

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
March 26, 2017
Fourth 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

Canzon duodecimi toni
Brass and organ

Giovanni Gabrieli

*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.

Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

Minute for Mission for Bangladesh

Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack.

God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.

God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

◆ **Hymn 667**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord:
to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil.*

**Knowing that we most often turn from the light, we bring our confession to
God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our
hearts may be illumined by grace.**

Let us bring our confession to God.

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

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We try to keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Words of Life

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

We will live as children of the light, for Christ shines upon us. Amen.

◆ **Response 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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

◆ **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!

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.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (please be seated)

Lisa Riggle

Lord, let me be a ves - sel through - which your love is
poured; — let it fill me, wash o - ver me, — cov - er me ev - er more.

A Weaving of Scriptures

Psalm 23 blended with Ephesians 5:8-14 (*The Message*)

Cantata

Great Is the Lord (See insert for text.)

Andrew Carter

Chancel Choir and orchestra

Soloists: Elizabeth Woolner and James Sessler

- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 3

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 the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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.

Cantata Te Deum (See insert for text.) John Rutter
Chancel Choir and orchestra

A Prayer in Two Voices and The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory Prelude from Suite Lyrique John Rutter
Mary Schneckloth, harp

- ◆ **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**
In gratitude, O God we come before you, into your house and into your presence. Accept these, our gifts and offerings, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 450** Be Thou My Vision SLANE

◆ **Benediction**

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

Postlude Worthy Is the Lamb from MESSIAH G. F. Handel

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.

We thank these people for sharing their ministries with us today:

Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church

Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Soloists: Elizabeth Woolner and James Sessler

Orchestra:

Violin: Joan Elkins, Dwight Jennings, Anne Judisch, Amy Lindstrom, Melissa Wobig

Viola: Kara Bjur, Grafton Parlette, John Vettel

'cello: Lea Dacy, Kay Tate

Bass: Blake Bonde

Flute: Carolyn Beck, Anne Gyura, Chelsea Rostad

Oboe: Gabrielle Alvarado, Kristina Hesby

Clarinet: Jennifer Matoush, Kristen Perkins

Bassoon: Timothy Wells, Angela Whitcomb

Horn: Andrea Sivertson, Ellington Starks

Trumpet: Warren Bandel, Lettie Eckberg,
Andrew Thoreson

Trombone: Dennis McMillin, Ryan Perkins

Tuba: Paul Herr

Percussion: Jeremy Braun, Gabe Perkins

Organ: Lois Marsh

Harp: Mary Schneekloth

Conductor: Lee Afdahl



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 29 Rev. David Tryggestad, 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

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor

Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor

Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist

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is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Great Is the Lord

Andrew Carter

1. Great Is the Lord (Psalm 145:3,4)

Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised: there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another: and declare thy mighty pow'r.

2. For the Beauty of the Earth (Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, *alt.*)

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Father, unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: Father, unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and brain's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Father, unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, fiends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: Father, unto thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our world so freely giv'n, graces, human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n: Father, unto thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

3. The Lord Is Gracious and Merciful (Psalm 145: 8, 9, 15; John 15:12)

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long suff'ring, and of great goodness. The Lord is loving to everyone, and his mercy is over all his work.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord. *This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.*

4. I Am the Vine (John 15:5)

I am the vine, and you are the branches; you are the branches, I am the vine. He that abides in me, and I in him, the same bringeth much fruit.

5. I Am the Vine (Andrew Carter Based on *NORTHRIDGE*)

Thou art the vine, we are the branches and are thine; Thou art the vine, and we a part in your design; Alleluia!

Thou are the root, and we the tendrils and the shoot; Thou art the root, and we the tenders of the fruit; Alleluia!

God give us grace within this place to grow anew in all things true; Alleluia. Our voices raise in endless praise: Alleluia.

Thou are the vine, Thou art the living bread and wine; Thou art the vine, to sing your praise our hearts combine; Alleluia!

Thou art the life of ev'ry tree; come, Holy Lord, and spring in me; Alleluia. May nature's voice with us rejoice: Alleluia.

Thou art the vine, we are the branches and are thine; Thou art the vine, and we a part in your design; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Te Deum

John Rutter

Translation from the Book of Common Prayer

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers
therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man :
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Calendar for the week of March 26 – April 2 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – March 26

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Sylvia Swede in memory of Charlotte and Benjamin Swede, Don Koch, and Nathan Koch.

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: This week the Current Events Class will meet in the activity center for the presentation by the Morgans.*

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

The **Chancel Choir and orchestra** are presenting two cantatas, *Great Is the Lord* by Andrew Carter and *Te Deum* by John Rutter, at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services today.

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.

TUESDAY – March 28

Chancel Guild will meet at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – March 29

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 Rev. David Tryggstad, organist at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Superior, 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.

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

THURSDAY – March 30

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for the church office to receive donations for **Minnesota FoodShare**.

SUNDAY – April 2

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

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services April 2 and available to take your blood pressure.

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

TUESDAY – April 4

Grief Support Group meets at 11 a.m. in the library.

Board of Deacons will 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 – April 5

Because of Spring Break, all **Wednesday activities are cancelled** except as noted below.

Guest recitalist for the April 5 **Noonday Organ Recital** will be Rev. Matthew Lehman, organist at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

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

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.

SUNDAY – April 9 (Palm Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

THURSDAY – April 13 (Maundy Thursday)

Worship and communion at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY – April 14

Ecumenical **Good Friday service** at noon at Zumbro Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY – April 15

Easter Egg Event for children through 5th grade from 9:30-11 a.m. Kids should bring their own baskets to fill with candy and prizes and bring their own hard boiled eggs to dye! Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children, particularly those in pre-school.

SUNDAY – April 16 (Easter)

Easter services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Note: the times of the services have changed from previous years and there are only two services this year.

Easter Brunch will be served between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday. No reservations are necessary. A freewill offering will be taken for a local organization that will be selected by the youth group.



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.

The **Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women** in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater, on Saturday, April 22. PW will pay for the registration, which includes lunch, for all who wish to attend. Please register with Peg Parsons, PW treasurer, by April 13. The theme is "Caring for Yourself and Others." The mission project for spring is baby kits that will go to the Rural Health Initiative in Sierra Leone.

Faith In Action. Do you remember Rev.

Parlette's recent sermon that included the "Human Library" highlight? 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)

Gregg and Becky Erickson have started a local nonprofit with the mission to educate, advocate, counsel and support those impacted by Neurofibromatosis in our region. One of its most vital programs, which advocates to secure vital research funding at the federal level, needs your help. If you would like to learn more, please visit the church office today and pick up a page explaining how you can make a difference for one of our own and so many others, right now. God Bless!

Among Our Church Family

We extend our condolences to Marian and James Dyck on the death of Marian's father. Philip Monroe, March 14..

We extend our condolences to Sally Evans on the death of her mother-in-law, Margaret Evans, March 18.

Statement of Mission *First Presbyterian Church* *Rochester, Minnesota*

- The mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Rochester is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, our church shall work toward the following goals:
- To nurture the members of the church with a strong worship experience and compassionate pastoral leadership
- To encourage active participation in worship by individuals and families
- To strengthen faith and commitment by promoting vital Christian education, music, and fellowship programs for all ages
- To be a caring church community that ministers to individual needs
- To recognize our unique opportunity to minister to the spiritual needs of visitors to the medical center
- To share our faith through mission and social concern outreach in both the local and world community
- To maintain strong ties with Presbytery, Synod and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to fulfill our responsibilities toward these bodies