

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Welcome to worship this morning.

- First Presbyterian Church welcomes families with young children. Staffed nursery care is available during worship. 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 Easter Brunch in the social hall from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. Cost is a freewill donation with the proceeds benefiting Feed My Starving Children.

** As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. **

Gathering

Prelude

At the Lamb's High Feast
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

Lee J. Afdahl

*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

Beloved Church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

◆ **Hymn 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them.
Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.*

Silent Confession

Kyrie 576 (refrain)

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Reading from the New Testament

Acts 10:34-43

Anthem (11:00) Alleluia! Sing, Christ Is Risen!
Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

Terry D Taylor

Alleluia! Sing alleluia! Christ is risen, he is alive!
Alleluia! Sing alleluia! Let songs of celebration arise!
Our hearts were filled with sorrow and gloom,
When Jesus lay within the tomb.
Then Christ arose on Easter's dawn!
Now we can sing a glad new song!
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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 Gospels

John 20:1-18

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response 243

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Message

Our Truth

Rev. T. J. Parlette

A Festival of Resurrection

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus died on the cross, his hands and feet held to the wood by metal spikes. I believe that his body was pierced by the soldier's spear, and even the sun was darkened as all creation grieved the death of God's eternal Son.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus' body was placed in a borrowed tomb, where it lay for three days. (A silent pause)

I believe that the power of God brought life to his dead body and rolled the stone away from the entrance so all might see that Jesus was no longer there.

I believe in the resurrection. I believe that the unbelievable story of the women was true, just as the angel had announced: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

Hymn 240 (stanzas 1 and 2) Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that there is no force in the universe that could stop, hinder, contain, or successfully oppose the risen Savior, my Lord, Jesus Christ.

No nails are long enough to hold him to any cross unless he wills it to be so.

No tomb can be sealed so tightly – by Pilate, or Herod, or Caesar himself.

Were there an army of a thousand guarding the tomb, it would make no difference.

Jesus said he would lay down his life and take it up again. And he did.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus appeared to eleven discouraged, defeated, demoralized disciples in a room where the doors were locked and all hope was lost.

I believe that when he showed them his nail-pierced hands and his spear-pierced side, they fell at his feet and cried out, "My Lord and my God."

I believe that in the days that followed, hundreds saw him alive. All their doubt was removed; their fear was gone. What could the world do to them?

Jesus was alive!

Hymn 240 (stanzas 3 and 4) Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks ALLELUIA NO. 1

I believe in the resurrection. I believe that Jesus lives today – as powerfully and perfectly alive as he was two thousand years ago, and for all time past and yet to come.

I believe he empowers his followers to follow in his footsteps, fight forces of evil, and find their peace and joy and eternal hope in him.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus calls women, men and children to join him in changing the world, one heart and one life at a time, starting with their own.

We believe all this,

Because we believe in the resurrection!

◆ **Hymn 254** That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Our Response

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

Invitation to the Offering

God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

Offertory

At the Offertory Christ Is Risen [1 Corinthians 15: 20, 21, 53, 55 (KJV, 1611)] Paul Sjolund
Chancel Choir

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that sleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For this corruptible, must put on incorruption, and this mortal, must put on immortality. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Now is Christ risen from the dead. Alleluia.

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◆ **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**

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offerings of our lives in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forevermore. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 248** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response** Hallelujah! from MESSIAH G. F. Handel
Please return the music to the ushers after the service.

Postlude Toccata from SYMPHONY V Charles Marie Widor

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 members and friends for contributing to the Easter Flower Fund. Deacons will deliver the flowers to our C.A.R.E. members after today's services.

