

# First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**February 19, 2017**  
**Seventh 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**

Galliard

Bassano

Recorder Ensemble

Zoe Abrahamson, Elizabeth Dunn, Dwight Jennings, Elizabeth Remfert,  
Ruth Saling, Karen Sessler, Cindy Kunzman (percussion)

*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) Jane Murl  
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

*God's Spirit dwells in us,  
**For we are God's temple.**  
*We belong to Christ,  
**And Christ belongs to God.**  
*Let us worship the Lord our God.***

## ◆ Hymn 665

As Morning Dawns

WAREHAM

## Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God declares to God's beloved, you shall be holy, for I your God am holy. Trusting in  
divine mercy, let us confess our faults before God and one another.*

## 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

Holy God, your law shows the way of righteousness, but we forsake your commandments. We have not provided for the poor or aided the disabled. We have not been truthful in our daily business; we have been unjust in our judgment of others. We have sought vengeance against our enemies; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and rouse us to sincere repentance. By the power of your Holy Spirit, free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Words of Life

*Friends, God who is just and merciful forgives our sinful ways, offers us the grace of repentance and frees us to live as God's beloved children. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.



## Sending

◆ Hymn 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

◆ Benediction

◆ Response

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Postlude

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Robert Wetzler

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.

## 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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### 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

Child Care staff: Kelly Bock, Margie Schaaf, Woo-Jung Ra

Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn

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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*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.)

**Last Sunday we welcomed these new members to FPC:**

Patrick Dinneen (5554 Highway 61 / Silver Bay MN 55614 - 218-226-0183)  
Ruth Huizenga (Charter House / 211 2nd Street NW / Rochester 55901 – 507-289-0607)  
Katie Kruger (1204 7th Avenue NE / Rochester 55906 – 507-272-5464)  
Alex Kuisle (1204 7th Avenue NE / Rochester 55906 – 507-951-2699)  
Jessica Saled (911 7th Avenue SW / Rochester 55902 – 507-254-2409)

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**Calendar for the week of February 19 – February 26  
(and beyond)**

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

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by William and Sharon Nichols 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.

**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.

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**

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 23**

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

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

**SUNDAY – February 26** (Transfiguration Sunday)

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

Join the **Parenting Support Group** during the Sunday school hour for a discussion of "Discipline and

Original Sin." You'll find the class at a table in the social hall between services.

Everyone is invited to the Current Issues class for a guest presentation by Rick Morris on "**Climate Crisis and Genesis.**"

**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 and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.  
**Worship with communion and imposition of ashes** at 6:30 p.m. Singing: Chancel Choir. Ringing: Jubilate Deo.

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7:30	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

**SATURDAY – March 4**

**World Day of Prayer**, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held 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.

**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.

February 12 we celebrated **Blanket Sunday**. 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 office any time in February.

**Among Our Church Family**

Congratulations to Jane Hallman on the birth of her grandson Nikhil Kant Hallman, born February 6 to Matt Hallman and his wife Nita Khandelwal in Seattle.

Congratulations to Susanna Stone and Jake Wright on the birth of their son, Edward "Teddy" Warren Stone-Wright, February 9.