

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**September 15, 2019**  
**Fourteenth 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** Fantasia on Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken arr. D. Linda McKechnie  
Jubilate Deo and organ

### 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) Sylvia Swede  
(11:00) Kathryn Lenn

*We come to this place to search for God,  
**who is already searching for us.**  
We come to this place to speak to God,  
**who is already speaking to us.**  
We come to this place to worship and listen for God,  
**who calls us together and leads us forward.**  
Let us worship God!*

◆ **Hymn 81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIAN HYMN

### Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)

*In faith and in humility, let us prepare to confess our sin to the One who meets us with mercy.*

### 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 Lord, you love and care for us. You provide for us and nurture us with the food of your presence and the waters of your grace. Still, O Lord, we wander from your care as if we do not need it. We wander from your care as if we were better caretakers than you. Forgive our self-deception, Lord, and call us back with your Word to remind us of your promises. Forgive our wanderings, Lord, and call us back with the shepherd's crook of your divine guidance. For the truth is, we cannot find our way home apart from you. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

**Words of Life**

Lamentations 3:21-24

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, who is our home and our hope, I declare that our sin is forgiven. May our hearts be filled with joy and our spirits animated with praise. Amen.*

◆ **Gloria Patri**

**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-nin-g, 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 Psalms**

Psalm 14

**Motet** (8:30) Let us worship and fall down Healey Willan  
Let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker;  
for he is the Lord our God; we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
Chancel Choir

(11:00) Prelude on Amazing Grace Robert Powell

**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 Prophets** Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

*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.

*Repeat Alleluias*

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**Message** Rev. Jay P. Rowland

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

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST. DENIO

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** from PC(USA) Declaration of Faith

**God made human beings along with all the other creatures  
and charged us to care for the earth and all that lives on it.**

**We acknowledge we share in the interdependence  
that binds together all of God's creation.**

**Yet God gives us power to rule and tame,  
to order and reshape the world.**

**We hold the earth in trust for future generations ...  
The Lord forbids us to plunder, foul, and destroy the earth.**

**The Lord expects us to produce, to consume, to reproduce  
in ways that make earth's goodness available to all people  
and reflect God's love for all creatures.**

**The Lord bids us use our technical skills  
for beauty, order, health, and peace.**

**Amen.**

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

**Offertory** (8:30) **Amazing Grace** NEW BRITAIN, arr. David Ashley White  
 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did  
 that grace appear the hour I first believed!  
 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and  
 portion be as long as life endures.  
 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought  
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
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 Chancel Choir; Ariel Boswell, flute

(11:00) **Prelude on ST. DENIO** Gerald Near

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

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy One, receive these offerings and receive our lives in service to you.  
 Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance.  
 Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known, that our lives may  
 show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of  
 your Spirit. Amen.**

**Sending**

◆ **Hymn 620** **Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven** LAUDA ANIMA

◆ **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** **Jubilation on LAUDA ANIMA** Alice Jordan

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.

**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  
 Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
 Tyler Sczurek, Custodian  
 Child Care staff: Maria Alma Candido, Esther Lebron, Brenda Thorson  
 Security and custodial personnel: Than Boutelle, Sally Evans, Vera Herr, Tami Rinn

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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 September 15 – September 22 (and beyond)

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

### SUNDAY – September 15

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship.

Today's **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Dick and Jan Bennett in memory of family and 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:

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- 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 6-7) in youth room
- 9:40-10:45: Confirmation (grades 8-9) in room A102
- 10:00-10:30: High School Sunday morning discussion (grades 10-12) in room A103

#### Adults:

- 9:40 a.m.: *Current Issues: Fighting the Tide of History* (lounge E207)
- 9:40 a.m.: *Kerygma Study: "The Jesus Movement and the World of the Early Church"* (south fireside room/A104)

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m.

Pick up your **all-church calendar for 2019-2020** so you can plan for the church's yearlong cycle of activities. Calendars are in the atrium, foyer, narthex, and office.

### MONDAY – September 16

Material for the **October Good News** is due, either to [evans.carol@FPCRochester.org](mailto: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.

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>God the Creator</i> (Al Depman)
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

### THURSDAY – September 19

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY – September 21

Join us for FPC's **Habitat for Humanity work day September 21** from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or whenever you need to leave. This is an opportunity for our church family to come together and share God's love by building safe, affordable housing for a family in our community. Come for all or part of the day. No prior construction experience is necessary; however, you must sign up ahead of time. E-mail Lucinda Clements ([LucindaClements@me.com](mailto:LucindaClements@me.com)) for details and to sign up

#### Sign up for Team First Presbyterian and participate in *Out of the Darkness Walk*

Join other walkers in support of suicide prevention and awareness in Rochester. There is no fee to walk but donations are appreciated. Visit [afsp.org/rochestermn](http://afsp.org/rochestermn) to sign up. Even if you can't walk you can still go on-line and join Team First Presbyterian.

