

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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**Service for the Lord's Day
November 19, 2017**

8:30 and 11 a.m.

Twenty-fourth 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

Toccata on *King's Weston*
See hymn 264, *At the Name of Jesus*, for text.
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Matthew Compton

*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) James Sessler
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

*God is our dwelling-place from generation to generation;
our refuge when in anguish and distress.
God arms us as children of light with the hope of salvation;
and God's love is with us in every circumstance of life.
God gives us grace to build up and encourage one another
**as we seek wisdom and abundant life through God's Word
and the assurance of God's Holy Spirit.**
So come, let us worship God together!*

◆ **Hymn 612**

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

*God has not destined us for wrath, but for joy and serenity in Jesus Christ. Confident
in God's mercies, let us 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.

Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING
- ◆ **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.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Offertory

At the offertory

Pastorale on *St. Anne*

Paul Manz

- ◆ **Offertory Response 643** (stanza 1) Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
Text in public domain.

- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**For all that you are and all that you do, we give you thanks, our Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer. Waiting with hope for the coming of your kingdom,
we offer these gifts and our lives to further your kingdom on earth; in Jesus'
name. Amen.**

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Benediction Response** Go Now in Peace Don Besig
- Postlude** Allegro Maestoso e Vivace Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Go Now in Peace

Don Besig

Voice

Go now in peace. Nev - er be a - fraid. God will go
with you each hour of ev - 'ry day. Go now in faith, stead-fast strong and
true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in
love, and show you be - lieve. Reach out to othe - ers so all the world can
see. God will be there watch - ing from a - bove. Go now in
peace, in faith, and in love.

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Stewardship 2018: Gratitude: thankful, grateful, blessed.

Our ability to accomplish our goal depends on the generous financial support of the congregation. Please do your part by making a generous pledge and returning your card with today's offering or by mail before the end of November. Extra pledge cards are in the pew racks. To date we have received adsadf pledges for \$oqewrio toward a proposed goal of \$Klretjkjl in pledges.

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: Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith
Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Tami Rinn

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 November 19 – November 26 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – November 19

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by James and Sandra Walker in memory of their parents.

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 Festival of Music presents Rachel Laurin, concert organist, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. From Quebec, Canada, Laurin is well known as a composer and organist and is skilled in the art of improvisation.

The **Sharing Tree** will be in the atrium today and decorated with paper ornaments representing four charitable programs in Rochester: Alternative Leaning Center, Dorothy Day House, Family Promise, and MedCity Foundation. Select a gift tag from the tree and follow the instructions on the back of the tag. Thank you!

MONDAY – November 20

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

TUESDAY – November 21

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

WEDNESDAY – November 22

NO Wednesday activities November 22 because of Thanksgiving break. The church and office will be open.

THURSDAY – November 23

The church will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

FRIDAY – November 24

The church will be closed.

SUNDAY – November 26 (Christ the King Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Advent Creations is back during the Education Hour! Join us in the social hall from 9:40-10:50 for an all-ages advent craft. There will be NO Sunday School for youth, although there will be Calvin Choir from 9:40-10:20 and Cherub Choir from 10:20-10:50.

The **Sharing Tree** will be in the atrium as long as there are tags to be taken.

TUESDAY – November 28

Chancel Guild meets at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – November 29

All Wednesday activities are back on the regular schedule.

On Wednesday evenings from November 29 through December 20, Rev. Parlette will lead an **Advent study** on the book "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph." If you ordered a book for the **Advent Bible study** you can pick it up in the church office.

THURSDAY – November 30

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – December 2

Help us decorate the halls of First Presbyterian for Advent beginning at 9:40 a.m. We have trees to decorate, wreaths to hang, and poinsettias to put out. There are jobs for all ages and interests. We will have light refreshments to keep us going.

Join us for a special Christmas program, "**Celebrate the Child**," presented by Curt Cloninger at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The show is open to the congregation and the community as our gift to the community this Christmas season. There is no admission fee.

SUNDAY – December 3 (First Sunday in Advent)

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

A parish nurse will be in the library between services to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

Check the **Sharing Tree** in the atrium for remaining tags. Gifts for MedCity Foundation are needed in the church by Wednesday, December 8. All other gifts are needed by December 15 to allow time to deliver them before Christmas.

For Your Information

Pick up a copy of the PCUSA **Advent devotional calendar**, "*Let love speak: words and actions to pave the way of the Lord*," at the welcome desk or in the church office.

Greeters needed for Sunday services. Be a greeter at a Sunday morning service and welcome members and visitors to worship. To volunteer, please contact Jeff Remfert (j.remfert@gmail.com) or write your name and e-mail address on the Greeter Sign-up Sheet at the Welcome Desk. You will receive an e-mail from SignUpGenius showing a calendar where you can sign up for one or more services. Thank you!

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the **poinsettia fund**. The plants will decorate the sanctuary on December 3 and 10 and then be delivered by the Deacons to our 40 C.A.R.E. members. To contribute, put your check (note for poinsettias) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Run.Hide.Fight. In response to the shooting at the church in Texas, below is a link to a video produced by the FBI. "Run Hide Fight" dramatizes an active shooter situation to provide instruction about *how to survive*. Warning: this is a very realistic, disturbing but very *effective* video. It portrays a gunman shooting people and what it would be like to be caught in this situation. As we struggle to accept the reality of this phenomenon, it's important to be prepared and have a plan. First Presbyterian would follow this policy in the event of such an event. (Jay Rowland)

- Search fbi.gov active shooter resources
- Scroll to "For the public: responding to an active shooter crisis situation"
- Click on the arrow

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Elaine Davis, who will celebrate her 91st birthday November 23.

Happy Birthday to Betty Dobyans, who will celebrate her 91st birthday November 20.

We extend our condolences to Char and Dave Ellefson on the death of Char's brother, Robert Lawrence (Larry) Brown on November 15. Char and Dave's address is 1636 6th Avenue SW #16 / Rochester 55902.