

# First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day  
September 3, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## 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 Soul Hath a Desire and Longing to Enter the Courts of the Lord George Oldroyd

*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

*The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.*

**Praise the Lord!**

*Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

**Let us worship God!**

Phyllis Schmid

### ◆ Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

### Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Jesus Christ overcame evil with good so that all people might be saved from sin. Let us then confess our need for grace, confident in God's forgiveness.*

### 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

**God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things, but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offertory**

At the offertory

At the River  
Paul Walker, bass

Aaron Copland

◆ **Offertory Response**

KINGDOM

For the gifts which you have given, for the love which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

***Sacrament of the Lord's Supper***

Our communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.  
The wine used in this sacrament is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

**Invitation**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Leader All  
The Lord be with you And al - so - with you.

Leader All Leader 3  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

All  
thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give our thanks and praise!

..... *By water and your life-giving Spirit, you have more wondrously remade us to join the song of all creation and forever sing your praise ...*

**Sanctus**

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of pow'r - and

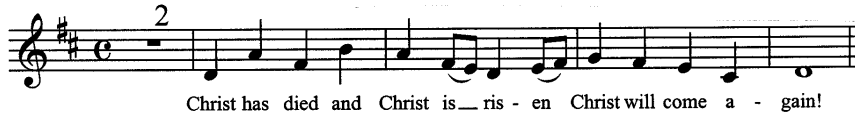
might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

... We offer ourselves in grateful service as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

### Memorial Acclamation



### Lord's Prayer (using 'debtors' and 'debtors')

### Words of Institution

### Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing hymn 501, "Feed Us, Lord."

### Prayer after Communion

## Sending

◆ Hymn 751 From the Nets of Our Labors HAMILTON

◆ Benediction

◆ Benediction Response 748 Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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Postlude Lift High the Cross Charles Ore

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.

### Out of the Darkness Walk to prevent suicide.

First Presbyterian Church is helping sponsor the Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Community Walk on September 16. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Silver Lake East Pavilion; the walk starts at 11 a.m. The walk is once around Silver Lake joining hundreds of others in the support of suicide prevention and awareness in our communities. There is no fee to walk but donations are appreciated. You can also go to [afsp.donordrive.com](http://afsp.donordrive.com) and Rochester MN Community Walk. All money raised is kept in our community and goes toward the education, prevention and support of those affected by suicide. (Terry Lund Whiting)

### 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 Youth and Christian Education	Brian Stevens, Custodian

Child Care staff: Margie Schaaf

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Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (9:30 a.m.-noon)

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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 September 3 – September 10 (and beyond)

### TODAY – September 3 (Last Sunday on summer schedule)

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Bruce and Lois Fye in celebration of life.

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.

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

Pick up your all-church calendar for 2017-2018 so you can plan for the church's yearlong cycle of activities.

### MONDAY – September 4 (Labor Day)

**Church Office** will be closed for Labor Day.

### TUESDAY – September 5

**Back to school** for students in Rochester Public Schools.

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

**Deacons** meet 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 – September 6

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

### THURSDAY – September 7

**Jubilate Deo Bells** rehearses at 6:15 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY – September 8

**Parents Night Out Sitter Service** from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium September 3 or if your child is already registered, call the church office by Tuesday, September 5.

### SATURDAY – September 9

**Sunday School teacher orientation from 10 a.m. to noon.** Whether you are a single millennial or an octogenarian there is a place for you in this vital ministry! We are seeking both regular Sunday School teachers and on-call substitutes and class helpers. If you'd like to help out once a week or once a year, we have a place for you. Come learn about Sunday School ministry on September 9 or speak with Susanna Stone or Pastor Jay after church if you are curious.

### SUNDAY – September 10

**Worship returns to 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

**Kickoff Sunday/Ministries Fair. September 10** marks the start of FPC's Sunday school program year. Parents and children preK through high school can meet their teachers, learn what's new, reconnect with classmates, and visit classrooms. Church committees will have tables in the social hall to provide information about their ministries. Mark your calendar!

### Kickoff Sunday Education Hour Schedule:

**9:45 a.m.:** All families with kids **Pre-K through Senior High meet in the Social Hall** for announcements and prayer. At approximately 10 a.m. students and families will be free to attend choir rehearsal or open house activities as follows:

**10-10:30 a.m.** Pre-K and Kg/1 - Open House/Meet the Teacher

Grades 2-5 Calvin Choir rehearsal  
**10:30-10:50 a.m.** Grades 2/3 & 4/5 - Open House/ Meet the Teacher  
Age 4-grade 1 Cherub Choir rehearsal

### Adults:

**9:45 a.m.** Kerygma Bible Study – South Fireside Rm  
Current Issues – Sheldon Jackson Lounge

**Nursery care** available all morning.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

### TUESDAY – September 12

**Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area** will meet at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Red Wing.

**Festival of Music Committee** meets at 7:15 p.m. in the lounge.

### WEDNESDAY – September 13

Kitchen Guild meets at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday programming** resumes.

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:45	Middle School youth group (grades 6-8)
5:45	Senior High youth group (grades 9-12)
6:30	Adult Bible study— <i>Who art thy neighbors?</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 and adults)

### THURSDAY – September 14

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

**Jubilate Deo Bells** rehearses at 6:15 p.m.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY – September 16

FPC Work Group at **Habitat for Humanity** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or whenever you need to leave - lunch will be provided. Please let Sarah Edgerton know if you plan to come ([edgertonsarah@gmail.com](mailto:edgertonsarah@gmail.com)) to confirm the location and so there will be enough food.

**Out of the Darkness Walk** (see page 4)

### For Your Information

**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.

**Jane Destro** will have a showing of art work in the Wooden Duck Room at Charter House Friday, September 1 to Tuesday, September 5. Her works will include mostly watercolors with a few pencil drawings and other mediums.

### Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Peter and Isabelle Dyck who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary September 11.

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Happy Birthday to Ruth Pexton on her 99th birthday September 8.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Carol Sorenson, who died August 25 in Buffalo, Minnesota.