

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
October 22, 2017
Twentieth 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

O for a Thousand Tongues

Paul Bouman

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

(8:30) Van Jacobsen
(11:00)

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 26

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus, deals with each of us according to our need. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

Silent Confession

Kyrie



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

Unison Prayer of Confession

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Words of Life

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

◆ 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.

Recognition of New Members (11:00)

◆ 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.

Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 96

Anthem (8:30) Treasures in Heaven Kevin Sadowski
Chancel Choir

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heav'n, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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(11:00) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Martin Neary
See hymn 753 for text.
Calvin Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

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 Gospels

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message Jesus and the 'Gotcha' question Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake shared human life and human death, even death on a cross. We believe in the love of God, who is the source of all life and whose power raised Jesus from the dead. We believe in the community of the Holy Spirit, who works without ceasing to unite believers of every time and place in their one Lord, Jesus Christ. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

Invitation to the Offering

The Lord made the heavens, and all the earth belongs to God. As Jesus taught us, let us give to God the things that are God's own.

Offertory

At the offertory Earth and All Stars Wayne Wold

◆ **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**

All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 266**

Joy to the World

RICHMOND

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

Postlude

Fanfare

C. S. Lang

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
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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 22 – October 29 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – October 22

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Jane, Lucy, Maryanna, and Molly Destro in memory of Vince Destro.

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* (south fireside room/A-104)

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

A two-week **new member class** concludes today. 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 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service.

Sign up today for the **Octoberfest dinner** on Wednesday. See more information in the box in column 2.

WEDNESDAY – October 25

Wednesday Activities

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| 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>Religion and Death</i> ” |
| 7:00 | Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults) |

Join Christian Education for their annual **Octoberfest** dinner from 5:30-6:30 in the social hall.

THURSDAY – October 26

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – October 29 (Reformation Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Memorial Sunday, a day when we remember our loved ones who passed away during the past year, will be observed at both hours.

Bibles for third grade students will be awarded during Children's Time at the 8:30 service.

MONDAY – October 30

Endowment Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

WEDNESDAY – November 1

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

Wednesday activities are on as scheduled.

THURSDAY – November 2

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – November 5

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

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.

Peace and Global Witness Offering was dedicated October 1, 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" sign in the foyer and on the cart in the atrium. (Jay Rowland and Al Dollerschell)

Hurricane Harvey, Irma, and Maria have moved on, but the effects are still very real to the people affected by the destruction caused by the storms. Their struggle will continue for years. Please give generously to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in these areas. If giving by check, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note "hurricane" or "Harvey" or "Irma" or "Puerto Rico" in the memo. Put it in any Sunday's offering plate or mail your donation to the church

Octoberfest

Wednesday, October 25
5:30-6:30 p.m.

*The signs of Fall are all about
The leaves are turning red
The pumpkins all are coming out
But the sign of Fall we like the best
Is the night of CE's Octoberfest!*

Join us for brats, hot dogs,
German potato salad, sauerkraut,
and more with music by Lea
Jennings on the accordion!

Sign up for the dinner between
services on October 15 and 22.
There is no charge but we will
accept a freewill donation.

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