

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
October 8, 2017
Eighteenth 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 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

Grandeur

Karen Thompson

Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

*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

Jackie Moen

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) James Sessler
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

**I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.**

*As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.*

This is the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

◆ Hymn 63

The Lord Is God

AZMON

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our errors and is
gracious to forgive our hidden faults. Let us pray together...*

Silent Confession

Kyrie



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

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired. We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin and shower upon us the gift of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Life

Our salvation does not depend on anything we have done, but comes from the grace of God alone through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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.

Anthem (8:30) Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Dale Wood
 See hymn 394 for text.
 Chancel Choir

(11:00) I'm Gonna Sing (with) Over My Head Terry Taylor
 Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist
 I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says "sing" and obey the Spirit of the Lord.
 Over my head, there is music in the air. God's love reaches everywhere.
 I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says "shout" and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 4) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
 Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
 Empower us to realize God's kingdom through our children's eyes.
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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

Philippians 3:4b-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Message

Form Follows Function

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 652** A Grateful Heart ROCKINGHAM

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)
 I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
 dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
 dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
 Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
 forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer and Prayers of the People ('debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory

At the offertory

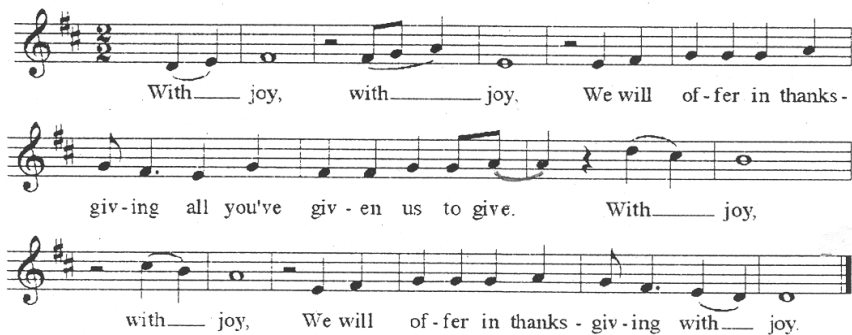
Be Thou My Vision

Noel Rawsthorne

◆ **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**

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts, and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior. Strengthen us as we continue to strive for the heavenly prize that you offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 303**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

CHURCH UNITED

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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.

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
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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 October 8 – October 15 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – October 8

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Vikki and Bruce Wolff in memory of Jacqueline Goodyear 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.

The **Bdecan VBS team** invites you to a presentation in the social hall 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.

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: "Confederate statue removal – pro and con"* (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.

Sign up in the atrium today for **Sitter Service** October 13.

WEDNESDAY – October 11

NO Kitchen Guild in October.

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 – "Am I a NONE?"
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

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.

SATURDAY – October 14

PTCA Mission Celebration 2017 from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Oak Grove Presbyterian in Bloomington. The theme is "Concerns of God's Heart," and focuses on the mission in our congregations that reaches to the community. Register at <http://bit.ly/2eM1o7k>. Let the church office know if you register so we can assist with carpooling. See page 6 for more information.

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 (8018 75th Avenue NW / Oronoco) from 2-4 p.m. We'll explore the corn maze, enjoy a wagon ride, and make s'mores by the campfire. Cost is \$5. 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.

SUNDAY, October 15 – Sunday, October 22 First Presbyterian Church will be hosting **Family Promise** this week.

MONDAY – October 16

Items for the **November newsletter** are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

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

TUESDAY – October 17

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

WEDNESDAY – October 18

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

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

NO Wednesday afternoon activities because of MEA conferences.

THURSDAY – October 19

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – October 21

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

SUNDAY – October 22

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

New Members will meet at 9:40 a.m. and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service.

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, call Sue Kruger or Carol Evans (282-1618) and we'll be happy to talk through it. Thanks for your continuing support!

Peace and Global Witness Offering was dedicated last Sunday, although you can contribute to the offering anytime through October.

Book Giveaway Continues. As the church library revitalization project continues about 50 books that were donated to the library recently 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, the foyer and the cart in the atrium. (Jay Rowland and Al Dollerschell)

Among the Church Family

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

Congratulations to William and Sharon Nichols who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary October 12.

Happy Birthday to Jane Destro who will celebrate her 90th birthday October 12. Please join her at an open house celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, October 8 from 2-4 p.m. at Charter House, Edwards Hall.

Presbytery Disaster Assistance responds to hurricanes. You can too!

Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria have moved on, but the effects are still very real to the people affected by the winds, torrential rains, floods, and the destruction caused by the storms. Their struggle will continue for years.

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 FPC have given \$5460 for the relief effort. In addition, our Mission Committee has designated \$2000 for Harvey-Irma relief and another \$1000 for Puerto Rico relief. Thank you!

Mission Celebration 2017 "Concerns of God's Heart"

**Saturday, October 14, 2017 / 9:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN**

The Mission and Witness Committee of Presbytery invites you to a morning of worship, learning and interaction. This year the focus of the Mission Celebration is on the missions in our congregations that reach to the community.

The goals for the celebration are EDUCATION and NETWORKING with other PTCA churches and agencies who are also concerned with these aspects of God's work in the community. After a time of worship, participants can choose to attend two workshops out of the five offered. A free-will offering boxed lunch and closing worship will end the full morning and leave you time for the rest of the day.

A. "Housing Instability: Hope and Help" Two of the presbytery's ecumenical partners are addressing homelessness issues in creative and effective ways. Come and hear more about Project Home, an emergency shelter for Ramsey county families with children, and MICAH, which is advocating for decent, safe, accessible and affordable housing for everyone in Minnesota.

B. "Radical Inclusivity: How the Cognitively Disabled Can Help the Church Grow and Thrive" We live in a time where church attendance for mainstream Protestant congregations is on a steep decline. And the same time, there is a marked increase in the number of children that are being diagnosed with autism—the most recent CDC numbers report 1 out of 63 children to be exact. Join us in this workshop to learn how and why our churches thrive.

C. "Detangling the Immigration Web" Our immigration system is complex. Do you want to untangle the immigration web and see how your congregation can respond to the immigration crisis happening in our own communities? Come to this session for a brief immigration 101 tutorial by an immigration specialist, followed by a panel of community members affected by our immigration system.

D. "Creation Care: Optimizing the Shift to a Low-Carbon World" With the growing concerns about climate change, come to hear how to leverage your individual and congregation's commitment for creation care.

E. Faithfully Engaging Racism in Church & Society"

Conversation I (10:15-11:15 a.m.) Discussions in small groups will center around brief personal storytelling and exploration of themes including prejudice, systematic inequality, power dynamics and transformation.

Conversation II (11:30-12:30 p.m.) Networking in-depth conversations around next-level "how to" topics of action within the church culture. Topics may include how to get race conversations started in your church or how to be a faithful ally.

Please register using the following link: <http://bit.ly/2eM1o7k>

There is no cost for the celebration with a freewill boxed lunch from Panera.

**Registration is most helpful to make sure there is sufficient food and materials.
Hope to see you there!**