

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**March 19, 2017**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

**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**

Prelude on *Herzliebster Jesu*  
(See notes on page 4.)  
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Fred Gramman

*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) Gayle Jones  
(11:00) Mary Huie

*O come, let us worship and bow down;*

**Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

*The hour is coming and is now here.*

**In spirit and truth, let us worship God.**

## ◆ **Hymn 829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

## **Call to Reconciliation** (please be seated)

*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting  
in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.*

## **Silent Confession**

## **Kyrie 604**

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

**Words of Life**

*This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.**

*Once we were lost and dead,*

**Now Christ has become our life and salvation.**

*In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ **Response 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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◆ **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** (please be seated)

Lisa Riggle

**Reading from the Gospels**

John 4:5-42

**Anthem** (8:30)

Be Thou with Me  
Chancel Choir

Johann W. Franck, arr. M.J. Luvaas  
Text by Agnes P. Olsen

Be thou with me through the night that I may see the day so bright. Oh, thank Thee for the hope we have in Thee. Take Thou my hand near Thee to stand. All they rejoice who lay their trust in Thee, our Savior, forever Thine to be. Song of triumph praise Thy name above all earthly joy proclaim! Enlighten mine eyes to see the way: Be Thou with me, oh Father most high.

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**Voluntary** (11:00)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Karl Osterland

## Time for All Our Young Worshippers

**Hymn 487** (stanza 1)      These Treasured Children      PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.

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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 Epistles**      Romans 5:1-11

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**      *Doing Business by Forgiveness*      Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

## **Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 435**      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy      IN BABILONE

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**      from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 2

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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

**Offertory**      Go, My Children, with My Blessing      Sam Batt Owens

◆ **Offertory Response**      KINGDOM

For the gifts which you have given, for the love which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**O Lord, you are our God; we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending**

◆ **Hymn 610**      O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing      AZMON

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response 215** (stanza 1)      What Wondrous Love Is This      WONDROUS LOVE

## Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

David Evan Thomas

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.

Fred Gramman, organist of the American Church in Paris, arranged three hymn tunes into today's prelude: *Herzliebster Jesu*, hymn 218 (Ah, Holy Jesus); *Kedron*, hymn 256 (These Things Did Thomas Count as Real); and *Victimae paschali laudes* (Gregorian Chant for Easter).

Our thanks to Paul Kingsbury for loaning us his Petit and Fritsen handbells for the *Kedron* tune, and to Christ United Methodist Church for loaning us the handbells for the *Victimae paschali* chant rung from the bell tree.



## We invite you to share in our Lenten activities.

### Services of Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

- March 26 Choir Cantata with Chancel Choir and orchestra at 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
April 9 Palm Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.  
April 13 Maundy Thursday service of worship and communion at 7 p.m.  
April 16 Easter Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

### A Festival of Music ~ Wednesday Lenten Organ Recitals

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

- March 22 Sue Fortney Walby, organist / First Presbyterian Church, LaCrosse, Wisconsin  
March 29 Rev. David Tryggstad, organist / Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Superior, Wisconsin  
April 5 Rev. Matthew Lehman, organist / Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Prior Lake, Minnesota

### A Festival of Music

4 p.m.

- April 2 Brass Roots Trio, with trumpet, French horn, and piano, encompasses a wide range in styles in unique arrangements of such notables as Gershwin, Copland, Brubeck, Rossini, and Fauré. The ensemble is from Flemington, New Jersey.

### Lenten Study Opportunities

Adult Education / Sundays at 9:40 a.m.: Kerygma Bible Study and Current Issues.

Bible Study / Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* led by Rev. T. J. Parlette. The study is based on a book of the same title by Adam Hamilton.

The Presbyterians Today 2017 Lenten Devotional booklet, *Meeting Jesus*, is available in the office and at the Welcome desk. A Lenten Sharing, which highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care to God's people around the world, is also available.

## About Our Church

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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 March 19 – March 26 (and beyond)***

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### **SUNDAY – March 19**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Peter, Carol and Jeff Carryer in memory of Michael John Carryer.

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 (E-207)

9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study of Matthew* in south fireside room (A-104)

9:40 a.m.: Join the *Parenting Support Group* at their table in the social hall for a discussion on "Planting Seeds of Faith: Instilling Christian Principles in Our Kids."

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

### **MONDAY – March 20**

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

### **TUESDAY – March 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 – March 22**

A Festival of Music is hosting **Noonday Organ Recitals** from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. each Wednesday in Lent. Today's guest musician is Sue Fortney Walby, organist at First Presbyterian Church in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

**Lenten Bible Study Opportunity.** Rev. Parlette is leading a Lenten Bible study on "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul" from 6:30-8 p.m. in the lounge. The study is based on the book by Adam Hamilton.

<b>Wednesday Activities</b>	
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	Bible study – "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul" led by Rev. Parlette.
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

### **THURSDAY – March 23**

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

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

### **SATURDAY – March 25**

**Cantata rehearsal** at 1 p.m. for orchestra, 2 p.m. for singers, and 2:30 p.m. for handbell ringers.

### **SUNDAY – March 26 (Cantata Sunday)**

**Worship** at 8:30 and 11 a.m. The Chancel Choir and orchestra will present two cantatas, *Great Is the Lord* by Andrew Carter and *Te Deum* by John Rutter.

**Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan**, PCUSA mission co-workers in Bangladesh, will talk about their work at a special presentation from 9:40-10:45 a.m. in the activity center.

### **WEDNESDAY – March 29**

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

Guest recitalist for the March 22 **Noonday Organ Recital** will be Rev. David Tryggestad, organist at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Superior, Wisconsin.

### **SUNDAY – April 2**

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

**A Festival of Music** will present the Brass Roots Trio in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

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

To accommodate those attending the Noonday Organ Recitals, **please do \*not\* park in the parking lot** between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent. Thank you!

Celebrate our **Easter Garden** with a donation of \$15. To contribute, put your check (note for Easter flowers) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. After Easter services the Deacons will deliver the plants to our C.A.R.E. members.

The **P.W. rummage sale** is scheduled Saturday, May 20. Donations may be brought to church beginning Monday, May 8. Many volunteers will be needed the week of May 15! We are particularly looking for an additional co-chair to work with Judy Kruesel and Sally Brooks. Please call Judy (250-5128) or Sally (281-5802) if you are interested.

March is **Minnesota FoodShare** month. This annual drive raises one-half the food that is distributed through Channel One during the year. Your non-perishable food donations can go in the barrel in the atrium or write a check to "FPC" and designate it for "Channel One." Envelopes are in the pew racks.

#### *Faith In Action*

Do you remember Rev. Parlette's recent sermon that included the "Human Library" highlight? Of course you do. As you recall, Human Libraries work like regular libraries except the books are people. The Human Library is an interactive exploration of what makes us unique and what makes us all human. Watch for details as we approach the F.P.C. spring "Forums@First." It will be Tuesday, May 30 and will be an "Intro to Human Libraries." Think about what 'book' you might want to check out. (Social Concerns Committee)

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

We extend our congratulations to Daniel Moore, who will celebrate his 91st birthday March 21.