

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day

8:30 and 11 a.m.

October 1, 2017

Seventeenth 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 social hall 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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir; Ariel Boswell, flute

Brian Childers

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

Casey Clements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Kathryn Lenn
(11:00) Dee Tiedeman

Praise the Lord who is our provider.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

God brought us out of bondage and has made us free.

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Glorious are the deeds of our God, and mighty are God's acts.

The Lord is our hope. Our trust is in God.

◆ **Hymn 27**

Sacred the Body

TENDERNESS

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the promise of forgiveness.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have__ mer - cy. Lord, have__ mer - cy on us.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

The Lord is loving, and we are reconciled to God.

Therefore, let us humble and surrender ourselves to the will of God for the glory of the Lord. Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fath - er, Glo - ry be to the Son,
Glo - ry be to the Ho - ly Ghost, God, the three - in -
one! As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be. world with-out end,
world with - out end. A - - men.

◆ 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

Pre - pare our hearts, O God, to ac-cept your Word.
Si - lence in us a - ny voice but your own, that,
hear - ing, we may al - so o - bey your will; through
Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - - men.

We are grateful, O God, for the churches of **Methodism**:

For their testimony on behalf of a disciplined Christian life and for their courageous pursuit of social justice.

We praise you for your people known as **Friends**:

For the simple dignity of their meetings, their respect for the Inner Light, their commitment to nonviolence.

We praise you for the churches of **Pentecostalism**:

For their emphasis on the gifts of the Spirit.

We thank you for **independent churches** and those of **smaller denominations**,
Who are on fire to share the faith.

We thank you for the young churches of **Africa, Asia and the Pacific Basin**:

For their evangelistic vigor, their service to the poor, their witness on behalf of human liberation.

We glorify you for the pioneers of the twentieth-century **Ecumenical Movement** fostering cooperation and reunion in the place of strangeness and frequent, unseemly rivalry.

O God, whose divine Son prayed that we might all be one in him, accept our thanksgiving for the spiritual riches inherent in the diversity of his churches, but remind us even more of the reality of his one ecumenical church, for "there is one Body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." Amen.

Offertory

At the offertory
(8:30)

Come Now, O Prince of Peace
(See hymn 203 for text.)

arr. Jeremy Bankson

Chancel Choir; Ariel Boswell, flute

(11:00)

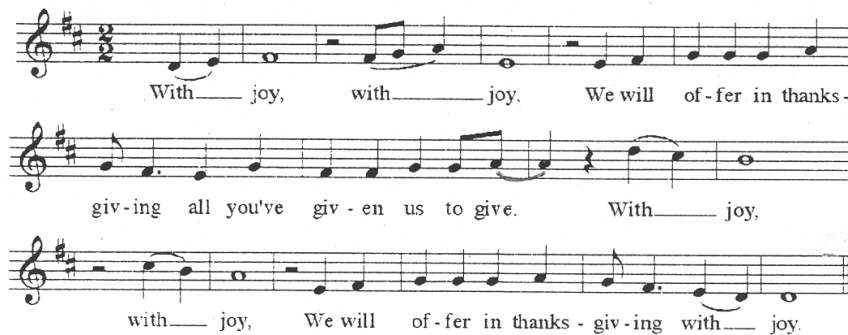
Let Us Break Bread Together

Charles Callahan

◆ Offertory Response

With Joy

Daniel Kallman



With joy, with joy. We will of-fer in thanks-giv-ing all you've giv-en us to give. With joy, with joy, We will of-fer in thanks-giv-ing with joy.

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◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

O God, use these gifts to do your will in the world and prepare us for your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. 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
 thanks to the Lord our God. It is
 right to give our thanks and praise!

... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name ...

Sanctus

2
 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!

... Believing Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Memorial Acclamation

2
 Christ has died and Christ is ris - en Christ will come a - gain!

Lord's Prayer in languages from around the world

Lectern

French – Chris Boswell
 Crio (Sierra Leone) – Melbourne Grovesnor
 American Sign Language – Chris Boswell
 Spanish – Ariel Boswell

Pulpit

Taiwanese – Yamei Wang
 Japanese – Kiyomi Takekawa
 Chinese – Yamei Wang

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 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

◆ Benediction

◆ Response



Postlude

Grand Jeu

Du Mage

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.

