

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 10, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 and 11 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 social hall and atrium following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service.

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

Gathering

Prelude You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim Raymond Haan

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 Sitter Service

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Judy Smithson
(11:00) Jean Marvin

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.

Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

◆ **Hymn 10** Sing Glory to the Name of God LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Our sins weigh us down, and we struggle to live in freedom and joy. When we turn and return to the God who loves, God finds pleasure. We turn now, confessing our sins against God and neighbor.

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.

Responsive Prayer of Confession

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From selfishness and vain desires,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,

Merciful God, deliver us.

From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences,

Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Life

Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ.

Gathered in Christ's name, surely he is among us, full of grace and truth.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Response 447

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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◆ 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 288 (please be seated) Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 18:15-20

Anthem (8:30)

Upon Your Heart

Eleanor Daley

Chancel Choir

(from Song of Solomon 8:6,7; John 15:9-12)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love, Love one another as I have loved you,

Then shall your joy be complete.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

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(11:00)

But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own

Felix Mendelssohn

Barbara Depman, alto

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 Epistles

Romans 13:8-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia! Praise we sing for God's Ho - ly Word!

Stand in the GAP – Give, Act, Pray!

Hurricane Harvey has moved on, but the effects are still very real to the people in Texas. Historic flooding forced rivers and streams from their banks and submerged homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. We are relying on the generosity of Presbyterians to provide financial and hands-on support to help the whole church stand with these communities and the Presbyterian family as it responds to its neighbors. The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey. Designate your gift for "Harvey relief." If giving by check, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note "Harvey" in the memo. Mail your donation to the church or put it in any Sunday's offering plate.

Thank you!

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 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
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Susanna L. Stone, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Brian D. Stevens, Custodian

Child Care staff: Margie Schaaf

Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn

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

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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 September 10 – September 17 (and beyond)

TODAY – September 10

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dick and Jan Bennett in memory of family and friends.

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.

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.

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

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 north fireside room.

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 & 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.

FRIDAY – September 15

Items for the **October newsletter** are due to Carol Evans at fpc_carol@hotmail.com or in the church office.

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) to confirm the location and so there will be enough food.

Ruth Circle meets at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

Out of the Darkness Walk to prevent suicide. See page 4 for information.

SUNDAY – September 17

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Education hour:

9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (3-years-old)

9:40-10:45: Sunday school/education hour for grade 6 – adult education

9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5

9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1

10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1

10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grades 2-5

Adults:

9:40 a.m.: *Current Events: Beyond the Headlines* (lounge/E-207).

9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Bible Study of Matthew* in south fireside room (A-104)

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

MONDAY – September 18

Esther Circle meets at 1p.m. in the lounge.

TUESDAY – September 19

Session meets at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – September 20

Priscilla Circle meets at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Crafters Group meets at 3 p.m. in the social hall.

All Wednesday activities are on as scheduled.

For Your Information

The **Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women** of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at the Church of the Apostles, Burnsville on Saturday, October 7. The theme for the day is "Interfaith Outreach: Understanding Our Muslim Neighbors." Registration is due to Peg Parsons or put in the PW box by Sept. 24. PW will pay the registration, which includes lunch, for all who wish to attend. The mission project for the Gathering is school kits. Circle chairs have a list of required items.

Have you signed up for your Good News?

You're off to college or an out-of-town job. Have you (or your parents) made arrangements to have the church newsletter sent to you? Call the church office (282-1618) and we'll be happy to add your name to either the mailed or weekly e-mail version (or both).

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 Kenneth and Laura Irvin who will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary September 18.