

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 17, 2017
Fifteenth 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

Aria

Eugene Bozza

Kesarin Mehta, alto saxophone

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 Stewardship

Tom Pileggi

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Kathryn Lenn

(11:00) Robert Kyle

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise God's holy name.

Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

Who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases,

Who redeems our life from the pit and crowns us with love and compassion,

Who satisfies our desires with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for the oppressed.

Let us worship God together!

◆ **Hymn** (see insert / page 7)

God, Bless the Hands

MELITA

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us immerse mind and soul in the redeeming love of God as we confess our sin ...

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.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, you are gracious and full of mercy. We ask your forgiveness for acting in ways that we regret, in ways that take us far from your desire for our lives. We have forgotten to be grateful. We have forgotten your call to justice and sincerity. We have even forgotten you, when life gets busy and demanding. Forgive us, O Lord, and cleanse us from our sin. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Words of Life

The one who raised Jesus from the dead rescues us from our sinfulness. Hear this good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

◆ **Response 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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

◆ **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 18:21-35

Anthem (8:30)

At the Name of Jesus

René Clausen

Chancel Choir

Christ Jesus being in the form of God emptied himself, being in the form of a servant in human likeness, Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death, even death on the cross. Alleluia, alleluia.

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, in heav'n and earth, and under the earth, alleluia, and God has exalted Christ! Sing alleluia.

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, in heav'n and earth, and under the earth, and ev'ry tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord!

In thee is gladness amid all the sadness, Jesus sunshine of my life. By thee are given the gifts of heaven, thou the true redeemer art.

Alleluia, amen!

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(11:00)

Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door
James, Sessler, bass

Moses Hogan

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)

(8:30)

Sloane Cameron Noe
Daughter of Jess and Jessica Noe
Granddaughter of Bert and Joe Noe

(11:00)

Levi Samuel Cameron Wintheiser
Son of Jakki Tai Kraft
Grandson of Philip and Vicki Wintheiser

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 14:1-12

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!

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Message

Christian Community

Rev. Jay Rowland

* A moment for reflection – may God continue to speak to us in the silence. *

Our Response

◆ Hymn 444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**I believe Jesus of Nazareth was and is God's essence in human form.
When God calls us to follow, Jesus Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, children of the living God.**

**I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into obedience which is true freedom
and to service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations
as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

(adapted from "This We Believe," by Bruce Prewer)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

At the offertory
(8:30)

Hope and Quietly Wait
Chancel Choir

Rudoj and Fiscella

It is good that one should hope, should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any pow'rs, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God. It is good that one should hope, both hope and quietly wait, hope, wait.

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(11:00)

Foundation

Sam Batts Owen

◆ 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

**All that we have is yours, O God. Our lives belong to you. Our resources belong
to you. We return these gifts and tithes to you, in the name of Jesus. Through
them, may your kingdom come, here on earth. Amen.**

Sending

◆ Hymn 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

◆ 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 At the Name of Jesus Robert Powell

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

8:30 a.m. Sloane Cameron Noe
11:00 a.m. Levi Samuel Cameron Wintheiser

Introduction

Presentation

Professions of Intent and Faith

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Elder

... all baptized children may become faithful disciples.

Congregation

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage, support and share the gospel with you and all children that they may know and follow Christ.

Elder:

The peace of God be with you

Congregation

And also with you.

Response 188 Jesus Loves Me (stanza 1) JESUS LOVES ME
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the families of Sloane Cameron Noe and Levi Samuel Cameron Wintheiser. 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.

Calendar for the week of September 17 – September 24 (and beyond)

TODAY – September 17

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. We welcome and thank Kesarin Mehta who is playing the prelude today; Kesarin is a student of Dr. Dwight Jennings.

We welcome the Rev. Murray Hanson to our service today as he assists with the 11 :00 baptism. Rev. Hanson is Levi's grand uncle (Vicki Wintheiser's brother).

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dr. Terri Vrtiska and Bernie Swenson in memory of Doris M. Vrtiska and Hilma M. Swenson.

