

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 8, 2019
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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 both services.
Visitors, please use a blue mug so we can identify and greet you.

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

Gathering

Prelude Two meditations on "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" BOURBON
arr. Edwin T. Childs and Charles Ore

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 Jay Youmans
11:00 Mary Huie

*We gather as the family of God,
Bound together in the body of Christ.*
*We gather as the children of God,
Called together in the presence of the Spirit.*
*We gather this day to worship God
And join our lives in the life of the church.*

◆ **Hymn 400** I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say ENGLAND

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)

In penitence and in faith, let us confess our sin to the One who waits to pour out mercy upon us.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

arr. David N. Johnson

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

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◆ Please stand if you are able.

Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you are the potter, shaping the world and molding our spirits. Your creation is an act of grace and your every word a fountain of life. Mold and shape us once again, O God, as we confess our sins before you. Drip the water of your Spirit onto our dry and cracking edges, and push us with your gentle fingers to reflect your handiwork. Create love where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion, generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are shattered pieces. For we know that your work is not complete in us, and that our lives are made complete in you. O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

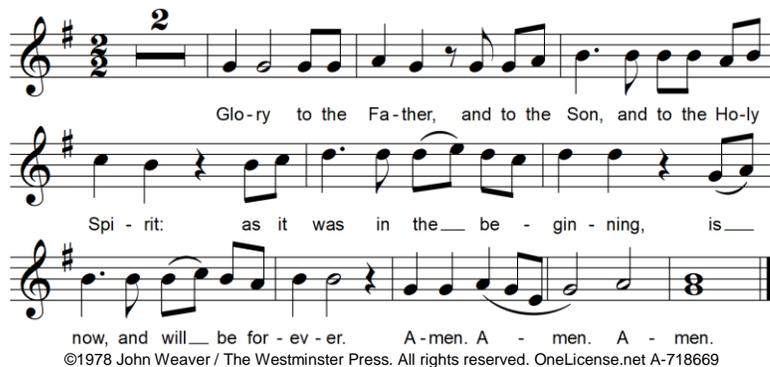
Words of Life

Beloved, your sins are forgiven. Therefore, be at peace to follow the good road, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri 567**

Glory to the Father

GLORIA PATRI



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spi-rit: as it was in the be-gin-ning, is
now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

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◆ **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 395 (st. 3) (please be seated) Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU



Glo-rious Lord, your - self im-part, Light of Light, from God pro-ceed - ing.
Touch our lips and ears and heart; help us by your Spir-it's plead - ing.
Hear the cry your church now rais - es;
hear, and bless our pray'rs and prais - es.

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Reading from the Prophets

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm Anthem (8:30) Search Me, O God (Psalm 139:23-24 KJV)

Lowell Mason

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts;
and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Chancel Choir

(11:00)

II. Bicinium, from *Partita on NETTLETON*

Joel Martinson

Time for All Our Young Worshippers

Hymn 761 (st. 2) Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow,
never falt'ring, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people,
young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

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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 14:25-33

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Response



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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Message

Counting the Cost

Rev. T.J. Parlette

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

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 718** Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said BOURBON

◆ **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) I Will Arise Traditional, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
Text: Robert Robinson (1758)

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
in the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
in the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

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Chancel Choir

(11:00) III. Duet, from *Partita on NETTLETON*

Joel Martinson

◆ **Offertory Response 36** (sts. 2 and 3) For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O Gracious God, we give you thanks this day for the goodness and love that you have shown to us in Christ and pray your blessing upon these gifts: may they build your love in the world, to the honor of your name. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Response 547** (st. 3) Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS
"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."
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Postlude IV. Fugue, from *Partita on NETTLETON* Joel Martinson

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.

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5 Sunday School Teachers Needed!

We currently only have 1 teacher each in the Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5 classrooms and we need 4-5 teachers in each classroom to cover all Sundays, provide a team-teaching experience, and ensure that no teacher is in charge of running every week of Sunday School. We are flexible and able to accommodate your schedule!

Please let Susanna (stone.susanna@fpcrochester.org) or Rev. Jay Rowland (rowland.jay@fpcrochester.org) know if you are interested in teaching Sunday School.

