

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
August 13, 2017
Tenth 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 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less Wayne Wold

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 Psalm 85 Gayle Jones

God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who love God.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace embrace.

May God dwell with us as we gather. Let us worship God.

◆ **Hymn 353** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us confess our sin to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 576 (refrain) Lord, Have Mercy SINGAPURA

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we call upon you: Save us! We are so easily intimidated by circumstance, distracted from your purposes, prone to doubt and fear. We are often presumptuous about your will, magnifying ourselves and belittling others. We often envy the blessings of others, secretly resenting their prosperity; our hearts are easily hardened to the suffering of others, to the injustice that devours them and holds them captive. Lift us from our sin, Lord God, and help us to walk with Christ in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.

Words of Life

Jesus feeds us with his life – a life given to save us from sin. Hear, then, and proclaim with me the good news:

No one who believes in him will be put to shame, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Thanks be to God!

◆ **Gloria Patri 581** **Glory Be to the Father** GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

◆ **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 (please be seated) Lisa Riggle

Lord, let me be a ves - sel through - which your love is

poured; — let it fill me, wash o - ver me, — cov - er me ev - er more.

Reading from the Old Testament 1 Kings 19:9-18

Anthem **How Lovely Are the Messengers** Mendelssohn/Coggin
Summer Choir
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.
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Time for All Our Young Worshippers
Hymn **sung to All Things Bright and Beautiful** ROYAL OAK
Come, Lord Jesus, to this holy place, and bless the children here.
Guide them, mold them in your gentle ways, to know your love so dear.
Text by Judith Smithson.

Sacrament of Baptism (see page 4) Lydia McNear Wood
Daughter of Josiah Arthur Wood and Marie McNear Wood
Granddaughter of Robert and Laury Schalau

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 Gospel Matthew 14:22-33
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia from hymn 239 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! GELOBT SEI GOTT

Message

The Haunted and the Saved

Richard L. Morris

** A Moment for Reflection **

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, Creator of all things; heavenly father and mother; infinite love, wisdom, and power, who is mystery, yet revealed.

We follow Christ, God's chosen one, who loved and served humbly, who healed the broken and included the outcast, who chose to suffer rather than harm for the sake of the healing of all Creation, who gave his life for our redemption, and who was raised by God to new life. In his teaching, in his death and resurrection, and in his presence with us in all circumstances, he reveals God to us. He calls us to serve him for the sake of proclaiming God's grace. We trust that he accompanies us and will help, guide, heal, and defend us through all difficulty and suffering.

We believe the Holy Spirit sustains us, and guides us and empowers us as servants of God's grace. We live as the body of Christ, in the power of forgiveness and the reality of resurrection, and the light 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 Be Not Afraid (Isaiah 43:1-7) Taylor Davis
Summer Choir

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name. My love for you is everlasting; my love for you shall have no end. When you pass through the waters, I will surround you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er. When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed. You are my child, you are precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.

When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name.

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◆ **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**

We give thanks to you O Lord for your sustaining presence. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your abundant provision in our lives. Use these gifts to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name, we pray. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 463** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 547 (stanza 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

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Seth Bingham

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation

Professions of Intent and Faith

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Clerk/Elder: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Lydia McNear Wood into Christ's church.

Congregation: *We are the people of God, members of the household of faith, a chosen people. We proclaim the good news of Christ for all the world! Lydia, we are one in Christ Jesus: share with us at the table of God's kingdom.*

Clerk/Elder: The peace of the Lord be always with you

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Response 482 (stanza 3)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit;
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the family of Lydia McNear Wood. 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.

About Our Church

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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.*

Calendar for the week of August 13 – August 20 (and beyond)

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

TODAY – August 13

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Mike and Mary Harper in memory of James Bastron M.D.

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.

Thanks to everyone who has participated in the Summer Choir on the second Sundays of the summer months.

TUESDAY – August 15

Items for the **September newsletter** are due to Carol either at fpc_carol@hotmail.com or in the office.

Session will meet at 7 p.m. in south fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – August 16

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.

SATURDAY – August 19

First Presbyterian Rochester **Habitat for Humanity** work day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or whenever you need to leave - lunch will be provided. No construction experience is necessary as there are always jobs for every comfort level - from sweeping to hammering nails to using the power saw. Please let Sarah Edgerton know if you plan to come (edgertonsarah@gmail.com) to confirm the location and so there will be enough food.

SUNDAY – August 20

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY – August 21 to FRIDAY – August 25

First Players hosts its annual **Band Camp** from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The final concert and ice cream social will be Friday, August 25 at noon.

MONDAY – August 21

Pizza Fundraiser for Friendship Place. An upcoming fundraiser that anyone can support is spelled s-u-p-p-e-r. Friendship Place volunteers will be at the Stewartville Pizza Ranch from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. During that time Friendship Place will receive 10% of the sales and all of the tips. If you're in the mood for pizza, please stop in. If you've never been to a Pizza Ranch before, you're in for a treat.

WEDNESDAY – August 23

Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge. The topic August 23 continues "What we believe – The Apostles' Creed." The study is led by Al Depman. This concludes the summer series. The fall series begins September 13.

SUNDAY – August 27

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Trail Walk at Willow Creek Reservoir. Meet at Willow Creek Reservoir in SW Rochester at 1 p.m. The parking lot is at the end of Lone Pine Drive SW. We'll

hike the trail that goes around the reservoir and we might even get to see the eagles that have a nest in the area.

For Your Information

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)

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.

Among the Church Family

Happy Anniversary to Allen and Marcia Dollerschell who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary August 18.

Happy Anniversary to Bruce and Mary Ellen Brown who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary August 19.

Happy Anniversary to Neil and Marilyn McKay who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary also on August 19.

Happy Birthday to Pat Whisnant, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday August 20.

Happy Birthday to Omer Burgert who will celebrate his 93rd birthday August 22.

We extend our condolences to Linda Tillotson on the death of her husband, John Tillotson, August 11. Funeral services are pending.

As you know, some of the best kids on the planet attend First Presbyterian Church. The goal of your CE Committee is to create **multigenerational** Sunday School teacher teams. Parents of young children typically comprise the majority of our teams. We'd like to expand this pool. Please consider this opportunity to get to know some wonderful children! We provide teacher orientation, teacher-friendly curricula, ongoing support AND best of all *flexible scheduling*. From September-May, classes for pre-Kindergarten and elementary students are approximately 40 minutes long, held during the education hour (between 1st and 2nd services). We prefer at least two or three adults for each class and we're eager include **you** – whether you can help out every week or just once a month. Please speak with or call Rev. Rowland (282-1618) to talk about the possibilities.

--FPC Christian Education Committee