

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**January 14, 2018**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**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**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord  
For meditation, see hymn 432.

Robert Powell

*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) Jay Youmans  
(11:00) Patricia Talen

*The one who calls us together yearns for each of us and for all people to hear and be blessed.*

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

*Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.*

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

### ◆ **Hymn 722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

### **Call to Reconciliation** (please be seated)

*Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sins before God and before one another.*

### **Silent Confession**

### **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**

Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, our neighbors, our families, our friends and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Words of Life**

God knows the hearts of those who seek forgiveness, and by grace you have been saved. In Jesus' name you are forgiven. Amen.

- ◆ **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.

**Service of Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11:00) (see page 4)**

- ◆ **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 receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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**Reading from the Psalms**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

**Anthem** Lord, You Have Searched Me (Psalm 139) David Hurd  
See insert on page 5.

Stanzas led by quartet: Laura Smith, Barbara Depman, Michael Cutrer, James Sessler  
Ariel Boswell, flute  
Congregation sing the refrain.

**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 Old Testament**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

*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**

*Are You Listening?*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

◆ **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 (using 'debts' and debtors')**

**Offertory**

At the offertory

(8:30)

Lord, You Have Searched Me (Psalm 139)

Robert Hobby

Chancel Choir; Elizabeth Woolner, soprano; Ariel Boswell, flute

Lord, You have searched me out and known me! You know my sitting down and my rising up. You discern from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting places, and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word from my lips, but You, O Lord, know it all together.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go then from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I climb to heaven, You are there! If I make the grave my bed, You are there also! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell at the ends of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me fast. In Your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

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(11:00)

Here I Am, Lord

Robert Buckley Farlee

◆ **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**

**Bless in every way, O Lord, the gifts of the people here given. Enrich the ministries of your people and make us grateful to be able to let go of the things we do not, finally, own. Amen.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 724**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STOTORY

◆ **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**

Postlude in D

C. Armstrong Gibbs

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."

***Today we are ordaining and installing these new elders and deacons who were elected in November and January and who will begin their office after their ordination and installation.***

**Deacon / Class of 2020**

Mary Beyerle  
Allen Dollerschell  
Alex Kuisle  
Margie Schaaf  
Laury Schalaus  
Shelley Steger

**Elder / Class of 2020**

Lucinda Cutrer  
Michael Cutrer  
Sarah Edgerton  
Gregg Erickson  
James Sessler  
James Talen

**Deacon / Class of 2018**

Lettie Eckberg

**Service of Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11:00)**

**Litany**

*There are varieties of gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.*  
**There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**  
*God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*  
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit  
to be used for the common good.**  
*Together we are the body of Christ,  
and individually members of it.*

**Introduction**

**Presentation of New Officers**

**Constitutional Questions**

**Laying on of Hands**

**Response Hymn 298** Lord, You Give the Great Commission (stanza 2)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

# LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME

Psalm 139:1-4, 6-9

David Hurd

(Flute)

Lord,  
you have searched me out and known me.

You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
REFRAIN

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.  
You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.  
REFRAIN

Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.  
REFRAIN

If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.  
REFRAIN

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## 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. Kuisle, Music Assistant

Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator

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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 14 – January 21 (and beyond)*

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### **SUNDAY – January 14**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Terry and Brad Narr in memory of Terry's 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.

**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](mailto: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.

<b>Wednesday Activities</b>	
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 New Testament</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

### **THURSDAY – January 18**

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **SATURDAY – January 20**

**Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area** will meet for its January meeting at 9 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian in Woodbury. Call the church office if you'd like to attend.

### **SUNDAY – January 21**

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

Pick up your copy of the **Annual Reports for the Congregational Meeting**.

### **WEDNESDAY – January 24**

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

### **THURSDAY – January 25**

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY – January 28**

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

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held at 9:40 a.m. in the sanctuary. Business to be conducted includes approving changes in the pastors' terms of call. We will present the general budget for 2018 and review reports of committees for 2017.

### **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 mailed final statements for 2017 last week. If you have questions about the information or think we've made a mistake, call either Sue or Carol in the church office. Thanks for your generous, ongoing support of First Presbyterian!

**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](mailto:evans.carol@FPCRochester.org)).

**Get connected at First Presbyterian Church.** Text the word connect to [507-200-3175](tel:507-200-3175).

**January** is FPC's month to provide paper products and other needed items for **Hope Lodge**. A list of items and a box for your donations are in the foyer.

#### **\*WEATHER and SAFETY ADVISORIES\***

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](http://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.

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!