

First Presbyterian Church



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Rochester, Minnesota 55902

Phone 282-1618

Service for the Lord's Day
January 28, 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.
- **Attention guests:** We want to let you know what's happening here at FPC. Text the word **welcome** to **507-200-3175** so we can invite you to regular or special events via text, email, or voicemail—you decide which. Help us properly welcome you today!

* As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones. *

Gathering

Prelude

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

J. S. Bach

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) James Sessler

Come! Let us give thanks to the Lord with whole hearts.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to the One whose wonders are to be remembered.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

The Lord feeds the righteous with truth.

Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Come! Let us give thanks to God.

◆ **Hymn 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

The One who pardons, heals and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and 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.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and all-powerful God, who commands all spirits, comforts those in distress, and casts out destructive forces, we confess that we are unable to do your will. We protect what is familiar and reject what is unknown. We admire those with courage but excuse ourselves when we falter from the truth. We forget that you are always with us, and that with you all things are possible. Forgive us, lead us, make us new. Remove our desire to heed false prophets, and show us your way; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

Words of Life

The God who made you and knows your every thought hears you now and forgives all your sins. You have been redeemed through Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who is Alpha and Omega, all in all. 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 Gospels

Mark 1:21-28

Voluntary (8:30) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Paul Bouman

Anthem (11:00) How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

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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.

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

To Be a Prophet

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 610**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 1

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and debtors')

Offertory

At the offertory
(8:30)

We Come to You for Healing, Lord
For meditation, see hymn 796.

Gerald Near

(11:00)

Lead Me On
Chancel Choir

Brian A. Schmidt

Lord, lead me on and guide my path along the way. O lead me on to brighter days where peace is born from a hope that lies in me. Guide me safely through the night, that I may see the sun tomorrow when the new day has begun. Oh, lead me on in times of pain, lead me on. And may my heart be always warmed with thoughts of you.

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◆ **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, we give you thanks for the Earth, which you have molded, for creatures and animals, plants, water, air and fire, for Jesus who died and rose again, for the breath of life. Let these gifts be used for good wherever there is need, in the name of all that you have first given us, especially Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 297**

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

◆ **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

Fanfare for Organ

Ronald Arnatt

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 KTTTC-TV, KTTTC.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
Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
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Child Care staff: Esther Lebron, Margie Schaaf, Taylor Smith
Security and custodial personnel: Steven Aug, Sally Evans, Vera Herr, Jason Kluck, 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 January 28 – February 4 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – January 28

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Sondra Danielson 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.

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will follow the first service 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. Out of courtesy to all those attending, please speak only when you have a microphone.

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

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

- 9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (3-years-old)
- 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 grade 2-5

Adult Education resumes next week.

Chancel Choir will not rehearse today.

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	
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</i> – pt. 2
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

THURSDAY – February 1

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – February 4

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

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.

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services February 4 and available to take your blood pressure.

TUESDAY – February 6

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.

WEDNESDAY – February 7

Worship and communion at **Charter House** at 1 p.m.

Wednesday activities are on as scheduled.

THURSDAY – February 8

Prayer Shawl group meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – February 9

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium on Sunday, February 4, in the office by Tuesday, February 6; or contact Gayle Jones (993-2443).

SUNDAY – February 11

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A Festival of Music will present pianist Dr. Grigor Khachatryan and violinist Dr. Dina Neglia-Khachatryan in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

For Your Information

Offering envelopes for 2017 are on a table in the atrium. 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 two weeks ago. 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!

Members: Stay informed about church events/activities! 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

Among Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Janet Purnell who will celebrate her 90th birthday February 2.

We extend our condolences to Ann and Dennis Gastineau on the death of Dennis' father, Clifford Gastineau, January 19. A memorial service in March is being planned.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of E. Omer Burgert, who died January 24. A memorial service is tentatively planned for May.