Come to the Table of Grace
World Communion Sunday

What exactly is World Communion Sunday? Is it just a day where denominations intentionally receive communion? Or is there more to it?

The communion table is often called the "table of grace" because it is where we are nourished by God's grace in order to live out that grace in the world. The grace we share can take many forms. It might look like the Congolese woman courageously traveling into the bush to ask a war rebel to give up his arms so her people can live in peace. It could come in the form of two racially different congregations intentionally gathering together to address racial tensions. It might mean a congregation working to turn donated guns into rope pumps for wells, thus creating a source of life-giving water for families in Malawi.

Today, as we commemorate World Communion Sunday, we will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. As we acknowledge the violence and division in our world, in our country, and in our community, we are invited to come together to the table and join in communion with sisters and brothers all over the world. As we bring our gifts, we gather with other worshipping communities around the country to strengthen Christ's work for peace through our church. Twenty-five percent of funds received will be used for programs that build peace in our community. Twenty-five percent will be used at our mid council level and the remaining fifty percent will be used at the national level.

What we share today will deepen connections to international peacemakers working in some of the most difficult places of conflict in the world. It will provide opportunities to learn more about global conflict, racism, militarization, gun violence, bullying, and church conflict, and provide resources that train people like us to be part of proclaiming Christ's peace to all God's children.

Please give generously.

Calendar for the week of October 1 – October 8 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – October 1 (World Communion Sunday)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lynn Postier in memory of family and loved ones.

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.

"What it means to be a sanctuary church." The Social Concerns Committee will lead a discussion on "What it means to be a sanctuary church" during the education hour at 9:40 a.m. in the social hall. Everyone is invited!

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.

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

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be dedicated at both services, although you can contribute to the offering anytime through October.

Five Advanced Directives, an end-of-life planning workshop, at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kasson. The event is sponsored by parish nurses in the area.

TUESDAY – October 3

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 – October 4

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

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>The Path to Peace</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

THURSDAY – October 5

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – October 7

The **Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women** of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at the Church of the Apostles, Burnsville beginning at 9 a.m. The theme is "Interfaith Outreach: Understanding Our

Muslim Neighbors." The mission project for the Gathering is school kits. Circle chairs have a list of required items.

SUNDAY – October 8 (Stewardship Kickoff)

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The **Bdecan VBS team** invites you to a presentation on Sunday, October 8, between services. The team will show slides of the Vacation Bible School program they presented at the Bdecan Church this summer, talk about their experiences, and thank you for your generous support for this program.

WEDNESDAY – October 11

NO Kitchen Guild in October.

Wednesday activities are on as scheduled.

THURSDAY – October 12

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 – October 13

Parents Night Out Sitter Service from 5:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium October 8 or if your child is already registered, call the church office by Tuesday, October 10.

SUNDAY – October 15

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A two-week **new member class** begins October 15. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about our church, is welcome. The class will meet in the conference room (A-209) at 9:40 a.m. If you decide to join, new members will meet with the Session October 22 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service that day.

Youth Group outing to Northwoods Orchard at 2 p.m. Contact Susanna Stone for more information.

A Festival of Music will present Gabriel Preisser, lyric baritone, in the opening concert of the 2017-2018 season at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

For Your Information

October is First Presbyterian's month to provide paper products and other needed items for the **Gift of Life Transplant House**. A list of requested items and a box for your contributions are in the foyer.

If you have questions about your **Statement of Contributions** that you received this week for the 3rd quarter, call Sue Kruger or Carol Evans (282-1618) and we'll be happy to talk through it. Thanks for your continuing support!

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)

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).

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Ruth Guy who will celebrate her 93rd birthday October 5.

Happy Birthday to Jo Rockwell who will celebrate her 91st birthday October 10.

Happy Birthday to Jane Destro who will celebrate her 90th birthday October 12.

Congratulations to William and Judy Haas who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary October 6.

Please join us at an open house celebrating Jane Destro's 90th birthday on Sunday October 8 from 2-4 p.m. at Charter House, Edwards Hall.

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. Then followed Hurricane Maria.

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

To date members of First Presbyterian Church have donated \$4260 and our Mission Committee has given \$2000 to this cause.

Thank you!

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist
Susanna L. Stone, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education

Kathleen M. Kruger, Music Assistant
Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Brian D. Stevens, Custodian

Child Care staff: Margie Schaaf

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

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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