

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**January 21, 2018**  
**Third 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 Firm a Foundation

James H. Johnson

*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 Friendship**

Allyson Maurer

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 62

(8:30) Ruth Saling  
(11:00) Paul Steger

*For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.*

**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

*On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.*

**Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God; God is a  
refuge for us.**

*Let us worship God.*

### **◆ Hymn 734**

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

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

*Let us pour out our hearts to God, admitting harmful words spoken, missed  
opportunities, and foolish choices. We confess to the One who longs to hear us,  
trusting God's promise of forgiveness and renewal.*

### **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

Steadfast God, our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus. Our work provides for our wants, so we become confident about provision. Social media provides instant community, so we become less interested in your community. We think less of different beliefs and cultures convinced we do not need to share your grace with them. Forgive us, compassionate God. Move us from arrogance to humility. Help us proclaim you with our lips, but especially with our lives, to show forth the kingdom of love brought by Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Words of Life

*God hears our words, God sees our changed hearts, God's steadfast love is poured out upon us!*

**We trust in God, in whom our salvation rests. Thanks be to God, we 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.

◆ **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 New Testament

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### Anthem (8:30)

Here I Am, Lord  
Chancel Choir  
See hymn 69 for text.

Daniel L Schutte, arr. Ovid Young

**Voluntary (11:00)** Christ Is the World's Light Robert Hobby

**Time for All Our Young Worshipers**

**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 1:14-20

*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** *Leaving Chaos for Kairos* Rev. Jay Rowland

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 170** You Walk along Our Shoreline WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

◆ **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)

The Call arr. Erik Routley  
George Herbert (1633), Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950)  
Chancel Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way as gives us breath; such a Truth as ends all  
strife; such a Life as killeth death!

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light as shows a feast; such a Feast as mends  
in length; such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy as none can move; such a Love as none can  
part; such a Heart as joys in love!

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(11:00) Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer J. Bert Carlson

◆ **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**

**O God, all that we are and all that we have is a gift from you. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness. Accept these offerings and grant that the cause to which they are devoted may prosper under your guidance. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 726** Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

◆ **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** 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 and is published in "Holy Is the Lord."

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

If we need to cancel services due to extreme weather conditions, we will send that announcement to KTTCC-TV, KTTCC.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.

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. Kuisle, Music Assistant  
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## Calendar for the week of January 21 – January 28 (and beyond)

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### SUNDAY – January 21

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Heide and Helmut Buetter in honor of their grandchildren

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.

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

### WEDNESDAY – January 24

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>How Spirituality Evolves – pt 1</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

### 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.

**Youth in grade 8 through senior high** will attend the annual meeting.

**Education hour** for children through 7th grade will be held as usual.

### MONDAY – January 29

**Endowment Committee** will meet at 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY – January 30

**Chancel Guild** meets at 1 p.m.

### Wednesday – January 31

**Wednesday activities** are on as scheduled.

### *For Your Information*

**Offering envelopes** for 2017 are on a table in the foyer. 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.

**Special Offerings continue.** We are currently receiving special offerings for the Christmas Joy Offering and the Deacons Fund. You may contribute to either fund during January by noting the designation on your contribution.

**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!

**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.

**Presbytery plans mission trip to Louisiana in April.** The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area is planning a mission trip experience to Denham Spring, Louisiana, to assist in recovery, clean-up and rebuilding from the 2016 flooding. Planned in collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the trip takes place Saturday to Saturday, April 7-15. The cost of the trip is \$150 per person, with a \$50 deposit due by February 16. Complete details can be found at "ptca January 5 emerge" and click on the link referencing "[Mission Trip to Denham Spring](#)" in a note from the Rev. Brenda K. Alexander of the presbytery's Mission and Witness Committee

Rev. Parlette will be offering a two-week **new members class** on February 4 and 11 at 9:45 a.m. Prospective new members will join the church February 11 at the 11 a.m. service. Please call the church office (282-1618) if you would like to attend.

### *Among Our Church Family*

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Beverly Thoma, who died January 13. Bev's memorial service will be January 23 at 1 p.m. at Charter House.