow** Philip R. Dietterich

Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

Come one, come all, come follow the call,  
Of Jesus Christ, the Lord of all.

He'll teach you to walk, He'll teach you to talk,  
To share in his love every day.

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**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 Old Testament**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Message**

*Choose Life*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 315** In the Midst of New Dimensions NEW DIMENSIONS

◆ **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)**

**I Thank My God for You**  
**Chancel Choir**

**Joseph Martin**

I thank my God for you each time I think of you. Each time I pray for you, I'm filled with thanksgiving. For ev'ry word and deed, for helping those in need, I thank the Lord for you and give Him the glory.

And even when we are apart, you are always in my heart. We are bonded by God's Holy Spirit for we are one in God's embrace, one in love's unfailing grace. We give voice to one great alleluia! I thank my God and give my praise.

I thank my God for you each time I think of you. Each time I pray for you, I'm filled with thanksgiving. And when the day is done, and ev'ry race is run, God's perfect grace will bring us home. We will be together, for ever and ever.

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(11:00)

**Our Hope, Our Life** (O WALY WALY)

**Dale Wood**

- ◆ **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**

**Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.**

***Sending***

- ◆ **Hymn 847** Our Hope, Our Life O WALY WALY
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response** (see page 5) Go Now in Peace Don Besig
- Postlude** O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Paul Bouman

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  
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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.*

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# Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Voice

Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go  
with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith, stead-fast strong and  
true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in  
love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to othe - ers so all the world can  
see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in  
peace, in faith, and in love.

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## \*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!

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## ***Calendar for the week of February 12 – February 19 (and beyond)***

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### **SUNDAY – February 12**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Mary Beyerle in memory of her husband, John Beyerle.

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.: *Current Issues: Current Events: the Pros and Cons* in the lounge.
- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study of Matthew* in south fireside room (A-104)

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

The **new member class** concludes today. 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. 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.

### **TUESDAY – February 14**

**Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!**

### **WEDNESDAY – February 15**

Items for the **March Good News** are due to Carol Evans either at [fpc\\_carol@hotmail.com](mailto:fpc_carol@hotmail.com) or in the office.

**Priscilla Circle** will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

**Crafters Group** will meet at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Bring that almost finished project or help us make cards for C.A.R.E. members of FPC.

| <b>Wednesday Activities</b> |  |
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| 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 16**

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **FRIDAY – February 17**

**156th Anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church.**

### **SATURDAY – February 18**

**Ruth Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

### **SUNDAY – February 19 (Anniversary Sunday)**

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

During both services we will honor our people who have been members of FPC for more than 50 years as we celebrate the 156th anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church.

### **MONDAY – February 20**

**Church Office** will be closed February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.

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

### **TUESDAY – February 21**

**Session** will meet at 7 p.m. in south fireside room.

**Festival of Music Committee** will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the north fireside room.

### **WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 22**

All **Wednesday activities** are on as scheduled.

### **SUNDAY – February 26**

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

Join the **Family Support Group** during the Sunday school hour for a discussion of "Parenting God's children in a gendered world." You'll find the class at a table in the social hall between services.

### **TUESDAY – February 28**

Y'all come to the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the social hall. You don't need a reservation. Come and enjoy supper and fellowship!

### **WEDNESDAY – March 1**

**Ash Wednesday** worship with communion and imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m. Singing: Chancel Choir. Ringing: Jubilate Deo.

### ***For Your Information***

**Rev. Parlette will lead a Bible study**, "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul," on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. during Lent (March 8 – April 12). Please register in the church office so we know how many study guides to order. Books cost \$15.

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

**World Day of Prayer**, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held March 4 at Good Shepard Lutheran church (559 20th Street SW). The morning will begin at 10 a.m. with coffee and fellowship followed by the worship service, written by women in the Philippines, at 10:30 a.m.

### ***Among Our Church Family***

We extend our condolences to Dennis Audus on the death of his father, Wesley H. Audus, January 26.

We extend our condolences to Randolph and Yvonne Nkwelle Mesumbe on the recent death of Randolph's father in Cameroon.

We extend our condolences to Margie Schaaf on the death of her sister, Joan, on February 5 in Ohio.