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.

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.

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

MONDAY – September 18

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

Final call for items the **October newsletter**. Send to Carol Evans at fpc_carol@hotmail.com or bring to the church office.

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.

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>How Doth Thy Neighbors Dress?</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

THURSDAY – September 21

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – September 24

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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50+ Solos' Faith/Fellowship will meet for lunch at noon in the lounge.

Our next **group walk will be at Root River Park** September 24 at 1 p.m. Root River Park is a relatively new park, and is another of Olmsted County's best kept secrets. We'll check out the old stagecoach bridge and the 90-foot tall limestone bluffs. The trail is about 2 miles long, and is a nice wide grass covered trail. You might want to bring a camera.

Directions to Root River Park (4012 80th Street SE):
Go South on County Road 1 through Simpson
Go under the underpass
Go about 2 miles, take a left (go East) on 80th Street SE (there is a small gray shed on the corner)

The Park is located at the end of the street
There is a sign on CR 1 and at the entrance to the Park (Mark Mueller)

TUESDAY – September 26

Chancel Guild meets at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – October 1 (World Communion Sunday)

Worship and communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be dedicated.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library between services October 1 to take your **blood pressure**.

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 about 50 books that were donated to the library the last few years have been added to the collection including 12 volumes of Jan Karon's Mitford series. 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. (Jay Rowland and Al Dollerschell)

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Alfred and Ursula Thedens who will celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary September 25.

Congratulations to Derald and Sandra Holloway who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary September 26.

We extend our condolences to James Jacobson, Robert Jacobson, and Shelley Steger on the death of their brother, Roger Jacobson, September 8.

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.

Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, **Hurricane Irma** followed close behind, leaving a path of devastation, wiping our islands in the Caribbean and bringing damaging winds and storm surge to Florida. There are buildings that are no more than shells and boats where boats should not be.

The needs for the response are great. 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.

Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected by the hurricanes. If giving by check, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note "hurricane" or "Harvey" or "Irma" in the memo. Put it in any Sunday's offering plate or mail your donation to the church

Thank you!

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Thomas; German Psalter)

Social Concerns Committee "Faith in Action"

On August 29, the Social Concerns Committee presented their 10th Forums@First to a packed house in the FPC. social hall. The title, "Following the Boom: Are We Ready for Aging in Olmsted County?", created considerable attention from the media (i.e. KTTC, KAAL, Post-Bulletin), from our elected officials, and from the public.

A great panel of speakers reviewed information that, hopefully, increased the awareness of the issue and encouraged a great discussion. The Social Concerns Committee wants to thank the many members of FPC who attended this program and past Forums. The support of the FPC faith community is always appreciated.

The next Forum will in the spring of 2018. The Committee always welcomes pressing issues that FPC members find of interest and are of great concern. Please notify S.C.C. if you have an issue that could be addressed.

Thank you,

Social Concerns Committee

(Ken Aalderks, Casey Clements, Allen Dollerschell, Isabelle Dyck, Bruce Fye, Mike McDonough, Ruth Saling, Jay Youmans, T.J. Parlette, Staff Rep.)

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God, Bless the Hands

Text: Marty Haugen;
Tune: MELITA, John B. Dykes

C F C G/B

God, bless the hands stretched out in love through
Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left
O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our

Am7 D G G/D D G G7/B C

floods be - low and storms a - bove; They search and res - cue,
bro - ken, emp - tied by the storm; Give hope to those in
hope while storms of life en - dure; Teach us to live in

A 7/C# D B/D# Em B/F# Em/G Am Em/B B Em

com - fort, calm, give shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm.
deep - est grief, and show us how to bring re - lief.
har - mon - y, with earth and riv - er, sky and sea.

C7 F D7 G C D7 C/G G7 C

O guide us with your heal - ing hand, reach out in love and help us stand.
To you, O God, we raise our hands, save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
to nur - ture wat - ers, air and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

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