

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

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. Amen.

Words of Life

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirit and breathing into us new life. As God's own forgiven people, go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. 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!*

The Word

Prayer for Illumination 441 (stanza 1) Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON
Reading from the New Testament Acts 5:27-32
Voluntary (8:30) Here I Am, Lord Robert Buckley Farley
 For meditation, see hymn 69.

Anthem (11:00) Psalm 150 César Franck
Chancel Choir arr. Samuel Richard Gaines

Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary; Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His pow'r. Praise ye Him for His mighty acts, praise Him for His mighty acts. Praise ye Him, praise ye Him according to His majesty. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet, praise ye Him with the psalt'ry and harp. Praise ye Him with the timbrel. Praise ye Him with the dance. Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals. Praise ye Him, upon the high sounding cymbals. Let everything that hath breath, Praise, Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

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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 John 20:19-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Message *Blessed Are the Believers* Rev. T. J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 257** The Risen Christ WOODLANDS

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

Offertory (8:30) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight James Biery

(11:00) I Believe This Is Jesus arr. Undine Smith Moore
Chancel Choir

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.
Oh, come and see, the Light of God shines in his face, Oh, come and see.
He offers all his pard'ning grace; come and see, come and see.
Oh, I believe this is Jesus, yes Lord, come and see, come and see.

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◆ **Offertory Response 609** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O Holy One, bless our offerings and transform them into healing for the wounded, hope for the disheartened, courage for the frightened and faith for the embittered. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, the first resurrected, and ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 246**

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response**



Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide
For meditation, see hymn 244.

John Marsh

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.

Some of the responses were written by Lee J. Afdahl and are published in *Holy Is the Lord*.

About Our Church

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**Calendar for the week of April 28 – May 5
(and beyond)**

SUNDAY – April 28

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Larry Harrison and Kay Tate in memory of loved ones.

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* : No class today. Instead the class will attend Michael Barone's lecture in the social hall.

Chancel Choir: No rehearsal today.

Michael Barone, host of MPR's "Pipedreams," will be our guest lecturer during the education hour (9:40-10:40 a.m.). 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 meeting is canceled.

TUESDAY – April 30

Chancel Guild meets at 1 p.m.

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. The forum will feature Mayor Kim Norton who will focus on "Building Community for Rochester's Best Future." 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:

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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: Noah and the Ark" 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.

A representative from **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** will make a presentation in the social hall during the education hour (9:40 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.

TUESDAY – May 7

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 – May 8

All Wednesday activities as usual.

THURSDAY – May 9

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 – May 10

Sitter Service from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium May 5 to reserve a place for your child(ren) for Sitter Service May 10 or call the church or contact Sarah Edgerton (edgertonsarah@gmail.com or 507-269-1521) or Cindy Kunzman (507-421-5055 or xiandikunzman@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 7.

SUNDAY – May 12

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

For Your Information

We dedicated the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on Maundy Thursday, but you can contribute to the offering through the end of May.

Among Our Church Family

Happy Birthday to Pauli Krieger, who will celebrate her 91st birthday May 4.

We extend our condolences to Alfred and Ursula Thedens on the death of Alfred's sister, Delores Wehrs, April 17.

We extend our condolences to Dennis Tucker on the death of his brother, Ellsworth Tucker, last week