

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 7, 2019
Fifth 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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Joyous Praise Handbell Choir

Cynthia Dobrinski

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the Opportunity for Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you.

Minute for Mission for One Great Hour of Sharing

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Judy Felten
(11:00) Paul Steger

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

We were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

Come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 43**

Make a Joyful Noise to God

DIX

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been,

Then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give.

God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things.

Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection – a new and abundant life.

With confidence in God's generosity,

We confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

◆ Please stand if you are able.

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

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Life

The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and a new life has begun.

Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

◆ **Response 447**

We Are Forgiven

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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

◆ **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

Philippians 3:4b-14

Anthem (8:30) Hearken! Stay Close to Jesus Christ Michael & Dickenson
Chancel Choir, Elizabeth Woolner, soprano

Hearken! Hearken! Stay close to Jesus Christ: let His spirit lead you; know that He is ever with you, that His loving care never faileth. For this He came from heaven and took upon Him our flesh and blood, for our salvation became man and suffered death. His saving power blesses all the world; no one is outside His mercy, no one is outside His mercy; He redeems us from all our sins, He makes us one with God; He redeems us from all our sins, to share with Him eternal life.

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Anthem (11:00) For the Things I Do Wrong, O Lord Michael Bedford
Cherub Choir; Katie Kuisle, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

For things that I do wrong, O Lord, for things I fail to do
Forgive me, Lord, as I forgive others; I put my trust in you.
You are with me in my times of need, you guide me through each day.
When I cannot see what's best for me, you are there to show the way.

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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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Sacrament of Baptism (11:00) (see page 6) Olivia Margaret Harris
Daughter of Brett and Emily Harris
Sister of Jacob Harris
Granddaughter of Bruce and Melissa Walk

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 John 12:1-8

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message *Prelude to the Passion* Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 201** A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

◆ **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.**

Offertory Beautiful Savior Dale Wood

◆ **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 bow before you in gratitude and awe, asking you to receive what we have brought in response to your generosity. May these gifts be a pleasing and fragrant offering, for the sake of the world you came to save. We pray in your holy name. 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.

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name: ...

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 One crucified and risen.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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

Sacrament of Baptism

(11 a.m.)

Introduction

Presentation

Professions of Intent and Faith

Blessing of the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Elder: Olivia Margaret Harris is now received into the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. Through baptism God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. People of this congregation, I charge you to nurture and support Olivia, that she and all baptized children may become faithful disciples.

Congregation: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome Olivia Margaret Harris and all children into Christ's church. We promise to love, encourage, support and share the gospel with all children that they may know and follow Christ.

Elder: The peace of God be with you

Congregation: And also with you.

Response 188

Jesus Loves Me (stanza 1)

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The baptismal candle and rose are gifts from the congregation to the family of Olivia Margaret Harris. The rose symbolizes our joy in the life of each child and the candle symbolizes our commitment as a congregation to support the parents in raising their children in the Christian faith. The baptismal banner celebrates the sacrament of baptism. The shell with drops of water is a symbol of Jesus' baptism. The water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation, the grace of God's covenant with our ancestors and the living water offered by Jesus.

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

Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Kathleen M. Kuisle, Calvin and Cherub Choirs
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager

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Security and custodial personnel: Sally Evans, Vera Herr, Tami Rinn, Tyler Sczurek

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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Calendar for the week of April 7 – April 14 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – April 7

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by The Scholz Family “in memory of our beloved Georgia.” The **atrium flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Holly Ebel in memory of David Ebel.

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.

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 today to reserve a place for your child(ren) for Sitter Service April 12.

TUESDAY – April 9

Kitchen Guild meets at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY – April 10

The final **Lenten Noonday Recital** in this year’s series is today from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m. Today’s guest organist is **Lois Marsh**, freelance organist 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. This is the final concert in this year’s series.

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 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). You can also 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.

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.

MONDAY – April 15

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

TUESDAY – April 16

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

WEDNESDAY – April 17

Priscilla Circle meets at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge.

Crafters meet at 3 p.m. in the social hall.

Rev. Parlette will conclude the Bible study, “Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple,” from 6:30-8 p.m.

All Wednesday activities as usual.

THURSDAY – April 18 (Maundy Thursday)

Jubilate Deo Bells rehearses at 6 p.m.

Worship and communion at 7 p.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be received.

Your gifts support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People. You may contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing through May.

Chancel Choir rehearses at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY – April 19

Ecumenical **Good Friday service** from noon to 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

SATURDAY – March 20

Easter Egg Event for children through 5th grade from 9:30-11 a.m. Activities will include egg dyeing, crafts, games, and an Easter egg hunt. Kids should bring their own hard boiled eggs to dye and a basket for their eggs, candy, and crafts. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to come with their children, particularly those of pre-school age.

SUNDAY – April 21 (Easter)

Easter services of worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Nursery care for infants to three-year-olds will be provided throughout the morning. Children’s Activities will be offered for children four-years-old through third grade at both services. No Sunday school classes will be held.

Easter Brunch will be served between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Easter Sunday. No reservations are necessary. Proceeds from a freewill offering will be used by the youth group to fund service projects for the Rochester community. If you would be willing to help with donations of food, volunteering to serve brunch, or volunteering for set-up and/or clean-up, contact Susanna Stone (stone.susanna@fpcrochester.org).

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.

Make your reservation today for Lee's retirement party!

Please remember to make your required reservations for Lee's retirement celebration on May 3. Your entrée selection will be accepted in the atrium Sundays April 7 and 14. You are welcome to come to the program at 7:30 if you are not available for the dinner. Join us as we thank Lee for the 28 years he has directed music at First Presbyterian Church.



Congregation welcomes Michael Barone as guest lecturer April 28.

Michael Barone, host of MPR's "Pipedreams," will be our guest lecturer during the education hour (9:40-10:40 a.m.) Sunday, April 28. Mr. Barone will speak on the role of the organ in sacred music through history and its continuing importance in today's liturgy. Mr. Barone's presentation is a tribute to Lee Afdahl's tenure as Director of Music and organist at First Presbyterian Church and is underwritten by the Sheldon Jackson Lectureship Fund of the Endowment Fund. Everyone is invited!

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!