

First Presbyterian Church



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Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday / Memorial Sunday

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Betty Garee

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) Holly Ebel
(11:00) Mary Huie

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

In you, we come home – to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.
Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

In you we are home – we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

Our spirits are like new grass: at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither. Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

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

Martin Luther

Waken our hearts, O Lord, our God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

Beloved ones, believe the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are. Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a nursing mother cherishing her child. Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ, called to love one another as gentle children of God. 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!*

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.

Litany of Remembrance

Will you join me in the Litany of Remembrance printed in your bulletin.

Gracious God, who holds the living and the dead in your heart, we come before you now to remember those whom we have loved who have passed away this year.

We thank you for your presence in their lives and for your light that shone through them.

We thank you for the cycles of human life, of birth and death, of generations past and generations yet to come, for the joy and sorrow that accompanies these cycles.

We thank you for your journey with us through life and death and beyond death.

Come to us afresh with your Holy Spirit, as we remember those saints of First Presbyterian Church who have joined the Church Triumphant in the past year:

Allen Bryce Benson

Helen Viola Janes Hill

Zella Blanche Boutelle

Ramona Brooke Hoagland

Frank M. Brown

Jeannine Little Karnes

Gordon Kenneth Danielson Jr

Derek Brandon Read

Terri Hannam Ellefson

Jean H. Shaw

Donald Leon Hann

John Milton Tillotson

Donnelly Ellen Heinekamp

Diana E. Wakefield

Thank you for your presence, Holy God, in the lives of these, your faithful, and for the light that shone through them.

Let your light so shine through us that we may join them in your glory when our time comes.

We ask this is the name of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

Musical Response (sung to the tune of hymn #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King")

Praise God whom all the saints adored!

Praise Jesus Christ who was their Lord!

Praise the Spirit! Alleluia!

We add our voices to their song;

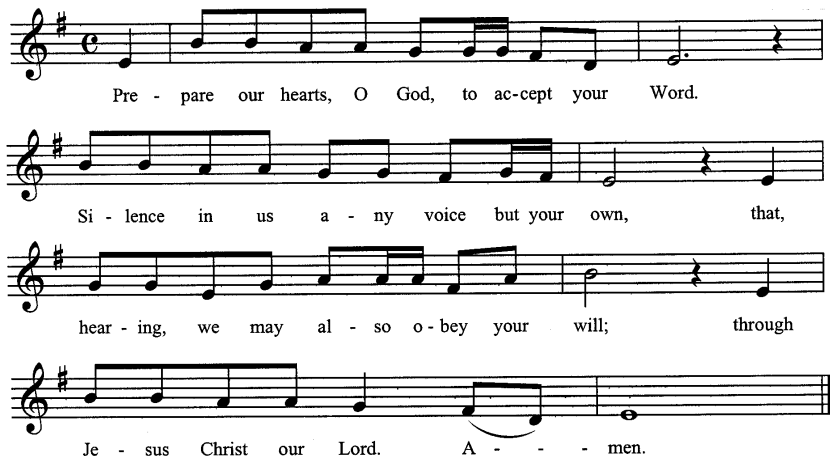
Praise, praise, let all earth sing along!

Three-in-One, God; One-in-Three, God;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 90:1-6, 13-17

Voluntary (8:30)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Timothy Albrecht

Anthem (11:00) **Unclouded Day** arr. Shawn Kirchner
Words and music by Rev. J. K. Alwood (1827-1909)
Chancel Choir

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies, they tell me of a home far away, and they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day. O the land of cloudless, cloudless days, O the land of an unclouded sky, O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded sky.

O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O, they tell me of an unclouded day! They tell me of a home where my friends have gone, they tell me of a land far away, where the tree of life in eternal bloom sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day. O the land of cloudless days, O the land of an unclouded sky, O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise; O they tell me of an unclouded day!

O they tell me of a King in His beauty there, they tell me that mine eyes shall behold where He sits on a throne that is bright as the sun in the city that is made of gold. O the land of cloudless days, O the land of the unclouded sky, O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day. O the land of cloudless days, O the land of an unclouded sky. O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise: O they tell me of an unclouded day.

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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

Romans 3:19-28

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Message

Only

Rev. T. J. Parlette

Our Response

A Litany for Reformation

This litany interweaves Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," with the words from Psalm 46 that inspired it.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All sing hymn 275, stanza 1

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

All sing hymn 275, stanza 2

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

God makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

All sing hymn 275, stanza 3

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All sing hymn 275, stanza 4

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

Invitation to the Offering

Trusting in God's providence, we share not only the gospel of God, but our lives as well. God's tithes and our offerings will now be received.

Offertory

At the offertory

(8:30) And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears (Revelation 21.4) Eleanor Daley
Chance Choir Ensemble

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor crying.

Neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are pass'd away, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and all tears from their eyes.

