

First Presbyterian Church



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Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
July 30, 2017
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Chaconne in D minor
Trevor Dupey, guest organist

Louis Couperin

*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 for Bdecan Mission Team

Marylynn Aalderks

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Cynthia Kunzman

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God is for us. Any who are against us listen:

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us worship God.

◆ Hymn 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God's covenant endures in each new generation. So let us confidently speak the truth
about our own lives, because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts.*

Silent Confession

Kyrie

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine ourselves to be capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in our midst. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in due time. Gracious God, transform our withered imagination until we yield the judgments we trust to a Love we do not control. In Jesus' name. Amen

Words of Life

1 Peter 2:25

What then are we to say about these things?

God is for us, so who is against us? Nothing we have done, nothing we will ever do, is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri**

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now and ev-er shall be. 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 460 (st. 1) (seated) Break Thou the Bread of Life BREAD OF LIFE
 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
 Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Reading from the New Testament Romans 8:26-39

Anthem Be Thou My Vision (text: hymn 450) arr. Alice Parker
Jane Murl and Karen Sessler

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 1) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
 These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
 with love, we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus' name.
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Pass Prayer Cards to the aisle. An usher will collect them.

Reading from the Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia hymn 591 (refrain) Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! HALLE, HALLE

Message Of Parables and Promises Rev. Jay Rowland

** A Moment for Reflection **

Our Response

- ♦ Hymn 823 Shall Tribulation or Distress ROMANS 8
- ♦ Affirmation of Faith
 We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come;
 who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we
 listen.
 We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher.
 Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God
 raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.
 We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us,
 for the sake of the healing of the world.
 We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the
 universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.
 (Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes / United Methodist Church)

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

Offertory

At the offertory I've Got Peace Like a River Hayes and Gaspard
 Trevor Dupey

- ♦ Offertory Response 708 (stanza 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own SCHUMANN
 We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

♦ Unison Prayer of Dedication

Loving Lord, we ask your blessing upon this offering, upon the generous
 people who give to it, all your servants who will distribute it, and all who will
 benefit from it. We praise you for the good which inevitably comes from your
 blessing. Bless this offering into thy service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

- ♦ Hymn 714 God of the Fertile Fields ITALIAN HYMN
- ♦ Benediction
- ♦ Benediction Response (page 4) Go Now in Peace Don Besig
- Postlude Prelude in F Major J. S. Bach
 Trevor Dupey

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.
 Some of the service music was written by Lee J. Afdahl and is published in "Holy Is the Lord."

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Voice

Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go
with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith, stead-fast strong and
true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in
love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to othe - ers so all the world can
see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in
peace, in faith, and in love.

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About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
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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.)

Calendar for the week of July 30 – August 6 (and beyond)

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

TODAY – July 30

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. Special thanks goes to guest organist Trevor Dupey.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by John and Shirley Service in memory of their parents and grandsons.

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 are available in the atrium both before (beginning at 8:45) and after the service.

TUESDAY – August 1

Grief Support Group meets at 11 a.m. in the library.

Deacons do NOT meet in August. Their next meeting will be September 5.

Most committees will meet. Check with your lead elder if you aren't sure about yours – we know some committees have rescheduled to attend Neighborhood Night Out.

Our **mission co-workers in Cuba**, Rev. David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo, will meet with the Mission Committee at 7 p.m. in the lounge. Everyone is invited! See announcement in column 2.

WEDNESDAY – August 2

Charter House worship and communion at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – August 6

Worship and communion at 9:30 a.m.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library after the service August 6 to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

WEDNESDAY – August 9

Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. The topic August 9 continues "What we believe – The Apostles' Creed." The study is led by Al Depman.

THURSDAY – August 10

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

SUNDAY – August 13

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Walk-in Choir will sing. Come at 9 a.m. to rehearse. All singers are welcome! Please join us and bring friends or family members who do not usually sing with us.

For Your Information

We have an immediate need for a part time security (evenings) and Sunday custodian person at First Presbyterian. This would be 1-2 evenings a week and approximately 2 Sunday mornings a month. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please call Sue Kruger in the office (507-282-1618).

We're working on the **all-church calendar** for the coming program year (September 2017-September 2018). If you or your committee have activities you want included, please let Carol Evans know (282-1618 or fpc_carol@hotmail.com)

Vote for a new basketball court at Friendship Place. The park next to Friendship Place is heavily used but has only a half court basketball area. We're hoping to have the court refurbished through the New Era New Courts program presented by U.S. Bank and the Timberwolves. Please go to nba.com/timberwolves/NewEraNewCourts and vote for the Friendship Park court. You can vote every day on both your phone and your computer. Voting ends August 6. Thank you! (Jane Goodfriend),

Among the Church Family

Happy Anniversary to Charles and Carol Smyrk who will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary August 3.

Happy Anniversary to Tony and Judy Smithson who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary August 3.

Happy Anniversary to James and Judy Seward who will celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary August 7.

Job Openings

First Presbyterian Church has two job openings:

- Custodian
- Child Care worker

If you would like to apply for either of these positions, please pick up an application form and job description in the church office.

Meet our mission co-workers in Cuba August 1, 2017 – 7 p.m.

Our congregation has a history of supporting Presbyterian Mission Co-workers. On Tuesday, August 1, we have the privilege of welcoming our newest co-workers, the Rev. David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo, serving in Cuba.

David is on the faculty of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Matanzas, an ecumenical institution which has been in existence for more than 70 years. David teaches New Testament and Greek, preaches in several churches (Presbyterian and Baptist), and teaches in a program for Cuban pastors. Josey is a Christian Educator who works in education efforts in churches. They are also involved in helping heal what is known as the "Cuban-to-Cuban" issue, involving Cubans who left the island and those who did not leave. David says this has created both a challenge and an opportunity for the church.

We will meet in the lounge and plan a conversation-type format so we can learn not only what they do but also what they need of our congregation. Is there a project our congregation could focus on? What about travel to Cuba and some details about groups traveling there? What about an intergenerational trip option?

This is a great opportunity for us to get updated information and insights about a country that has certainly been in our news of the past year. Please plan to attend!

~ Jon Closson / Mission Committee