

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**April 23, 2017**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

**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 coffee and fellowship in the social hall and atrium following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service.

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

## Gathering

**Prelude**

A Joyful Ring  
Alleluia Ringers

Barbara Kinyon

*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 / Bdecan Mission Team**

Jane Hallman

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

(8:30) Jane Hallman  
(11:00) Confirmation Class

*As flowers turn to the sun.*

**As rivers run to the sea.**

*As trees reach upward to the sky.*

**So we life our souls to God.**

*Life up your hearts and voices as we worship God together.*

◆ **Hymn 250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

**Call to Reconciliation with God** (please be seated)

*Death could not hold Jesus and neither can sin. God promises us release from sin's persistent grasp as we follow Jesus Christ. And so let us confess our sin to the One who offers us forgiveness, resurrection and life.*

**Silent Confession**

**Kyrie 576** (refrain)

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

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

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

God, you are the way, the truth and the life we crave. But we are afraid to trust you; we put other things above you. We turn from the way of life you show us. Yet we cannot overcome the persistence of sin and death by ourselves. Forgive us, loving God. Guide us back to you that we may experience the fullness of joy you bring. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Words of Life**

*Friends, God is our refuge. God will not abandon us. We are reconciled to God and one another through the love of Jesus Christ.*

**We are God's Easter people. Let us sing glad songs of God's grace. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and life!**

◆ **Gloria Patri 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

◆ **Passing of the Peace**

*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**

Lee J. Afdahl

O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a  
light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in  
faith and love, that we may be obedient  
to your will and live always for your glory through  
Je - sus Christ our Sav - vior A - - men.

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**Reading from the Epistles**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Anthem**

(8:30)

Rise Up, My Heart, with Gladness

J. S. Bach

Helen Monsees, alto

Rise up, my heart, with gladness, and hear the news today. Now let all gloom and sadness, be gone without delay. Lifeless our Saviour lay. So, too, shall we one day. But we shall know God's love and rise to heaven above.

With joy the foe had shouted, when Christ was laid in the tomb. But now the foe is routed. His joy is turned to gloom. Christ gains the victory. Through Him we all are free. He who was born to save has triumphed over the grave!

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(11:00)

Commitment

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

Chancel Choir; Ariel Boswell, flute

Jesus still lead on, till our rest be won; and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless; guide us by thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let not faithless fears o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us; may we feel thee near as we worship here.

When we seek relief from a long felt grief, when temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring; Lord, we seek thy grace In this holy place.

Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won; Heav'nly Leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us, till we safely stand In our fatherland, in our fatherland.

Text: Nicolaus von Zinzendorf (1700-1760); Tr. Jane L. Borthwick (1813-1897)

Music: *Seelenbräutigam*. Adam Drese (1620-1701); Arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

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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 Psalms

Psalms 16

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Response 243

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

### Message

*The Path of Life*

Rev. Jay Rowland

*\* A Moment for Reflection \**

### ***Our Response***

#### ◆ Hymn 736

I Want to Be as Close to You

DAVIDSON

#### ◆ Affirmation of Faith (8:30) 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.**

### Recognition of the Confirmation Class of 2017 (11:00) (see page 5)

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

### Offertory

At the Offertory (8:30) Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Kristina Langlois

(11:00)

We Walk by Faith  
Chancel Choir

Kenneth T. Kosche

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke;  
But we believe him near. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod; But in His  
promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near and seek you  
where You are found: That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light we may behold You  
as You are, with full and endless sight.

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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**  
**Generous God, we pray that you will bless and multiply these offerings,  
 pledges, and each one of us so that together we may witness the joy of your  
 presence to the world day by day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

- ◆ **Hymn 767** Together We Serve SAN ANSELMO
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response 547** (st. 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS  
 Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
 In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
 Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

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**Postlude** Christ Is Risen Christopher Tambling

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.

**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**

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor                               | Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant   |
| Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor                                | Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator |
| Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist                            | Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager    |
| Rick L. Morris, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education         | Vera B. Herr, Custodian               |
| Child Care staff: Kelly Bock, Woo-Jung Ra, Margie Schaaf             |                                       |
| 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 (9:30-noon)

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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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## ***Confirmation Liturgy (11:00)***

**Introduction**

**Scripture**

**Confirmation Vows**

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forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Laying on of Hands**

**Prayer of Confirmation and Blessing**

**Congregational Prayer**

Loving God, we thank you for Kyle, Luke, Elliot, Grafton, Ryan, Tyrah, and Patrik. Thank you for leading them to this occasion. As they confirm their desire to know, to love and to follow Jesus Christ, we pray that this day marks the *beginning* of their growing, maturing relationship with you. Reveal to them, O Lord, the plan and place you have for them. Let your church forever be a reminder of your plan, for them and for us, as we follow our Lord Jesus Christ together. Amen.

**Welcome**

*Together let us welcome the Confirmation Class of 2017:*

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to join us in the ministry of the Lord's church, for we are all one in Christ.**

As members of the congregation, we lift up these young people to God in prayer and we rededicate our own lives to God and the service of God's people. May God hear our prayer and give us all sufficient grace to fulfill the promises we have made.

### **Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2017 and their families!**

Kyle Wyatt Doppler  
Luke Thomas Drake  
Elliot David Mahon  
Grafton Michael Parlette  
Ryan James Perkins  
Tyrah Hope Rostad  
Patrik Eugene Tollefson

Joseph and Julie Doppler  
Matthew and Li Drake  
David and Amy Mahon  
Thomas and Juliet Parlette  
Gabriel and Kristen Perkins  
Myron and Susan Rostad  
Jodi Tollefson; Katie (Tollefson) Grabow

## Calendar for the week of April 23 – April 30 (and beyond)

### TODAY – April 23

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dee Tiedeman in memory of Lester and Eleanor Tiedeman.

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)

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

### WEDNESDAY – April 26

| Wednesday Activities |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 4:15                 | Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)                             |
| 5:00                 | Youth Choir (grades 6-12)                                 |
| 5:45                 | Supper (suggested donation \$4/person or \$10 max/family) |
| 6:15                 | Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)                    |
| 6:15                 | Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)                     |
| 6:30                 | Bible study "Core Principles of Christianity"             |
| 7:15                 | Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12)                     |

### THURSDAY – April 27

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

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

### 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 be cutting pattern pieces from fleece for these creations.

We also need 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!

### SUNDAY – April 30

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

### TUESDAY – May 2

**Grief Support Group** meets at 11 a.m. in the library.  
**Board of Deacons** meets 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 – May 3

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.  
All **Wednesday activities** are on their regular schedule.

### For Your Information

**We need your help!** We are hosting the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, May 9 and we need 2 volunteers to assist with parking from 3:00 -5:00, 2 volunteers to welcome people and direct them to restrooms etc..., also from 3:00-5:00, and 1 volunteer to help sell meal tickets from 3:00 -5:00. You may sign up in the church office. If you have any questions, Rev. Parlette can answer them. Thank You!

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 Connie Bowen, who will celebrate her 97th birthday April 27

Happy Birthday to Jennie Orvis, who will celebrate her 96th birthday April 27.

Happy Birthday to Don Scholz who will celebrate his 96th birthday April 30.

We extend our condolences to Tom and Vicky Pileggi on the death of Tom's brother on April 14.



IN YOUR  
**PRESENCE**  
THERE IS  
**FULLNESS of JOY.**  
PSALM 16:11