

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
January 7, 2018
Baptism of the Lord

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

Sonata in A minor Op. 22 No.6 Johann Christian Schickhardt
Adagio, Allemande Vivace, Allegro, Giga Allegro
Recorder Ensemble

*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) Judy Felten
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters;

Then God said: "Let there be light,"

And God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened, and the Spirit descended like a dove;

Then God said: "This is my beloved Son,"

"In whom I am well pleased."

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 24**

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

(Pastor pours water into the fount.)

A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us.

Silent Confession

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Kyrie 555

O Lamb of God

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are – not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Words of Life

(Pastor lifts water from the fount.)

Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: “You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased.” In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

◆ **Doxology 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ **Passing of the Peace**

Due to health concerns in this cold and flu season, please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.

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

Lee J. Afdahl

O Lord our God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a
light to our path. Give us grace to re - ceive your truth in
faith and love, that we may be o - be - dient
to your will and live al - ways for your glo - ry through
Je - sus Christ our Sav - vior A - men.

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Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem (8:30) **The Spirit of the Lord (Isaiah 61)** Philip W. J. Stopford
Chancel Choir

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord, to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the nations. The spirit of the Lord.

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Voluntary (11:00) **Introit for the Epiphany** Maurice Durufle

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.

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 Mark 1:4-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu ia! Praise we sing for God's Ho - ly Word!

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Message **The First Step** Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 507** Come to the Table of Grace TABLE OF GRACE

◆ **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.**

Offertory

At the offertory
(8:30)

God Is Light
Chancel Choir

Paul Bouman

God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true.

But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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(11:00) **Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning** Robert Hobby

◆ **Offertory Response 708** (stanza 1) We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We give Thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion is open to all who believe that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior.
The wine used in this sacrament is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister/Cantor *People* *Minister/Cantor*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

People *Minister/Cantor*

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our — thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

2

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord God of —

pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are — full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na — in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

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Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you. You may join in singing hymn 533, "In the Singing."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ **Hymn 498** Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken BEACH SPRING

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 547** (stanza 1) Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
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Postlude Now Let Us Sing with Joy J. S. Bach

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 and is published in "Holy Is the Lord."

* 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!

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

Child Care staff: Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith
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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.*

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Calendar for the week of January 7 – January 14 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – January 7

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

Special thanks go to the Recorder Ensemble, including Zoe Abrahamson and Elizabeth Dunn (soprano recorders), Dwight Jennings and Karen Sessler (alto recorders), Ruth Saling (tenor recorder), Brianna McDonough (cello), and Barbara Depman (harpsichord)

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Don McClrath in memory of 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.

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 **parish nurse** will be in the library between services and available to take your blood pressure.

Session has called a **Meeting of the**

Congregation on January 7 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of electing two Deacons and a member of the Endowment Committee. The Committee will present the names of Laury Schalau and Alex Kuisle for Deacons and Tim Smith for the Endowment Committee.

TUESDAY – January 9

Grief Support Group meets at 11 a.m.

Madrigal Team meets at 5 p.m.

Festival of Music Committee meets at 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – January 10

Kitchen Guild meets 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 – <i>Gratitude in the Old Testament</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

THURSDAY – January 11

Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1 p.m.

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – January 12

Sitter Service is open from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up January 7 in the church office or call the office by Tuesday, January 9.

SATURDAY – January 13

Help “**undecorate**” the church at 9:30 a.m. There will be jobs for everyone and snacks to keep you going.

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

SUNDAY – January 14

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

New officer/Session training and examination at 9:30 a.m. in the activity center.

Ordination and Installation of new officers at 11 a.m.

The **activity center** will be in use for New Officer training and examination and unavailable for other activities on January 14.

MONDAY – January 15

ALL Annual Reports are due either in the office or e-mailed to fpc_carol@hotmail.com.

Esther Circle will meet at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

Church Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY – January 16

Board of Deacons and Session will meet at 5:30 p.m. for a Souper Start supper followed by their regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

WEDNESDAY – January 17

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

Crafters Group meets at 3 p.m. in the social hall. Bring that almost finished project or help us make cards for C.A.R.E. members of FPC.

All **Wednesday activities** are on as usual.

THURSDAY – January 18

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

For Your Information

We regret to announce that Brian Stevens will no longer be serving as our custodian. We thank Brian for his good work over the last 6 months and wish him well in the future. The church is currently engaged in a search for a new custodian.

Statements. We will mail final statements for 2017 about January 8. To be considered a charitable donation in 2017 we either needed to receive your donation by December 31 or your envelope needed to be postmarked by December 31.

Each year our church activities are summarized in the “Annual Reports to the Congregation.” If you are responsible for writing a report, we need it in the church office by January 15. The best reports are those sent to Carol via e-mail or a Word attachment to an e-mail (evans.carol@FPCRochester.org).

If you or anyone you know would be interested in working security Wednesday and Friday evenings from about 6:30-9:30 p.m. and occasionally on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office.

Offering envelopes for 2018 are in the social hall. If there isn't a box with your name and you want to use envelopes, check in the church office. We also have boxes of envelopes available for children and youth.

Get connected at First Presbyterian Church. Text the word [connect](https://www.fpcrochester.org) to [507-200-3175](tel:507-200-3175).

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to David and Char Ellefson who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary January 11.

Congratulations to Robert and Ann Groover who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary January 12.

Congratulations to Alex and Katie (Kruger) Kuisle who were married here December 29.