

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
September 30, 2018
Nineteenth 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.
- We invite you to join us for 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.
- **Attention, guests:** We want to let you know what's happening here at FPC. Text the word **welcome** to **507-200-3175** so we can invite you to regular or special events via text, email, or voicemail—you decide which. Help us properly welcome you today!

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

Gathering

Prelude

Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)
Sonata VI (Theme and Variations)
Lois Marsh, guest organist

Edward Elgar
Felix Mendelssohn

*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 heart in prayer.*

Greeting and Welcome

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

Minute for Stewardship

(11:00) Rebecca Erickson

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30) Jay Youmans
(11:00) Kathryn Lenn

*If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those
who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.*

Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

*God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the
Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

Blessed be God's holy name!

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ Hymn 412

God, Reveal Your Presence

ARNSBURG

Call to Reconciliation with God (please be seated)

Let us confess our sins and pray for one another so that we may be healed.

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

God, our strength and savior, you know our great transgressions, our hidden faults, our secret sins. With our hands we grasp at power; with our feet we stumble into evil; with our eyes we look out for ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and lead us in your holy way of life and love and peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Life

Though we wander from the truth, God brings us back and saves our souls. Hear the Good News; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

- ◆ **Gloria Patri hymn 1** (stanza 1) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

- ◆ **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

Pre - pare our hearts, O God, to ac-cept your Word.

Si - lence in us a - ny voice but your own, that,

hear - ing, we may al - so o - bey your will; through

Je - sus Christ our Lord. A - - - men.

Reading from the Epistles

James 5:13-20

- Anthem** (8:30) Here I Am, Lord (See hymn 69 for text)
Ann and Dennis Gastineau
- (11:00) Let the Whole Creation Cry
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

arr. John Ferguson

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!" Heav'n and earth awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!" Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word, those to whom the arts belong add voices to the song. Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, singing, singing "God is great!"

Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone."

Calendar for the week of September 30 – October 7 (and beyond)

SUNDAY – September 30

We thank all who are sharing their ministries in worship today. Special thanks go to Lois Marsh, guest organist.

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Charlotte Davis in memory of her family.

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 Events: 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.

This year's Bdecan VBS team invites you to a presentation in the social hall between services. The team will show slides of the Vacation Bible School program they presented at the Bdecan Church this summer, talk about their experiences, and thank you for your generous support for this program.

MONDAY, October 1

Friendship Place is holding another fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Stewartville. Our last fund raiser there was very successful and many members of First Presbyterian Church supported it. From 4 p.m. until the close of the restaurant Friendship Place will receive 10% of all sales and all the tips that are collected. Many thanks to everyone who has supported Friendship Place over the years. Your gifts and contributions, volunteering, and tutoring are much appreciated.

TUESDAY, October 2

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

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 – October 3

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

| Wednesday Activities | |
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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: <i>Faith, Hope, and Security</i> (Al Depman) |
| 7:00 | Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational) |

THURSDAY – October 4

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

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – October 7 (World Communion Sunday)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be dedicated at both services, although you can contribute to the offering anytime through October.

One of our parish nurses will be in the library between services October 7 to take your **blood pressure**.

A two-week **new member class** begins October 7. Anyone interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or in finding out more about our church, is welcome. The class will meet in the conference room (A-209) at 9:40 a.m. If you decide to join, new members will meet with the Session October 14 and be recognized by the congregation at the 11 a.m. service that day.

TUESDAY - October 9

Kitchen Guild meets at 1:30 p.m.

FOM committee meets at 7:15 p.m. in the north fireside room.

WEDNESDAY – October 10

For regular Wednesday activities see schedule under October 3.

FRIDAY - October 12

Parents Night Out Sitter Service from 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Sign up in the atrium October 7 or in the church office or by calling Gayle Jones (993-2443) by Tuesday, October 9.

SATURDAY – October 13

The **Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women** in the Twin Cities Area Presbytery will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Long Lake beginning at 9 a.m. The program will emphasize missions: the Niger Coalition, the Rural Health Care Initiative in Sierra Leone, and the Dwelling Place in Minneapolis and St. Paul. PW will pay the registration fee, which includes lunch, for all who wish to attend. Register with Peg Parsons by October 6.

SUNDAY – October 14 (Stewardship Kickoff)

Worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Youth Group outing to Northwoods Orchard (8018 75th Avenue NW / Oronoco). Meet at the Orchard at 2 p.m. We'll explore the corn maze, enjoy a wagon ride, and make s'mores by the campfire. Cost is \$5 and permission slips are required. Contact Susanna with questions or to get a permission slip.

A Festival of Music will present organist David Baskeyfield in the opening concert of the 2018-2019 season at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

For Your Information

Reminder: Submissions for the Advent Devotional Guide are due on Monday, October 15, to kruger.sue@fpcrochester.org.

Pick up your **all-church calendar for 2018-2019** so you can plan for the church's yearlong cycle of activities.

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for the names of candidates to serve the congregation beginning January 2019. There are positions available for six elders, seven deacons, and an at-large candidate for the Endowment Committee. These are three-year terms, 2019-2021. There is also a two-year opening for an Elder and a one-year opening for a Deacon. There are also 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, contact a member of the current Nominating Committee. If there is someone you'd like to nominate for a position, we will be glad to consider them. [Karen Sessler (lead elder), Joe Doppler (elder), Lucinda Cutrer (elder), Tammy Buchanan, Katie Lenn, Terry Narr, Jason Wobig, Melissa Wobig, and Shelly Steger (Deacons representative)]

Among the Church Family

Happy Birthday to Ruth Guy who will celebrate her 94th birthday October 5.

Congratulations to Bill and Judy Haas who will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary October 6.

We extend our condolences to Nancy and John Brandrup on the death of Nancy's son, Timothy Nolan, September 18.

World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2018

What exactly is World Communion Sunday? Is it just a day where denominations intentionally receive communion? Or is there more to it?

The communion table is often called the "table of grace" because it is where we are nourished by God's grace in order to live out that grace in the world. The grace we share can take many forms. It might look like the Congolese woman courageously traveling into the bush to ask a war rebel to give up his arms so her people can live in peace. It could come in the form of two racially different congregations intentionally gathering together to address racial tensions. It might mean a congregation working to turn donated guns into rope pumps for wells, thus creating a source of life-giving water for families in Malawi.

Next Sunday as we commemorate World Communion Sunday, we will receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. As we acknowledge the violence and division in our world, in our country, and in our community, we are invited to come together to the table and join in communion with sisters and brothers all over the world. As we bring our gifts, we gather with other worshiping communities around the country to strengthen Christ's work for peace through our church. Twenty-five percent of funds received will be used for programs that build peace in our community. Twenty-five percent will be used at our mid council level and the remaining fifty percent will be used at the national level.

What we share on World Communion Sunday today will deepen connections to international peacemakers working in some of the most difficult places of conflict in the world. It will provide opportunities to learn more about global conflict, racism, militarization, gun violence, bullying, and church conflict, and provide resources that train people like us to be part of proclaiming Christ's peace to all God's children.

Please give generously.