

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**May 14, 2017**  
**Fifth 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**

Grazioso

Arnold Sherman

Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

*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) Kathryn Lenn  
(11:00) Patricia Talen

*Welcome to the shelter of God's love.*

**In you, O God, we seek refuge.**

*God is a rock of refuge, a safe haven for us. Do not let your hearts be troubled. We are precious in God's sight.*

**God is faithful and we can trust in God's steadfast love.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

## ◆ Hymn 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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

*Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.*

## 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

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Words of Life

*Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.*

### ◆ Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fath - er, Glo - ry be to the Son,  
Glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Ghost, God, the three - in -  
one! As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now and ev - er shall be. world with-out end,  
world with - out end. A - - men.

### ◆ Passing of the Peace

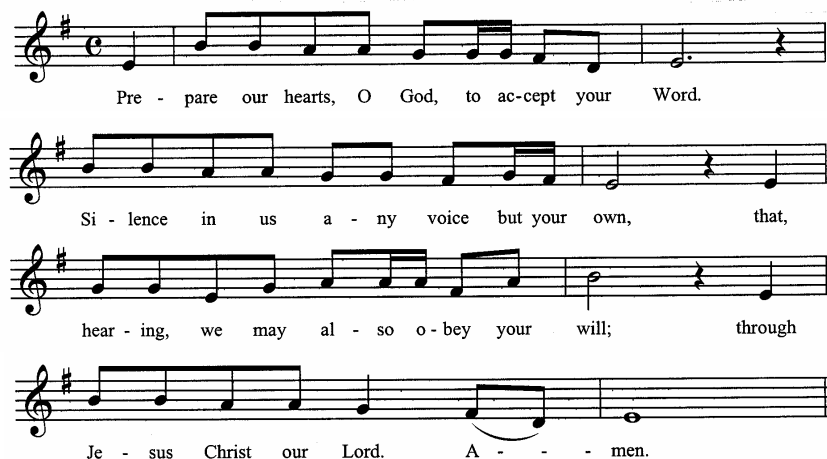
*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

### The Word

#### Prayer for Illumination



Pre - pare our hearts, O God, to ac-cept your Word.  
Si - lence in us a - ny voice but your own, that,  
hear - ing, we may al - so o - bey your will; through  
Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - - men.

**Anthem** (8:30) **To Everything There Is a Season (Ecclesiastes 3:1)** Taylor Davis  
Chancel Choir; Dwight Jennings, flute

To ev'rything a season, to ev'rything a time, for ev'ry purpose under heaven, to ev'rything there is a time. A time to live and die; to sow and harvest. A time to kill and heal; to wreck and build. To cry and laugh, to mourn and dance; there is a time.  
To ev'rything a season, to ev'rything a time, for ev'ry purpose under heaven, to ev'rything there is a time. A time to cast away; to bring together. To be embraced; to live alone. To find and lose; to keep and give; there is a time.  
To ev'rything a season, to ev'rything a time, for ev'ry purpose under heaven, to ev'rything there is a time. A time to tear apart; to mend together. A time for silence, a time to speak. To love and hate; for war and peace. A time to live and die, to cry and laugh, to mourn and dance, a time.  
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(11:00) **There Is Room in My Heart for Thee** Timothy Matthews  
Barbara Depman, alto

**Time for All Our Young Worshippers**

**Hymn 487 (stanza 4)** **These Treasured Children** PUER NOBIS NASCITUR  
Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;  
Empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.  
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**Sacrament of Baptism (8:30)** (see page 5) Edward Warren Stone-Wright  
Son of Susanna Stone and Jacob Wright

*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 14:1-14  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



**Message** *Jesus' Greatest Hits* Rev. T. J. Parlette  
*\* A Moment for Reflection \**

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 301** Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God – who brings Easter into our Good Friday worlds, who brings sunshine after rain, hope in the midst of pain and tenderly calls our name.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ – the risen Savior, not locked in some cold-tomb past, but alive and appearing to the women who followed him, the disciple who fled from him, to Paul, who persecuted him, and to us who seek him today. Christ is risen, and we can know that and experience his presence.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit – the invisible presence of God at work in our world bringing reconciliation instead of hatred, creating communities of support in the face of senseless tragedy.**

**We believe God is at work in the church and in us, creating a center of compassion, a fellowship of forgiveness, a gathering of grace; where joy glistens like dew on spring flowers and love flows like a mighty stream. Alleluia! Amen.**

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

## Offertory

At the Offertory  
(8:30)

Children of the Heavenly Father  
Chancel Choir

Paul Sjoland

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather. Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them. In his mighty arms he bears them.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your protector never slumbers; at the will of your Defender ev'ry foeman must surrender.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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(11:00)

The Church's One Foundation

Charles Callahan

◆ **Offertory Response 643** (stanza 1) Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices.

Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

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◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

## Sending

◆ **Hymn 238** Thine Is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 541** (stanza 1) God Be with You Till We Meet Again RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

**Postlude** Thine Is the Glory Emily Maxson Porter

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.

The service music was written by Lee J Afdahl.

