

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**May 28, 2017**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**9:30 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 atrium before and after the service.

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

## **Gathering**

**Prelude**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Wilbur Held

*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**

Karen Sessler

*Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.*

**Let us be jubilant with joy!**

*Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.*

**From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

*Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.*

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

## **◆ Hymn 265**

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

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

*Brothers and sisters, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally. Let us confess our sin to the Lord.*

## **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

Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

### Words of Life

*Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks. 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

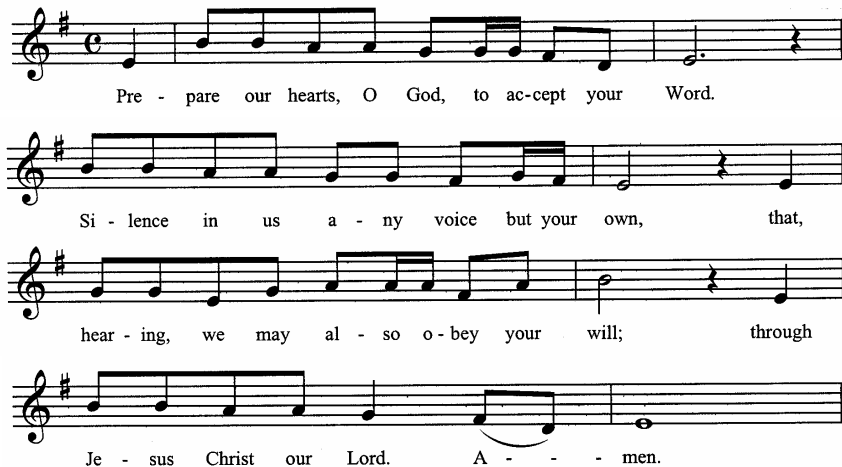
*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**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.

### Reading from the Epistles

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

**Anthem** And the Glory of the Lord (MESSIAH) G. F. Handel  
Chancel Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

**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 New Testament** Acts 1:6-14

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia**



**Message** *Two things to do* Rev. T. J. Parlette

*\* A Moment for Reflection \**

***Our Response***

◆ **Hymn 258** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing DEO GRACIAS

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** 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.

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

**Offertory**  
At the Offertory Jesus Shall Reign Wilbur 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**  
Glorious God, bless these gifts and our lives together that all we are and all we offer may give glory to you; in the name of Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

## Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 268** Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA
- ◆ **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** Deo Gracias John Weaver

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"

*"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And then you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."* (Luke 14: 13-14)

**Title: "The Human Library"**  
**Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2017; Time: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Location: First Presbyterian Church**

The Social Concerns Committee is honored to co-sponsor with the Diversity Council the spring "Forums @ First." This will be a great opportunity to have a conversation(s) with human books. Opportunities will allow you to hear in a general session why human books are so enthusiastic about sharing their particular lives, and how they are different and how they are similar to everyone else.

Maybe you want your child to hear from an addict how they become addicted. Maybe you want to hear how tough the life is of a law enforcement officer. Maybe you want to hear how someone who is depressed struggles with life every day. Maybe you want to hear from a veteran what their life has been like since their deployment, or what it is like for a blind person to not know colors.

So many stories: come read the books.

Social Concerns Committee

### 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  
Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant  
Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator  
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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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## ***Calendar for the week of May 28 – June 4 (and beyond)***

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### **TODAY – May 28**

From now through Labor Day Sunday we will have one service of worship at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lee Afdahl and Van Jacobsen in memory of Marcus and Jeanne Afdahl and Ivan and Nola Jacobsen.

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.

**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.

### **WEDNESDAY – May 31**

Youth music activities are off now until September. The Middle and Senior High youth groups will meet until June 7. Bible study won't meet again until June 14, and then will meet biweekly for the rest of the summer.

<b>Wednesday Activities</b>	
5:45	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
5:45	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)

### **THURSDAY – June 1**

The **FPC softball team** will play Berean/AT&T Conquerors #1 at 6:15 p.m. at 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. High School graduates should meet in the lounge at 8:45 a.m. to have their picture taken.

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.

### **TUESDAY – June 6**

**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 – June 7**

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.

**Middle and Senior High youth** will meet at 5:45 p.m. for their final Wednesday meeting of this year.

### **THURSDAY – June 8**

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

The **FPC softball team** will play Assembly of God (blue) at 6:30 p.m. at the McQuillan Field #1 (1 mile south of Cub Foods on Marion Road SE, turn right at the stop light).

### **SUNDAY – June 11**

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

Again this summer we will host a **summer choir** the \*second Sunday\* of June, July, and August. Rehearsal will be at 9 a.m. on those days. The music will be easy, probably a review anthem or two. Please invite friends and family who normally do not sing with us to join us for these opportunities!

**New member class** will meet with the **Session** at 9 a.m. and be recognized by the congregation during worship.

**Attention: parents, guardians, caretakers of youth.** The popular show "**13 Reasons Why**" has prompted a national conversation about teenagers and suicide. On June 11 parents, guardians, and caretakers of youth are invited to a conversation about the show and talking to youth about suicide. Rick Morris will lead the discussion in the lounge following worship (at 10:30 a.m.). Please note: as this event is intended to be a frank conversation for adults, please use discretion.

### ***For Your Information***

**Third Street** (street north of FPC) will be closed June 4 to accommodate a special event at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you normally use third street to access our parking lot, use fourth street to sixth avenue.

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.

**WANTED:** a gently-used, reliable office machine typewriter for catalog duty for the church library. Donation preferred. IBM or any office-machine make/model will do. Please contact Al Dollerschell ([aldoller@aol.com](mailto:aldoller@aol.com) or 282-5025).

### ***Among the Church Family***

The congregation is invited to help **Don Cain** celebrate his 90th birthday on **June 17 from 3-5 p.m. in Edwards Hall at Charter House. Memories, photos, and stories are welcome!**

Congratulations to Michael and Carol McDonough who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary June 2.

Congratulations to Elmer and Mary VanDerHeyden who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary June 5.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Allen Benson, who died May 16.



*Abundance Orchard*

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

**June 12-16 / 9 a.m.-noon**

*"Abundance Orchard: where faith grows & the hungry are fed"*

***Sign up today!***

*Registration forms are in the church office.*

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**, for children going into kindergarten through grade 5 this fall, is a fun, energetic week of Bible-inspired lessons, music, games, crafts and other activities. It's a great way for kids to celebrate the end of the school year and kick off summer praising God. The programs runs from 9 a.m.-noon June 12-16.

Register your child(ren) or sign up to volunteer in the church office or at [goo.gl/forms/xhrqbbbVWPiVLRn82](https://goo.gl/forms/xhrqbbbVWPiVLRn82) . Contact Rick Morris for more information (Morris.Rick@FPCRochester.org).