

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.
- Enjoy coffee and fellowship in the social hall following the 8:30 service and in the atrium following the 11:00 service. Please use a blue mug so we can identify and greet you.

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

Gathering

Prelude Fantasy on an Irish Tune (Star of the County Down) arr. Arnold Sherman
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir; Paul Kingsbury, guest director
Today's prelude is based on an Irish folk tune that also has a religious text.
See page 4 for the text.

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) Ruth Saling
(11:00) Phyllis Schmid

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven.

Happy are those in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous!

We will rejoice and shout for joy!

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

MONKLAND

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silent Confession

Kyrie 604

Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI (Farlee)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

◆ **Response 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
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◆ **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.

Reading from the Epistles

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Voluntary (8:30)

Adagio from Oboe Concerto
Lois Marsh, guest organist

Alessandro Marcello

Anthem (11:00)

Psalm 32
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Paul D. Weber

Antiphon: Choir and Congregation



You are my hid - ing place, O Lord, - you - will save me in my dis-tress;

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
Happy are those whose sin is forgiv'n, whose wrongs are pardoned. Happy are those!
When I confessed my sin to you, you forgave all my sin.

ANTIPHON: Choir and Congregation

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
I am surrounded by your steadfast love. Happy are those who trust in your strength!
You that are righteous, be glad, rejoice! You that obey him, shout for joy.

ANTIPHON: Choir and Congregation

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
Glory and praise and honor to you: Father, Son and Spirit, One.
As it was, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON: Choir and Congregation

Choir: *And in the shadow of your wing, I will sing for joy evermore.*
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Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 487 (stanza 2) These Treasured Children PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Our ancient story we shall tell, till these our children know it well
within their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their journey starts.

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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

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

A Father Had Two Sons

Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 215** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

◆ **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 the Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Offertory

(8:30)	O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True Lois Marsh, guest organist	setting by Paul Manz
(11:00)	Come Home (See hymn 418 for text) Chancel Choir	Craig Courtney

- ◆ **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 have comes from you. Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 629** Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

Benediction

- ◆ **Benediction Response 215** (stanza 1) What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

Postlude

Glory Be to Jesus Robert A. Hobby
Lois Marsh, 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.

Among the poetic words to the Irish folk tune played as the prelude by Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir are these words:

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.



We invite you to share in our Lenten activities.

Services of Worship

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

- April 7 Sunday services of worship and communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- April 14 Palm Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
- April 18 Maundy Thursday service of worship at 7 p.m.
- April 19 Ecumenical Good Friday service at 12 p.m. noon at First Presbyterian Church
- April 21 Easter Sunday services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

A Festival of Music ~ Wednesday Lenten Organ Recitals

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

- April 3 John Varona, organist / Christ United Methodist Church, Rochester
- April 10 Lois Marsh, freelance organist / Rochester

Calendar for the week of March 31 – April 7 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – March 31

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. A special “thanks” goes to Lois Marsh, guest organist, and Paul Kingsbury, guest conductor for Jubilate Deo bells.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Sylvia Swede in memory of Benjamin and Charlotte Swede, Don Koch, and Nathan Koch.

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 Issues: Clipped from the Papers* (lounge/E-207)
- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Study: “The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church”* (south fireside room/A-104)

Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

TUESDAY– April 2

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 – April 3

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

A Festival of Music is hosting **Lenten Noonday Recitals** from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Today’s guest organist is **John Varona**, organist at Christ United Methodist Church in Rochester. To accommodate those attending the concert, please do *not* park in the church parking lot between 12 noon and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in Lent.

Wednesday activities are on schedule:

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:30	Recorder Ensemble
5:45	Middle/High School youth (grades 6-12)
6:30	Bible Study: “ <i>Simon Peter: flawed by faithful disciple</i> ” (Rev. T. J. Parlette)
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – April 4

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – April 7

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

One of our **parish nurses** will be in the library between services to take your blood pressure and answer questions you have about your health.

Sign up in the atrium April 7 to reserve a place for your child(ren) for Sitter Service April 12, call the

church, or contact Sarah Edgerton (edgertonsarah@gmail.com or 507-269-1521) or Cindy Kunzman (xiandikunzman@gmail.com or 507-421-5055) by Tuesday, April 9.

TUESDAY – April 9

Kitchen Guild meets at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – April 10

All Wednesday activities as usual.

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THURSDAY – April 11

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 – April 12

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium April 7 to reserve a place for your child(ren).

SATURDAY – April 13

Ruth Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the south fireside room. Please note change of date, time, and location from usual meeting.

Memorial service for Arnold Schroeter at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY – April 14 (Palm Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

For Your Information

Celebrate our **Easter Garden** with a donation of \$15. To contribute, put your check (note Easter flowers) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Following Easter services, the Deacons will deliver the plants to our C.A.R.E. members.

March is **Minnesota FoodShare** month. This annual drive raises one-half the food that is distributed through Channel One during the year. You can write a check to the church and designate it for “Channel One.” Envelopes are in the pew racks. March 31 is the deadline for contributions to count for Minnesota FoodShare credit.

SPRING 2019 FORUM@FIRST

Tuesday, April 30 ~ 7 p.m.

Please join us for this spring’s **Forum@First** on Tuesday, April 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This spring’s forum will feature Mayor Kim Norton who will focus on initial and long-term priorities for Rochester and how members of the community can support them. Her remarks will be followed by an open question and answer session. We look forward to seeing you there!

Call for Sunday Morning Greeters

You, too, can provide a friendly face and greet old and new friends as they come to FPC on Sunday morning. It's also a great way for those serving on the session, deacons or nominating committee to meet the people they serve.

Options to sign up

1. **Go to the church's web page (FPCRochester.org)**
 Click on "members"
 Enter password "members"
 Click on "Sunday Morning Greeters"
 Scroll down to calendar
 Pick your week and service and click on "sign up" (It won't show anything)
 Go to bottom of page and click "Submit and Sign Up"
 Fill in information, click on "Sign up now" and you're good to greet!
2. **OR the easiest way is to call or e-mail Al Dollerschell (aldoller@aol.com or 319-0535)**
 and have him put you on his list. Then he will periodically send you an e-mail with a direct link to SignUp Genius!

Thank you for serving!

Members of Session for 2019

2019	2019	2020
Joe Doppler	Lucinda Clements	Jeff Britton
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2019	2020	2021
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 Kathleen M. Kuisle, Calvin and Cherub Choirs
 Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands
 Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager

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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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 is to reflect God's love for all people by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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