

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 30, 2017
Third 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

Here I Am, Lord
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir
(See hymn 69 for meditation)

arr. 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.

Minute for Mother/Daughter Tea

Jane Murl

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Judy Smithson
(11:00) Katie Lenn

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

Alleluia!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Let us worship our risen Lord.

◆ **Hymn 234**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 576 (refrain)

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

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

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Reading from the New Testament

Acts 2:36-41

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Response 243

Be Not Afraid

BE NOT AFRAID

Message

What do we do now?

Rev. T. J. Parlette

** A Moment for Reflection **

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 257**

The Risen Christ

WOODLAND

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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

Offertory

At the Offertory

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
(See hymn 529 for meditation)

James Biery

◆ **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 fruits of our labor and the offerings of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 246**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

◆ **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 Alive! Let Christians Sing

J. Wayne Kerr

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.

For Your Information

Call for your help! We are hosting the Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, May 9 and we need one more volunteer from 3-5 p.m. to welcome people and direct them to restrooms etc. Sign up in the church office. If you have any questions, Rev. Parlette can answer them. Thank you!

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 are 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.

Calendar for the week of April 30 – May 7 (and beyond)

TODAY – April 30

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Larry Harrison and Kay Tate in memory of loved ones.

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.

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.

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 Apostles’ Creed</i> ”
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – May 4

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – May 7

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

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services May 7 and available to take your blood pressure.

MONDAY – May 8

Start bringing your donations for the **Rummage Sale**. Please use the cart by the elevator to take your things to the lower level and then return the cart for others to use.

TUESDAY – May 9

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will hold their May meeting in Rochester. See “call for help” on page 3.

WEDNESDAY – May 10

Kitchen Guild will meet at 1 p.m.

All **Wednesday activities** are on schedule.

THURSDAY – May 11

Prayer Shawl group at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

Jubilate Deo bells rehearses at 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – May 12

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, May 7; in the office by Tuesday, May 9; or contact Gayle Jones (993-2443).

SATURDAY – May 13

Mother-Daughter Tea from 2-4 p.m. Sign up in the atrium April 30 or May 7 or call the church office by May 10. We encourage you to bring a favorite teapot to be displayed and to include a card with your name and a brief history of the teapot. Donations of girls' and women's hats, gloves, and purses (donated or borrowed and returned) will be welcome for the girls' dress-up corner. For more information, contact Jane Murl (529-1318).

SATURDAY – May 20

The **P.W. rummage sale** is scheduled Saturday, May 20. Donations can be brought to church beginning Monday, May 8. Please use the cart by the elevator to take your things to the lower level and then return the cart to the main floor so it's available for others. Many volunteers will be needed the week of May 15! Come when you can. We are still looking for an additional co-chair to work with Judy Kruesel and Sally Brooks and to watch over the sale in the activity center. Please call Judy (250-5128) or Sally (281-5802) to volunteer.

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

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Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant

Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator

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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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