Ken and Marylynn Aalderks
 Lyle and Zoe Abrahamson
 Lee Afdahl and Van Jacobsen
 Steven Aug
 Richard and Janice Bennett
 Charles and Becki Coddington
 Gordon and Sondra Danielson
 David and Char Ellefson
 Judy Felten
 Ed and Fran Gomez
 Jane Hallman
 C Michel and Mary Jo Harper
 John Hohnstein
 Sandra Holloway
 Joan Jarett
 William and Jeannine Karnes

Brad and Sara Kluck
 Jane Kulas
 Donna Lee
 Robert and Leslie Litwiller
 Robert and Susan McClocklin
 Clay and Jackie Moen
 Mark and Michelle Mueller
 William and Heidi Oehler
 Warren and Mary Potter
 Margie Schaaf
 Don Scholz
 James and Patricia Talen
 Alfred and Ursula Thedens
 Dee Tiedeman
 Dan and Suzanne Tolman

Calendar for the week of April 16 – April 23 (and beyond)

TODAY – April 16

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. Special thanks goes to Kelly Mason and Andrew Thoreson (trumpets), Ryan Perkins (trombone), Paul Herr (tuba) and Gabe Perkins (timpani) for participating in today's services.

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.

Easter Brunch will be served by the youth group from 7-11 a.m. No reservations are necessary; cost is a freewill donation. Proceeds will benefit Feed My Starving Children.

Sunday school classes are cancelled for today, but **Calvin and Cherub Choirs and Chancel Choir will rehearse** at their usual times. A movie will be showing in the KidZone (Room E206) between services.

Deacons: Please pick up a plant for your C.A.R.E. member *after* today's 11 a.m. service, from 7-10 a.m. Monday, or from 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday. Thank you!

MONDAY – April 17

Items for the May newsletter are due in the office or by e-mail to fpc_carol@hotmail.com .

The **church office** will be closed.

The **church building** will be open until 10 a.m. so Deacons can pick up a plant for their CARE member.

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

TUESDAY – April 18

Confirmants, their parents, and the Session will meet at 5:30 p.m. for dinner in the social hall.

Session will reconvene at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room for its Stated Meeting for April.

WEDNESDAY – April 19

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.

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 – “Core Principles of Christianity”
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – April 20

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – April 22

The **Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women** in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater. 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.

SUNDAY – April 23

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Confirmands will be received at the 11 a.m. service. A reception in the atrium will follow the service.

MONDAY – April 24*

First Players Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

Endowment Committee will meet at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY – April 29

Help the Bdecan Mission Team make fleece blankets! Saturday, April 29 from 8:30-12:30, the Bdecan Mission Team invites you to be part of the "prep team" for our work on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in July. This year we will be making fleece blankets for newborns and preparing fleece to be tied into blankets by the children in the VBS program. As part of our lesson on Noah, the children will be making rainbow-colored fleece scarves and we'll also be cutting pattern pieces from fleece for these creations.

We are also in need of donations of baby-themed fleece for the blankets – one yard will make one blanket. Please consider making a donation of fleece and joining us for a morning of fellowship! All are welcome to come and help!

For Your Information

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.

Free Books. The Christian Education Committee is in the process of revitalizing the church library. As we take inventory and weed out old books, these books will be available FREE through the end of April. During the week they're in the church library in boxes labeled "FREE"; on Sundays they'll be in the foyer/atrium. Help yourself! After April we will make an effort to donate the remaining books. Contact Rev. Rowland or Al Dollerschell for more information.

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Clyde Newton who will celebrate his 92nd birthday April 21.

An Invitation from B’Nai Israel Synagogue
Yom Ha Shoah

On Sunday, April 23, we will gather at 1 p.m. at the Synagogue to remember victims of the Shoah/Holocaust in our annual observance of Yom Ha Shoah. The sacred act of remembering the victims binds us to them and ensures that they will never be forgotten.

This is an occasion for all to come together in the sacred act of remembrance. Your presence would mean a great deal to our community. Please join us if you can. This event is open to the public, and community members are most welcome to attend.

B’Nai Israel Synagogue (150 Seventh Avenue SW)

About Our Church

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