

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**May 21, 2017**  
**Sixth 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**

Spirit Wind  
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

John Bartsch

*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) Diane Grill  
(11:00) Melody Tiedeman

*As the sun rises, bringing light and warmth and life,  
so Jesus the light of the world brings the illumination of truth,  
**the warmth of Love, and the Life which will never end.***

*Bless the Lord, O people, sing!*

**Let the sound of praise ring out.**

*Come and hear what the Lord has done,*

**The Lord who has made everything.**

*Come, let us worship God.*

## ◆ **Hymn 804**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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

*Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might  
live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

## **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

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. We are foolish and slow to believe the promise of the prophets. We are frightened and full of doubt, even when you stand among us. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our hearts to receive your word, and feed us with the bread of life, the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Words of Life

*All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God. 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) **If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments** (John 14:15-17) **Thomas Tallis**  
**Chancel Choir**

If ye love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you for ever.

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(11:00) **God Be in My Head** **Andrea Ramsey**  
**Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist**

God be in my head and in my understanding,  
God be in my eyes and in my looking,  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,  
God be in my heart, God be at my end and my beginning and all days in between.  
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**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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*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 Epistles**

1 Peter 3:13-22

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Message**

*Ready, Set, Hope*

Rev. Jay P. Rowland

*\* A Moment for Reflection \**

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 407** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers **NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'**

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** adapted from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.**

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

**Offertory**

At the Offertory

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Cruger, Held

◆ **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**

**Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you now. Bless these gifts and our lives, that these resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world, through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior. Amen.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 515** I Come with Joy DOVE OF PEACE

◆ **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** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Dirksen, Powell

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.

**"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 7:00 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.

**About Our Church**

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

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***Calendar for the week of May 21 – May 28***

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**TODAY – May 21** (Celebration Sunday)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Charles and Becki Coddington in memory of their mothers and fathers.

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:**

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.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY – May 24**

Youth music activities are off now until September. The Middle and Senior High youth groups will meet through June 7. Bible study will meet May 24 and then biweekly beginning June 14 for the rest of the summer.

Wednesday Activities	
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”

**THURSDAY – May 25**

**Chancel Choir** will have an end-of-year picnic at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Michael and Lucinda Cutrer.

The **FPC softball team** will play Men 4 Christ at 7:25 p.m. on McQuillan #1 field (1 mile south of Cub Foods on Marion Road, turn right at stop light).

**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.**

**Coffee and donuts** will be available in the atrium both before (beginning at 8:45) and after the service.

**MONDAY – May 29** (Memorial Day)

**The church will be closed** in observance of Memorial Day.

**TUESDAY – May 30**

**Chancel Guild** will meet at 1 p.m.

**Forums@First** will present “The Human Library” at 7 p.m. See the box on page 4 for more information.

**THURSDAY – June 1**

The **FPC softball team** will play Berean/AT&T Conquerers #1 at 6:15 p.m. at the Assembly of God field (18<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW just north of Cedarwood Strip Mall).

**SUNDAY – June 4** (Pentecost)

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

**Graduates** will be honored during the service followed by a reception in their honor.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library after the service June 4 to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

**A New Member Seminar** led by Rev. Parlette will be held 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.

June 4 we will celebrate **Pentecost**. Wear something red, and if you have a clear glass vase you'd like to lend for a special Pentecost worship display, please bring it to the church office by Wednesday, May 31.

***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.

***Among the Church Family***

Happy Birthday to Melvin Hicks, who will celebrate his 91st birthday May 29.

We extend our condolences to H. Clark Hoagland on the death of his wife, Ramona Hoagland, May 12. The memorial service was last Tuesday at First Presbyterian.



2 CORINTHIANS 13:11