About Our Church

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
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
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Office hours: Monday-Thursday (7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Friday (7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.); Saturday (closed)

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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.*

Member: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Calendar for the week of September 8 – September 15 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – September 8

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship.

Today's **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Lois and Bruce Fye in celebration of life.

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.

Kickoff Sunday/Ministries Fair marks the start of FPC's Sunday school program year. Parents and children preK through high school can meet their teachers, learn what's new, re-connect with classmates, and visit classrooms. Church committees and activities will have tables in the social hall to provide information about their ministries.

Kickoff Sunday Education Hour Schedule:

9:30-11:00 a.m. Ministries Fair
9:45-10:00 Introduction/Presentation with Rev. Jay, Susanna, John, Katie and Janine
10:00-10:20 Calvin Choir (Grades 2-5)
 Open House/Meet the Teachers (PreK and K/1)
 PreK and K/1 move to activity center after Introduction
10:20-10:40 Cherub Choir (Age 4-Grade 1)
 Open House/Meet the Teachers (Grades 2/3 and 4/5)
10:00-10:40 Middle High School (Grades 6-7)
 Social time/Meet the Teacher in youth room
10:00-10:20 Confirmation (Grades 8-9)
 Open House/Meet Teacher in north fireside room
10:00-10:30 High School (Grades 10-12)
 Social time/Meet the Teacher in A-103
9:45-10:50 All children younger than PreK will meet in the nursery on Kickoff Sunday

Adult Education:

10:00 a.m. **Kerygma and Current issues** will start at 10:00 a.m. so folks can visit the various booths in the social hall.

Sunday Chancel Choir rehearsals begin September 15. **Nursery care** will be available all morning.

Pick up your **all-church calendar** for 2019-2020 so you can plan for the church's yearlong cycle of activities.

TUESDAY – September 10

Grief Support Group meets at 11 a.m. in the library.

Kitchen Guild meets at 1:30 p.m.

Presbytery meets at 2 p.m. at Associated Church in Owatonna. Call the church office if you'd like to attend.

Festival of Music Committee meets at 7:15 p.m. in north fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – September 11

Wednesday Activities	
4:15	Alleluia Ringers (grades 2-5)
5:00	Youth Choir (grades 6-12)
5:00	Recorder Ensemble
5:45	Middle/High School youth (grades 6-12)
6:30	Bible Study: <i>Moses ... childhood and education</i> (Al Depman)
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

THURSDAY – September 12

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 – September 13

Parents Night Out Sitter Service from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium Sunday, September 8 or in the church office or by calling Sarah Edgerton (edgertonsarah@gmail.com or 507-536-9637 or Cindy Kunzman (xiandikunzman@aol.com or 507-421-5055) by Tuesday, September 10.

SUNDAY – September 15

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Join us in the social hall anytime between 9:30 and 11:00 to meet and welcome John, Sarah, and Daniel Stender. John is our new Director of Music and Organist.

September 15 is the first full morning of **Sunday school activities!**

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Education hour:

9:40-10:45: Nursery - preschool (3-years-old)
 9:40-10:20: Sunday school for age 3-grade 1
 9:40-10:20: Calvin Choir for grades 2-5
 10:20-11:00: Sunday school for grades 2-5
 10:20-10:50: Cherub Choir for age 4-grade 1
 9:40-10:45: Middle School Sunday school (grades 6-8) in youth room
 10:00-10:30: High School Sunday morning discussion (grades 9-12) in room A103

Adults:

9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues: Fighting the Tide of History* (lounge/E-207)
 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Study: "The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church"* (south fireside room/A-104)

MONDAY – September 16

Material for the **October Good News** is due, either to evans.carol@FPCRochester.org or in the church office.

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

TUESDAY – September 17

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

WEDNESDAY – September 18

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

Crafters Group meets at 3 p.m. in the social hall.

For regular Wednesday activities see schedule under September 11.

For Your Information

We are still looking for people to be a greeter, a liturgist, to serve communion, or to be an usher. Check in the church office to find out how to do this. Thanks!

Among the Church Family

Congratulations to Peter and Isabelle Dyck who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary September 11.

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