Walk date: September 21

Location: Bear Creek Park

Check-in/Registration Time: 9 a.m.

Walks begins at 10 a.m. and ends at noon

Questions? Contact Mark Mueller at

[markmueller@chartermi.net](mailto:markmueller@chartermi.net).

**Ruth Circle** meets at 10 a.m. in the lounge.

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

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### TUESDAY – September 24

**Chancel Guild** meets at 1 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY – September 25

**All Wednesday activities** are on as scheduled. See September 18 for specifics.

### THURSDAY – September 26

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

**Chancel Choir** rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY – September 28

The congregation is invited to celebrate Alfred and Ursula Thedens' 70th wedding anniversary at a reception in the social hall from 1-4 p.m.

### ***Among the Church Family***

Congratulations to Kenneth and Laura Irvin who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary September 18.

Congratulations to Alfred and Ursula Thedens who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary September 25.

Happy Birthday to Elmer VanDerHeyden, who will celebrate his 91st birthday September 19.

We extend our condolences to Allyson Maurer on the death of her mother on September 10 in Dallas, Texas.

### ***For Your Information***

#### **Volunteer opportunities for everyone!**

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

#### **Support for victims of Hurricane Dorian**

Hurricane Dorian has left the Bahamas with massive damage and countless people without shelter and adequate food and water. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is already assisting with relief and we are all able to help. The Mission Committee has designated \$1000 to Hurricane Relief. You may write a check and put Hurricane Relief in the memo line and place it in the offering plate or bring or mail it to the office. It is also possible to give online by going to the PDA website with code DR000194.

Thank you.

#### **Nominating Committee needs names for new officers for next year**

The **Nominating Committee** will soon begin looking for candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2020. There are positions open for six Elders on the Session, seven Deacons, and an at-large candidate for the Endowment Committee. These are three-year terms, 2020 - 2022. In addition, there are five openings for next year's Nominating Committee, a one-year commitment. If you are interested in finding out more about what these positions entail, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. If there is someone you'd like to nominate for a position, we will be glad to consider them as part of our outreach.

Members of this year's Nominating Committee are Joe Doppler, lead elder; Lucinda Cutrer, elder; Gregg Erickson, Paul Herr, Kathryn Lenn, Britta Youmans, Lindsay Zetzsche (congregation-at-large members), and Andrew Thoreson (Deacon representative).

#### **Have you signed up for your Good News?**

You're off to college or an out-of-town job. Have you (or your parents) made arrangements to have the church newsletter sent to you? Call **Sue** (282-1618) and she'll be happy to add your name to the mailing list.

Likewise, if you'd like to stay in touch by getting the weekly Good News in Brief via e-mail, let us know your e-mail address. We're happy to send either one (or both) to you but we need to know where you are.

#### **Welcome visitors to our church through artwork**

Session recently discussed placing a piece of exterior art somewhere on the north side of the sanctuary.

Carved in the stone above the north doors we invite people to "Come Ye Apart and Rest Awhile." Our church is located close to the medical complex and many people pass by our church every day. We often see people having lunch on our front steps and it seems like a natural gathering space. A piece of sculpture would be a welcoming Christian statement through art.

Certainly we would need to raise money for this project. We would also like to form a small group of people who have an interest in this and could formulate ideas about its selection and placement. If you are interested, please contact Sue in the church office.

*~ Ron Kreinbring / Building and Grounds Committee*

#### **Presbyterian Women gather in Kasson**

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held Saturday, October 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kasson. The theme is "Immigration and Detention." The speaker is Mary Hogan, Community Relations Officer for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security. PW will pay the registration fee, which includes lunch, for any who can attend. Please register with Peg Parsons by October 5.

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed!**

#### **Grade 4/5 Sunday School Teachers Needed!**

We currently have only 1 teacher in the Grade 4/5 classroom and we need 4-5 teachers 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](mailto:stone.susanna@fpcrochester.org)) or Rev. Jay Rowland ([rowland.jay@fpcrochester.org](mailto:rowland.jay@fpcrochester.org)) know if you are interested in teaching Sunday School.