### 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

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.*

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

## ***Sacrament of Baptism***

(8:30 a.m.)

### **Introduction**

### **Presentation**

### **Professions of Intent and Faith**

### **Blessing of the Water**

### **Baptism**

### **Welcome**

*Elder: Edward Warren Stone-Wright is now received into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. People of this congregation, I charge you to nurture and support Edward, that he and all baptized children may become faithful disciples.*

**Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Edward and all children into Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage, support and share the gospel with all children that they may know and follow Christ.**

*Elder: The peace of God be with you*

**Congregation: And also with you.**

### **Response 188**

Jesus Loves Me (st. 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the family of Edward Warren Stone-Wright. The rose symbolizes our joy in the life of each child and the candle symbolizes our commitment as a congregation to support the parents in raising their children in the Christian faith. The baptismal banner celebrates the sacrament of baptism. The shell with drops of water is a symbol of Jesus' baptism. The water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation, the grace of God's covenant with our ancestors and the living water offered by Jesus.*

### **"Faith In Action"**

*"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'  
There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:31)*

The next Forums@First will be held May 30 at 7 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church. Titled "The Human Library," it is being presented in coordination with the Rochester Diversity Council and, historically, has been a very popular event with both kids and adults.

If you have ever been curious about individuals and cultures, the Human Library is for you. It works just like a normal library, except books are people, and reading is a conversation. The Human Library is an interactive exploration of what makes us each unique and what makes us all human. Learn more about this international equalities project and uncover a good book at our May 30 Forums@First. This is an excellent opportunity for both kids and adults to ask questions and learn about the lives from many energetic individuals wanting to share their stories: from law enforcement to individuals of other cultures. Bring your family and friends.

"The Human Library" is the 9th in the series of Forums presented by the Social Concerns Committee.

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## **Calendar for the week of May 14 – May 21 (and beyond)**

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### **TODAY – May 14**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Jim, Marian, Sophie and Jacob Dyck in memory of Hallie, Dale, Philip and Joyce (Wynn) Monroe.

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.

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

### **MONDAY – May 15**

Items for the **June Good News** are due to Carol Evans either at fpc\_carol@hotmail.com or in the office.

**Esther Circle** will meet at noon at the home of Barbara Boyer for a potluck luncheon. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.

### **TUESDAY – May 16**

**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 – May 17**

**Priscilla Circle** will meet at 11 a.m. for a potluck salad brunch at the home of Bev Lewis.

**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.

This is the last week for most Wednesday activities until September although the Bible study will meet May 24 and then biweekly beginning June 14 for the rest of the summer.

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

### **THURSDAY – May 18**

**Jubilate Deo** bells will rehearse at 6:15 p.m. and then gather for an end-of-year party.

**NO Chancel Choir** May 18.

### **SATURDAY – May 20**

The **P.W. Rummage Sale** is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with the Bag Sale and ½-price sale from 1-3. Call Judy

Kruesel (250-5128) or Sally Brooks (281-5802) to coordinate pick up of larger items. If you have Hy-Vee paper bags we can use them for the Bag Sale. All proceeds from the sale go to mission projects, near and far. Please consider dropping by to sort/set up/work anytime the week of May 15, and sign up to work on Saturday for the sale (8-3) or clean-up (at 3:30)! If you have questions, please call Sally or Judy.

**Ruth Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. in the south fireside room.

### **SUNDAY – May 21 (Celebration Sunday)**

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

Please come to social hall from 9:45-10:30 a.m. for the **annual celebration hosted by the Christian Education Committee.**

- Come enjoy refreshments.
- Come enjoy fellowship with other students, teachers and parents.
- Come celebrate another wonderful year of Christian Education, youth and music activities.

### **SUNDAY – May 28 (Memorial Day weekend)**

**Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**From May 28 through Labor Day Sunday we will have one service of worship at 9:30 a.m.**

### **For Your Information**

**Is there a graduate in your house?** If you or your child will be graduating or graduated midyear (either high school or college), please let the church office know. We will honor our graduates during worship on June 4.

May is First Presbyterian's month to provide paper products and other needed items for **Ronald McDonald House**. A list of requested items is on the collection tub in the foyer.

**Book Giveaway Continues.** As the church library revitalization project continues, outdated books are continually being removed and made available for free. Look for the “free books” note on boxes in the library and the foyer and the cart in the atrium. More books are added weekly.

**Many “thank yous”** to all of you who helped at the Presbytery meeting. From greeting, to snacks, to parking, to selling tickets and setting up, serving and cleaning up for the meal, to offering your musical gifts, we appreciate your help. Thank you!

**A New Member Seminar** led by Rev. Parlette will be held June 4 from 10:45 a.m. - noon in the lounge. If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian, or just want to know more about us, you are welcome to attend. Please let the church office know if you plan to come (282-1618). Those who decide to join will meet with the Session at 9 a.m. June 11 and be recognized by the congregation at worship that day.

### **Among the Church Family**

Happy Anniversary to Robert and Ann Groover who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary May 23.

Happy Anniversary to Thomas and Kiyomi Takekawa who will celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary May 23.