

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
February 4, 2018
Fifth 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

Cluster of Stars

Lee J. Afdahl

Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir; Paul Kingsbury, guest conductor

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) Dan Wentz

(11:00) Mary Huie

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

◆ Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSEK

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

We fool ourselves if we think that our ways are hidden from God. Therefore, let us confess our sin, trusting in the mercy of God our Maker.

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

Gracious God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

Words of Life

Our God heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

God takes pleasure in those who place their trust in God's grace.

Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Praise the Lord! 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 Psalms

Psalm 147:1-11, 20

Anthem (8:30) The Lord Is the Everlasting God (Isaiah 40) Kenneth Jennings
Chancel Choir

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not grow faint or grow weary; whose understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Have you not known? Have you not seen?

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Anthem (11:00) Go Now, to Love and Serve the Lord Dolores Hruby
 Calvin Choir; Edna Mezacapa, guest director;
 Barbara Depman, accompanist; Maddie Perkins, flute
 Go now to love and serve the Lord; Go now to love and serve each other;
 Made strong by the Word which we have heard, Fed by His Body and His Blood.
 Remember that when we love each other, we love God:
 And when we serve each other, we serve God.
 So go now to love and serve the Lord; Go now to love and serve each other;
 Made strong by the Word which we have heard, Fed by His Body and His Blood:
 Go now to love and serve the Lord.
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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 Old Testament Isaiah 40:21-31

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 *Faith Begins with Memory* Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 43** You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord ON EAGLE'S WINGS

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 2

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 God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. 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.

Offertory

At the offertory

Galliard
Jeff Daehn, guest organist

William Byrd

◆ **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 sing to you, O God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.

... In all times and places your people proclaim your glory in unending praise:

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.

... that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

2

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

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

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 516** For the Bread Which You Have Broken KINGDOM
- ◆ **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 Chaconne André Campra
Jeff Daehn, guest organist

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."

Presbytery plans mission trip to Louisiana in April. The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area is planning a mission trip 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 is Saturday to Saturday, April 7-15. The cost is \$150 per person, with a \$50 deposit due by February 16. Complete details are "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

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, 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 Kathleen M. Kuisle, Music Assistant
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor 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.

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Calendar for the week of February 4 – February 11 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – February 4

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today, with special thanks to Jeff Daehn, guest organist; Paul Kingsbury, guest handbell director; and Edna Mezacapa, guest Calvin Choir director.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lyle and Zoe Abrahamson in memory of their 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.

Rev. Parlette will offer 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.

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

Sign up in the atrium today for Sitter Service on February 9.

TUESDAY – February 6

Grief Support Group meets at 11 a.m.

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	
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>Song of Songs</i>
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (grades 6-12 & adults)

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 (CWS Blanket Sunday)

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.

Blanket Sunday donations will be dedicated at both services on February 11. Sponsored by Church World Service, Blanket Sunday provides blankets and relief efforts to victims of war and natural disasters. Offering envelopes are in the pews or checks marked "blanket fund" can be mailed to the church any time this month.

TUESDAY – February 13

Come to the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the social hall. You don't need a reservation. Come and enjoy supper and fellowship!

WEDNESDAY – February 14 (Ash Wednesday)

Kitchen Guild meets at 1 p.m.

Worship with communion and imposition of ashes at 6:30 p.m. Singing: Chancel Choir.

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	Worship with communion and imposition of ashes. Youth will attend worship.
7:30	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – February 15

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY – February 17

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

Youth Group will go sledding at Ironwood Springs followed by pizza at Pizza Ranch. Contact Susanna Stone for information (stone.susanna@fpcrochester.org).

SUNDAY – February 18 (Anniversary Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

During both services we will honor our people who have been members of FPC for more than 50 years as we celebrate the 157th anniversary of the founding of First Presbyterian Church.

For Your Information

Needed: co-chair to assist with PW rummage sale. Sally and Judy are considering a spring rummage sale and are looking for an enthusiastic co chair to share the planning and fun and bring fresh ideas to the event. If you would consider this opportunity, contact either Judy Kruesel (288-5148) or Sally Brooks (281-5802).

Rev. Parlette will lead a Bible study, "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet," Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. during Lent (February 21-March 28). Please sign up in the church office so we know how many study guides to order. Books cost \$13.50.

Copies of this year's **Annual Reports for the Congregational Meeting** are available in the atrium, narthex, foyer, and office.

Members: Stay informed about church events/activities! Text the word connect to [507-200-3175](tel:507-200-3175).

Among Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Norman Nelson, who will celebrate his 92nd birthday February 9.

We extend our condolences to Dan Moore on the death of his wife, Nadene (Sunny) Moore, January 30. A memorial service is pending.