

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

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 Easter Brunch in the social hall from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Cost is a freewill donation with the proceeds going to the youth group to fund service projects in the Rochester community.

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

Gathering

Prelude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Alex Guebert

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) Holly Ebel
(11:00) Dee Tiedeman

Beloved Church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

◆ **Hymn 232**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Reconciliation (please be seated)

God has opened to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter through them. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, O risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Life

God, who raised Jesus from the dead, has not given us over to death. Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev-er shall be. World with-out end. A - men.

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

Anthem

This Is the Day (Psalm 118; I Corinthians 5:7)
Chancel Choir

Edwin H. Lamere

This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad, rejoice and be glad in it. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is gracious, because His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen, Amen.
This is the day, this is the day, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen, Amen.

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The Word

Prayer for Illumination 441 (stanza 1) Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON

Reading from the New Testament Acts 10:34-43

Anthem (8:30) That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright John Ferguson
Calvin Choir and Congregation; Katie Kruger, director; Barbara Depman, accompanist

Choir:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave That Christ was risen from the grave.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Jesus, King of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;
To you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Choir and congregation:

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: 'Come, ris - en Christ, with us a - bide in this our'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: 'joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; your own re - deemed for - ev - er'. The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: 'shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.'

From *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (CGA 1016). Text: 5th cent. Latin hymn; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, 15th cent. Trier manuscript, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621. Arranged by John Ferguson.
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Anthem (11:00) He Comes! Michael Bedford
Cherub Choir; Katie Kruger, director; Carol Shaffer, accompanist

He comes! He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord!
He comes! He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna! Blessed is He! Blessed is He who comes!
Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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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 Gospels Luke 24:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia from hymn 239 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! GELOBT SEI GOTT

Message Marking the Moment Rev. T. J. Parlette

A Festival of Resurrection

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus died on the cross, his hands and feet held to the wood by metal spikes. I believe that his body was pierced by the soldier's spear, and even the sun was darkened as all creation grieved the death of God's eternal Son.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus' body was placed in a borrowed tomb, where it lay for three days. (A silent pause)

I believe that the power of God brought life to his dead body and rolled the stone away from the entrance so all might see that Jesus was no longer there.

I believe in the resurrection. I believe that the unbelievable story of the women was true, just as the angel had announced: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

Hymn 240 (stanzas 1 and 2) Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that there is no force in the universe that could stop, hinder, contain, or successfully oppose the risen Savior, my Lord, Jesus Christ.

No nails are long enough to hold him to any cross unless he wills it to be so.

No tomb can be sealed so tightly – by Pilate, or Herod, or Caesar himself.

Were there an army of a thousand guarding the tomb, it would make no difference.

Jesus said he would lay down his life and take it up again. And he did.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus appeared to eleven discouraged, defeated, demoralized disciples in a room where the doors were locked and all hope was lost.

I believe that when he showed them his nail-pierced hands and his spear-pierced side, they fell at his feet and cried out, "My Lord and my God."

I believe that in the days that followed, hundreds saw him alive. All their doubt was removed; their fear was gone. What could the world do to them?

Jesus was alive!

Hymn 240 (stanzas 3 and 4) Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

I believe in the resurrection. I believe that Jesus lives today – as powerfully and perfectly alive as he was two thousand years ago, and for all time past and yet to come.

I believe he empowers his followers to follow in his footsteps, fight forces of evil, and find their peace and joy and eternal hope in him.

I believe in the resurrection.

I believe that Jesus calls women, men and children to join him in changing the world, one heart and one life at a time, starting with their own.

We believe all this,

Because we believe in the resurrection!

◆ Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Our Response

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

Invitation to the Offering

God has given us life in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

**Calendar for the week of April 21 – April 28
(and beyond)**

SUNDAY – April 21

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

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.

Easter Brunch will be served by the youth group from 8-11 a.m. No reservations are necessary; cost is a freewill donation. Proceeds from the offering will be used by the youth group to fund service projects in the Rochester community.

All **Sunday school classes** and Calvin Choir rehearsal are cancelled for today. Cherub Choir WILL rehearse at its usual time – 10:20 a.m.

Deacons: Please pick up a plant for your C.A.R.E. member *after* today's 11 a.m. service, from 9 a.m.-noon Monday, or from 7:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday. Thank you!

MONDAY – April 22

The **church office** will be closed.

The **church building** will be open from 9 a.m.-noon so Deacons can pick up plants for their CARE members.

First Players will welcome SEMYO's Chamber Strings to a combined Spring Concert on April 22 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY – April 24

All Wednesday activities as usual.

The Bible Study for April 24 will be on "Cain and Abel: murder revisited."

THURSDAY – April 25

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – April 28

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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!

A Festival of Music will present Bells of the Lakes handbell choir in concert at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is the final concert in this year's series.

MONDAY – April 29

First Players Concert Band will perform at The Homestead at 6 p.m.

Endowment Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the conference room.

TUESDAY – April 30

**SPRING 2019 FORUM@FIRST
Tuesday, April 30 / 7 p.m.**

Please join us for this spring's **Forum@First** on Tuesday, April 30 from 7-8 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!

WEDNESDAY – May 1

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

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: "OT Classics revisited: God's Covenant with Abraham" led by Al Depman
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – May 2

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY – May 3

Celebrate Lee Afdahl's 28 years as Director of Music/organist at First Presbyterian Church. Reservations for the dinner are closed but you are welcome to come for the program at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY – May 5

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 answers questions you have about your health.

Church Family Information

Happy Birthday to Connie Bowen, who will celebrate her 99th birthday April 27

Happy Birthday to Jennie Orvis, who will celebrate her 98th birthday April 27.

Happy Birthday to Don Scholz, who will celebrate his 98th birthday April 30.

Congratulations to Donna Lee on the birth of her great granddaughter, Letty Bree Bauer, born April 7 in Cedar Falls, Iowa to Marisa and Jacob Bauer. Jones is Letty's proud brother.



How can I give to First Presbyterian?

There are many ways you can support our church financially, including:

1. **Put cash or a check** in the offering plate any Sunday.
2. **eGiving** makes giving easy. Donate through the GivePlus+ app:
 - a. Download the GivePlus+ mobile app
 - b. Create an account
 - c. Scroll to First Presbyterian or zip code 55902 and follow the instructions. The account you create can now be used either on GivePlus+ app or through the FPC webpage.
3. **Log on to www.FPCRochester.org**, click on “Donate” and follow the instructions. The account you create can now be used either on GivePlus+ or through the FPC webpage.
4. Make arrangements through the church office to contribute monthly or quarterly through **electronic funds transfer** (a.k.a. ACH)

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make these ministries possible

Nepal – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Three years after the devastating earthquake, the rural community of Netriwati continues to suffer from a lack of clean water and federal infrastructure. You brought them hope through programs that prepare them for future disasters and enhance their lives through occupational programs, water purifies and improved disease prevention.

Yemen - Presbyterian Hunger Program

Generations Without Qat is providing fishing equipment and training to conflict-affected families. Through this, you have saved lives and alleviated suffering by providing 250 families food, training and tools to protect, restore and promote their livelihoods despite the violence that has displaced them.

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!

Please join us to hear
Rochester's Mayor
Kim Norton

talk about
*Building Community
for Rochester's Best Future*

Tuesday, April 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Forums@First

**First Presbyterian Church
512 Third Street S.W., Rochester, MN**

*Mayor Norton will share her vision about our
community's role in working toward building a
livable and resilient city during this time of growth
and change and take questions.*

All are welcome

Sponsored by the Social Concerns 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

Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
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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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