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(11:00) And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears (Revelation 21.4) Eleanor Daley
Chancel Choir

◆ **Offertory Response**

With Joy

Daniel Kallman

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

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◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you. May your favor be upon them and prosper the labor of our hands, that your glorious power may be manifest to all, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn (insert)**

We Will Trust in God's Word Alone

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**

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

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Wilbur Held

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.

Last Sunday we welcomed these new members to First Presbyterian Church:

John and Rosemary McKee / 121 14th Street NE #801 / Rochester 55906 (John 319-610-2021 or Rosemary 319-610-5269)

Keith Soderbeck / 6 1st Avenue NW / Rochester 55901 (507-282-3801)

Tyler and Kathleen Van Buren / 819 Fox Pointe Lane SW / Rochester 55902 (507-316-1690)

***Calendar for the week of October 29 – November 5
(and beyond)***

SUNDAY – October 29 (Reformation Sunday)

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by The Destro Family in memory of Vince Destro and by Bob Jacobson in memory of Darcy Jacobson.

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.

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- and fourth-grade students will be awarded during Children's Time at both services.

Third-grade students receiving Bibles are Colin Buchanan, Chloe Carter, Millie Erickson, and Allyson Keller. Fourth-grade students are Shay Carroll, Charmain Van Buren, and Elijah Zetzsche. Shay is unable to be here today and will receive her Bible during worship at a later date.

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.

MONDAY – October 30

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

Join us for a movie night! See details under "For Your Information."

WEDNESDAY – November 1

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 – "Consumerism and the Bible"
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

THURSDAY – November 2

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Remember to set your clocks "back" an hour tonight!

SUNDAY – November 5

Worship and communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m. **Rev. Cynthia Ray**, Executive Director of Presbyterian Association of Homes & Services for the Aging, will lead a workshop during the education hour on "**Remember those who forget**," exploring how congregations can better serve persons with dementia, their families and caregivers.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library between services to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

TUESDAY – November 7

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.

FRIDAY – November 10

Parents Night Out Sitter Service from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium November 5 or call the church office by Tuesday, November 7.

SUNDAY – November 12

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. **Session has called a meeting of the congregation** for 9:30 a.m. to elect new classes of deacons and elders and congregational representatives for the Endowment and Nominating Committees. Names will be presented by the Nominating Committee. Nominations from the floor will be accepted provided the nominee has given prior approval to having his or her name placed on the slate.

"Stewardship 2018: Gratitude." Our ability to accomplish our goal is dependent on the generous financial support of the congregation. Please do your part by making a generous pledge and returning your pledge card during worship on Dedication Sunday, November 12; by mail; or in the offering plate any Sunday.

For Your Information

Join us for a movie night October 30

All those interested are invited to join us to see the newly released movie, *A Return to Grace*. The movie is about Martin Luther and his impact on the Reformation of the church. The movie is only being shown a few times at Marcus Wehrenberg Galaxy Theatre and a group from FPC is going on Monday night, October 30th at 7 p.m. If you would like to come sit with us, please contact Gayle Jones (mngjones@gmail.com) or leave a message or a text at 993-2443.

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.

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. To date members of FPC have given \$13,410. In addition, the Mission Committee designated \$2000 for Harvey-Irma relief and \$1000 for Maria relief.

If you're **heading south for the winter**, let us know your winter address so we can send you the Good News each month. Call the church office (282-1618) or send your winter address to kruger.sue@FPCRochester.org.

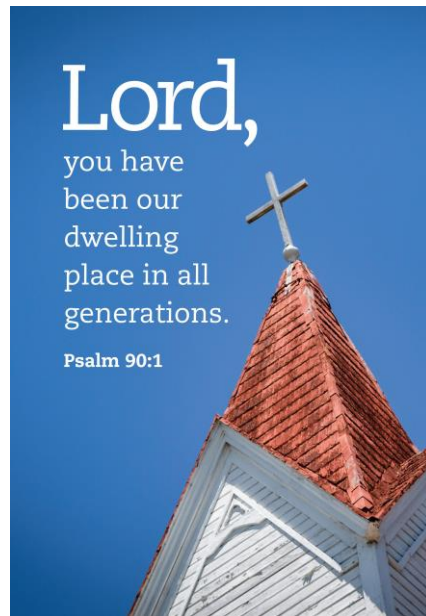
Book Giveaway Continues. As the church library revitalization project continues about 50 books that were donated to the library recently have been added to the collection including 12 volumes of Jan Karon's Mitford series. Outdated books are continually being removed and made available for free. Look for the "free books" sign in the foyer and on the cart in the atrium. (Jay Rowland and Al Dollerschell)

Among the Church Family

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Suzanne Turlington, who died last week. A memorial service will be December 19 at 11 a.m.

We extend our condolences to Carolyn Burt on the death of her sister on October 24.

We extend our condolences to Clifford Gastineau and Dennis and Ann Gastineau on the death of Cliff's wife and Dennis' mother, Patricia Gastineau, on October 25.



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
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Susanna L. Stone, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Brian D. Stevens, Custodian

Child Care staff: Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith

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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