

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**February 11, 2018**  
**Transfiguration 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.
- **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**

Reverberations  
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

Sallie Lloyd

*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 Mission** (Blanket Sunday)

Youth Group

## Opening Prayer

**Call to Worship**

(8:30) Van Jacobsen  
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

*The glory of God shines like a consuming fire.*

**We have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*The voice of God thunders like a mighty storm.*

**Out of the cloud, God speaks: This is my beloved Son; listen to him!**

◆ **Hymn 666**

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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

*God alone is righteous; God alone is perfect; God alone is judge.*

**Yet this holy, righteous God comes to us in love, to save us.**

*Rejoicing in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

**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**

God of all glory, beauty, and grace, we have tried to hide from you – to hide our faces, to hide our sin – yet you have never hidden your love for us. We have tried to search for you – in temples, in clouds, on mountaintops – yet you have already revealed yourself to us in the face of Jesus Christ. Forgive us, and transform us so that our lives may shine with your glory, beauty, and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Words of Life**

*Our God comes and does not keep silence.*

**God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child.**

*This is the good news of the gospel; 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.

**Reception of New Members (11:00)**

- ◆ **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 9:2-9

- Anthem (8:30)** Jesus, on the Mountain Peak Michael Burkhardt  
Chancel Choir and congregation (see insert on page 5)

**Anthem (11:00)** This Little Light of Mine arr. Mark Patterson  
Cherub Choir; Katie Kuisle, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

### 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.

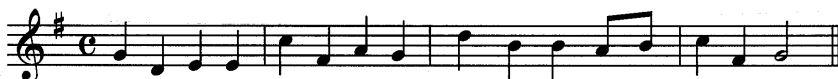
### Reading from the Old Testament

2 Kings 2:1-12

*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

*A Double Share*

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

### Our Response

#### ◆ Hymn 189

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS

#### ◆ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith PC(USA), part 3

**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 the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**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** (8:30) O Thou, the Central Orb Charles Wood  
Chancel Choir

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world. Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.  
Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy luster round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur'd grace, gives grace to each, Thy power to prove.  
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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(11:00) Christ Is the World's Light 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**  
**Gracious God, we give you thanks for the light of love around us and the fire of faith within us. Let our lives and our gifts reflect the One who is the image of your glory: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

- ◆ **Hymn 190** Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory GENEVA

◆ **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** O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair John Dunstable

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 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.

#### **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  
Bob R. Schalaus, Custodian

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.*

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## Jesus, on the Mountain Peak

**Choir:** *Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the Prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**All:**

Je - sus is the cho - sen One,  
liv - ing hope of ev - 'ry na - tion,  
hear and heed him, ev - 'ry - one;  
sing, with earth and all cre - a - tion,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia!

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## Calendar for the week of February 11 – February 18 (and beyond)

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### SUNDAY – February 11

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Larry, Gayle, Joel, and Cooper Sanderson in memory of Ben Sanderson on what have been his 42nd birthday.

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.

The **new member class** concludes today. The class will meet in Rev. Parlette's office at 9:40 a.m. New members will meet with the Session at 10:40 a.m. and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service.

A **Festival of Music** presents Duo Neglia Khachatryan (Dr. Grigor Khachatryan, piano, and Dr. Dina Neglia-Khachatryan, violin) in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Blanket Sunday** donations will be dedicated at both services. Sponsored by Church World Service, Blanket Sunday provides blankets and relief efforts to victims of war and natural disasters. Offering envelopes 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 |  |
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| 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

**Items for the March Good News** are due. E-mail [evans.carol@fpcrochester.org](mailto:evans.carol@fpcrochester.org) or leave in the church office.

**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](mailto: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. To honor the occasion, join us in the social hall between services for refreshments and fellowship; after the second service we will gather in the atrium.

### MONDAY – February 19

**Esther Circle** meets at 1 p.m. in the lounge.

**The church will be closed** for Presidents Day.

### TUESDAY – February 20

**Session** meets at 7 p.m. in the south fireside room.

### WEDNESDAY – February 21

A Festival of Music is hosting **Lenten Noonday Recitals** from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Today's guest musician is Jeffrey Daehn. To accommodate those attending the concert, please do \*not\* park in the parking lot between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent.

Wednesday activities are on the usual schedule.

**Lenten Bible Study Opportunity.** Rev. Parlette is leading a Lenten Bible study "Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet" from 6:30-8 p.m. in the lounge. Register in the church office so we know how many study guides to order. Books cost \$13.50

### THURSDAY – February 22

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

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

### SUNDAY – February 25

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

### *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).

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](https://www.fpcrochester.org) to [507-200-3175](tel:507-200-3175).

### *Among Our Church Family*

Congratulations to Warren and LaDonna Fay who will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary February 14.