

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**November 18, 2018**  
**Twenty-sixth 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 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.

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

## **Gathering**

**Prelude**

Ring to the Lord a New Song  
Jubilate Deo Handbell Choir

Cathy Moglebust

*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.

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Call to Worship**

(8:30) Judith Smithson  
(11:00) Dee Tiedeman

*Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.*

**Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.**

*Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad! Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.*

**For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life.**

*Let us praise the Lord!*

## ◆ **Hymn 63**

The Lord Is God

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

*Since we have a great high priest, Jesus Christ, let us approach the throne of grace in full assurance of faith, for God has promised to be merciful.*

## **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.



## Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 262**                      Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus                      ALL SAINTS
- ◆ **A Litany of Rededication for the Chancel Rose Window**  
*Lord of Light, in the beginning you separated the light from the darkness, and said it was good.*  
**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**  
*When Moses and the children of Israel escaped in darkness,*  
**You sent a pillar of flame to light the way.**  
*When in our sin we turned away and called for darkness to surround us, you pursued us.*  
**Even the darkness is not dark to you, O Lord, the night is bright as the day.**  
*In a stable dark, your light was born in human form.*  
**The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**  
*So may the light that shines through this restored Rose Window be a blessing to us and remind us of your true light. Bless this window to our inspiration as we continue to be faithful stewards of the faith.*  
**Lord, keep us mindful of the innumerable treasures that have been handed to us from generations before. Give us humility to serve as we have been served. May the light shining through all our stained glass windows remind us of your Divine light breaking through the darkness of this world. Amen.**

- ◆ **Hymn 404**                      What Is This Place                      KOMT NU MET ZANG

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

### Offertory

At the Offertory

(8:30)

It Is Well with My Soul  
Chancel Choir

arr. Sonja Poorman

See hymn 840 for text.

(11:00)

O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go  
Barbara Depman, alto  
See hymn 833 for text.

arr. Beck and Courtney

- ◆ **Offertory Response 643** (stanza 1) Now Thank We All Our God                      NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in Whom His world rejoices.  
Who from our mother's arms hath bless'd us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
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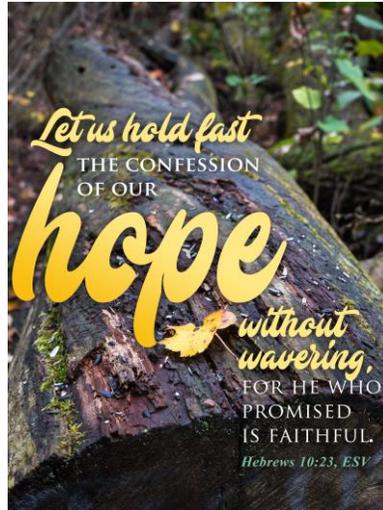
- ◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings – and our very selves – that your will may be done in our church, in our community, in our country, and throughout your wide and beautiful world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Sending

- ◆ **Hymn 353**                      My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less                      SOLID ROCK
- ◆ **Benediction**
- ◆ **Response 541** (stanza 1) God Be with You Till We Meet Again                      RANDOLPH  
God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.  
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- Postlude**                      Now Thank We All Our God                      Bach, Fox

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.



**“Stewardship 2019: Do all the good you can.”**  
*Our ability to accomplish our goal depends on the generous financial support of the congregation. Please do your part by making a generous pledge and returning your pledge card during worship today, by mail; or in the offering plate any Sunday. Extra cards are in the pew racks. We are trying to complete the stewardship drive before Thanksgiving and encourage you to turn in your pledge card as soon as possible.*

**About Our Church**

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Pastor	Susan K. Kruger, Office Administrator
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor	Kathleen M. Kuisle, Calvin and Cherub Choirs
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music/Organist	Janine Yanisch, First Players bands
Susanna L. Stone, Coordinator of Youth and Christian Education	Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager

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 Sally Evans, Vera Herr, Tami Rinn, Bob Schalaus, Tyler Sczurek

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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 November 18 – November 25 (and beyond)*

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### **SUNDAY – November 18**

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

The **chancel flowers** are given for the Glory of God by Marilyn Olseen and friends in memory of William R. Olseen.

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.

*We will rededicate our restored stained glass rose window at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services. See the process of restoration at a presentation in the social hall during the education hour.*

Pick up a copy of **Holiday Memories and Traditions**, an Advent devotional booklet written by members of First Presbyterian Church. You are welcome to take extra copies and give them to friends, family, and neighbors. There are also copies of the PCUSA **2018 Advent devotional calendar**, "*God Lifts the Lowly*," at the welcome desk or in the church office.

**Through December 2 the Sharing Tree** will be in the atrium and decorated with paper ornaments representing four charitable programs in Rochester: Alternative Learning Center, Family Promise, MedCity Foundation, and, new this year, Brighter Tomorrows, which assists families who have encountered a childhood cancer diagnosis. Select a gift tag from the tree and follow the instructions on the back of the tag. Your participation in the Sharing Tree is looked forward to by many in our community.

### **MONDAY – November 19**

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

### **TUESDAY – November 20**

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

### **WEDNESDAY – November 21**

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

**NO choir/bells/youth activities/Bible study** November 21 because of Thanksgiving break. The church and office will be open.

### **THURSDAY – November 22**

The church will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

### **FRIDAY – November 23**

**The Church will be closed.**

**First Players Concert Band** will play at Hiawatha Homes *Festival of Trees* at Mayo Civic Center from 2:30-3 p.m. We'd love to see you there!

### **SUNDAY – November 25**

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

Join us November 25 for **Advent Creations**. Advent Creations is open to all ages and is an opportunity to use your creative side to create Advent and Christmas crafts. Kids under the age of 8 will need adult supervision.

### **TUESDAY – November 27**

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

### **WEDNESDAY – November 28**

#### **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 (Al Depman)
7:00	Joyous Praise handbells (intergenerational)

### **THURSDAY – November 29**

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

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

### **SATURDAY – December 1**

**Help us decorate** the halls of First Presbyterian for Advent beginning at 9:30 a.m. We have trees to decorate, wreaths to hang, and poinsettias to put out. There are jobs for all ages and interests. We will have light refreshments to keep us going.

### **SUNDAY – December 2 (Advent 1)**

**Worship** 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 answer questions you have about your health.

#### **For Your Information**

On Wednesday evenings from December 5 through December 19, Rev. Parlette will lead an **Advent study** on the book "*Half Truths: God helps those who help themselves, and other things the Bible doesn't say.*" Register by calling the church office.

Help celebrate the Advent season with a \$15 donation to the **poinsettia fund**. The plants will decorate the sanctuary in December and then be delivered by the Deacons to our 40 C.A.R.E. members. To contribute, put your check (note for poinsettias) in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

If you're **heading south for the winter**, let us know your winter address so we can send you the Good News each month. Call the church office (282-1618) or send your winter address to [RochesterFPC@msn.com](mailto:RochesterFPC@msn.com)

#### **Among Our Church Family**

*Happy Birthday* to Elaine Davis, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday November 23.

*Happy Birthday* to Betty Dobyons, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday November 25.

We extend our condolences to Ursula and Alfred Thedens on the death of Ursula's sister this week.