

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
November 26, 2017
Christ the King 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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Tim Fields
For meditation, see hymn 263.

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 "Celebrate the Child" Jane Murl
Minute for Stewardship Ken Boyer

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship (8:30) Judith Smithson
(11:00) Kathryn Lenn

We gather to celebrate and joyfully sing to our God!

Together, let us share our praises and thankfulness.

Come, let us enter this sacred space with praise

You O God, are the Holy God always and forever!

You are the Eternal One from whom all things come.

Come, let us enter into this sacred space with thanks.

O God, we are you children, created by and with your love.

Come, let us enter this sacred space with joy and delight.

Let us worship the Lord!

◆ **Hymn 267** Come, Children, Join to Sing MADRID

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

Silent Confession

◆ Please stand if you are able.

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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited the prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

Words of Life

Brothers and sisters, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. Forgiven and freed, turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri 581**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

◆ **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 463 (stanza 1) How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 1:15-23

Voluntary (8:30)

Lead On, O King Eternal
For meditation, see hymn 269

Michael Helman

(11:00)

My Eternal King
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

I love thee, Lord, but not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet for fear that loving not I might forever die; but for thou didst all the world upon the cross embrace; for us didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace, and griefs and torments numberless, and sweat and agony; e'en death itself; and all for one who was thine enemy.

Then why, most loving Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well, not for the sake of winning heav'n, nor any fear of hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as thyself hast loved me, O everloving Lord!

E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing, solely because thou art my God and my eternal King, my eternal King!

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Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn

sung to All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Come, Lord Jesus, to this holy place, and bless the children here.
Guide them, mold them in your gentle ways, to know your love so dear.

Text by Judith Smithson.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) (see page 4)

Alyvia Grace Casolari
Daughter of Paul and Kara Casolari
Granddaughter of Earl and Lana Erdenberger

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 25:31-46

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Response 587 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! CELTIC ALLELUIA

Message XXXX Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 268** Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

◆ **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 At the Name of Jesus Robert Powell
For meditation, see hymn 264.

◆ **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.
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◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**
**Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Accept our offerings in union with Christ's offering for us. Confirm in us
the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to
the sovereignty of his love. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 269** Lead On, O King Eternal LANCASHIRE

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Benediction Response** Go Now in Peace Don Besig

Postlude Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty Helmut Walcha
For meditation, see hymn 35.

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 during worship today, by mail, or in the offering plate any Sunday. Extra pledge cards are in the pew racks if you need another one. As of November 21 we had received xxxx.

*** WEATHER ADVISORY ***

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTC-TV, KTTC.com, put it on our WEB page FPCRochester.org, put it on the church's answering machine, and, if possible, send you an e-mail. Whenever canceling is a possibility, please check these sources for up-to-date information.

*** SAFETY ADVISORY ***

In the coming winter season when conditions can create slippery walkways, we ask all members to be responsible and wear appropriate footwear made for snow and ice and choose the safest path from your car into the building. The staff aims to keep the church walks as clear of snow/ice as possible, but each of us must also do our part for safety by exercising caution and discretion. Here's to a safe winter season!

Sacrament of Baptism

(11:00 a.m.)

Introduction

Presentation

Professions of Intent and Faith

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Elder: Alyvia Grace Casolari is now received into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. People of this congregation, I charge you to nurture and support Alyvia, that she and all baptized children may become faithful disciples.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Alyvia Grace Casolari and all children into Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage, support and share the gospel with all children that they may know and follow Christ.

Elder: The peace of God be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

Response 188

Jesus Loves Me (stanza 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the family of Alyvia Grace Casolari. The rose symbolizes our joy in the life of each child and the candle symbolizes our commitment as a congregation to support the parents in raising their children in the Christian faith. The baptismal banner celebrates the sacrament of baptism. The shell with drops of water is a symbol of Jesus' baptism. The water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation, the grace of God's covenant with our ancestors and the living water offered by Jesus.



Calendar for the week of November 26 – December 3 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – November 26

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by The Huizenga Family in memory of Kenneth Huizenga.

The flowers in the **atrium** are given in memory of Robert Lawrence (Larry) Brown, Char Ellefson's brother.

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.

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 children, 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.

The **Sharing Tree** will be in the atrium 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. Your participation in the Sharing Tree is looked forward to by many in our community.

MONDAY – November 20

TUESDAY – November 21

Chancel Guild meets at 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – November 29

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>Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph</i> led by Rev. T. J. Parlette
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

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 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 9:30 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 all congregation members and the community as our gift to the community this Christmas season. There is no admission fee.

SUNDAY – December 3 (Advent One)

Worship and communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m. A parish nurse will be in the library between services December 3 to take your **blood pressure** and answer questions you may have about your health.

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

TUESDAY – December 5

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. We know some have either cancelled or rescheduled.

WEDNESDAY – December 6

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.
All Wednesday activities are on as scheduled

THURSDAY – December 7

Jubilate Deo Bells rehearses at 6:15 p.m.
Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – December 8

NO Sitter Service in December. It will resume in January.

SATURDAY – December 9

Orchestra for Lessons and Carols will rehearse at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY – December 10

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

For Your Information

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the **poinsettia fund**. The plants will decorate the sanctuary in December 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.

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.

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Richard and Janice Bennett who will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary December 1.

Happy Birthday to Hilda Nelson, who will celebrate her 91st birthday December 4.