

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
August 20, 2017
Eleventh 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

Rhapsody
Trevor Dupey, guest organist

Richard Lloyd

*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

Otis Laurberg

Thankful for God's presence with us,

Knowing that God loves us and cares for us,

Believing in the power of prayer,

**And anticipating that we will be strengthened for the challenge of the week
ahead,**

Let us worship the Lord our God.

◆ **Hymn 624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God declares, "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance will be revealed." Confident in our deliverance, let us confess our
sins before God and one another.*

Silent Confession

Kyrie 576 (refrain)

Lord, Have Mercy

SINGAPURA

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Christ, to whom all authority is given both in heaven and earth: transform our
wills and our understanding, cleanse our hearts and enlighten our minds, that
our thoughts and desires will be made obedient to your pure and holy law. May
we grow up in all things unto you, and present ourselves a living sacrifice, to
the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Words of Life

Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

- ◆ **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 Epistles Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Anthem **Eternal Life** Olive Dungan
 Michael Cutrer

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.

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 15:21-28

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Message **Enough Faith** Rev. T. J. Parlette
 * A Moment for Reflection *

Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 707** Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord HALL

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that the Lord is God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: who called us in righteousness, who took us by the hand and kept us; who has given us as a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out from the prison those who sit in darkness. We believe the former things have come to pass, and new things now spring forth. For we believe the one seated on the throne of heaven who says, “See, I am making all things new.” Amen.

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

Offertory

At the offertory I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Marvin Gaspard
 Trevor Dupey, guest organist

◆ **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**

O Lord, as we present these gifts we pray that they may be pleasing to you, for they are given out of the love and gratitude in our hearts for all your good gifts. Use them, we pray, for the good of your kingdom that others may know of your bountiful mercy. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 20** All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

◆ **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 Air Dom Andrew Moore

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.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor	Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor	Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Susanna Stone, Coordinator of CE and Youth Ministries	Brian Stevens, Custodian

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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 August 20 – August 27 (and beyond)

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

TODAY – August 20

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 Warren and Mary Potter in memory of their parents.

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.

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 see the eagles that have a nest in the area.

TUESDAY – August 29

Forum@First at 7 p.m. in the social hall.

Following the Boom: are we ready for aging in Olmsted County. Learn about the increasing challenges for individuals and service providers. What can be done to provide a better future?

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

Congratulations to Ronald and Nancy MacKenzie who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary August 25.

Congratulations to Warren and Mary Potter who will celebrate their 67th wedding anniversary August 27.

Congratulations to John and Ann Mitchell who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary August 27.

Congratulations to H. Bryan and Ingrid Neel who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary August 29.

Job Openings

We are pleased to report that our job openings have been filled.

Brian Stevens has been hired as our custodian and began work August 8.

Susanna Stone, our new Coordinator for Youth and Christian Education, began August 15.

We are still looking for people to work occasionally as **security on Tuesday through Friday evenings** and people to **work Sunday mornings between 7 a.m.-1 p.m.** (open the church, make coffee, set up for coffee hour, and clean up and close the church). If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the church office.

We thank **Woo-Jung Ra** for her care of our children this year. Her husband accepted an offer in Washington State and today is her final Sunday. We pray Godspeed and blessings as she and her family make the transition.

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

*“...not looking to your own interests but each of you
to the interests of the others.”*

Philippians 2:4 [NIV]

**FOLLOWING THE BOOM
Are We Ready for Aging in Olmsted County?**

Please join us, the public, County Commissioners, City Council members and others as key panelists discuss an issue impacting each and every one of us: maintaining our independence as long as possible. This, the 10th FORUMS@FIRST, will have an excellent panel and time for questions and discussion.

The panel members will be:

Dr. Susan Brower
Minnesota State Demographer

Mr. Dan Jensen
Associate Director of Public Health Services
Olmsted County Public Health Services

Mr. Scott Maloney
Executive Director
Family Services Rochester

Ms. Meaghan Ridler
Community Health Integration Specialist
Olmsted County Public Health Services

Ms. Emily Ties
Director Adult and Family Services
Olmsted County Community Services

Dr. Brower will begin the evening by discussing what is happening in our state in terms of the aging population increasing in size faster than other segments of the population. She will then focus on the Olmsted County area and how this area will grow proportionately faster than any other part of the state. Ms Ridler and Mr. Jensen will also focus more on the Olmsted County area, looking at reasons for the growth and the impact on each of us and our loved ones: “regardless of whether we are 90 or 40.” The other panelists will focus on what services exist for keeping us independent, and how, alarmingly, the availability of services will be insufficient in comparison to the population that will need to be served. This will include the whole continuum; from in-home care to assisted living to nursing home. It will include basic services such as in-home personal care, nursing care, snow removal, yard care, etc. It will include helping those, emotionally and otherwise, that are isolated (e.g., living alone because of the lack

of family and friends to lean on), that have just lost a spouse, that are not able to reach out to others or are unable to avail themselves of community activities.

It is also crucial that the “younger” generation participate in the conversations as they are most likely to have an impact on making the changes necessary so as to allow them to be independent when they reach the age of the present boomers. It is naive to think that they will not be affected because they will. Each of us is aging. Each of us will get older and sicker. Each of us will have needs. Each of us will travel the road of pain when we lose a spouse, or are no longer able to have the support of family close by.

Now is the time to enter into that discussion. Please invite others and join us:

Tuesday
August 29, 2017

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Social Hall
First Presbyterian Church

Refreshments will be available.

This FORUM @ FIRST is sponsored by F.P.C. Social Concerns Committee and Family Services Rochester.

“Faith in Action.”

Social Concerns Committee