

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
June 25, 2023
Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude

Voluntary

John Stanley

Greeting and Welcome

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Karen Sessler

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

◆ **Hymn 50**

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

Call to Reconciliation

We have died to sin; yet we continue to live in it. God's grace abounds so we might move past our sins. Trusting that promise, let us confess our sin to God.

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more. Amen.

Silent Confession

Lamb of God (Hymn 555)

LAND OF REST

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins
of the world; have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

Words of Life

We are united in Christ's life, death and resurrection: he has saved us from sin so that we might live in God.

Thanks be to Jesus Christ, who frees us from sin! Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

Lee Afdahl

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.

Time for Young Worshipers

◆ Passing of the Peace

Please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you said to us today. Amen.

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 10:24-39

Acclamation of Praise (Hymn 587)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Reading from the Epistles

Romans 6:1b-11

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Wanted: Dead and Alive

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 439** O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer STUTTGART

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** 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

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Variations on STUTTGART David N. Johnson

♦ **Offertory Response** (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

♦ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious and holy God, who gives life, nourishment, and strength to all creation, we pray that you will bless these gifts that all your children may be nurtured in truth and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sending

♦ **Hymn 543** God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me GREEN TYLER

♦ **Benediction**

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in C Major Georg Böhm

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Mrs. Karen Petitt by her family.

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Please see the *Stained Glass Window* for a full list of church activities.

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of June 25, 2023

SUPPORT FRIENDSHIP PLACE

First Presbyterian Church has been supportive of Friendship Place with volunteers and finances for more than 25 years. This summer we will be partnering with Rochester Community Baptist Church to run the summer program for two weeks: June 26 -28 and July 10 - 12. We will meet Monday through Wednesday from 2 to 4pm. Reading, outdoor games, crafts, sewing, and snack will be offered to children in elementary school. If you are able to volunteer one afternoon or several, both leaders and children will greatly appreciate your effort. Youth volunteers are always popular with the children. And the rewards of helping are huge!

Jane Goodfriend

**Thank you, dears, thank you ...
one hundred times, thank you!**

My heart was warmed by the crowd who came to dinner Wednesday night for burgers and hot dogs. It was a true community event with some people pitching in with salads and others, desserts, and ... well, there were just people pitching in. Particular thanks go to the kitchen crew and the grill-meisters and the team that cleaned up. Every time I turned around, there was someone offering a helping hand. You remember the saying "It takes a village ... " Well I would rather believe it is our church basement environment that brought us all together for laughter, good food and ole' fashioned fellowship. Be sure and mark your calendars now for the third Wednesday in July (July 19) when we will come together again for simple repast and conversation. Maybe this time, you will be the bold one who shares your own favorite recipe with the group. If you can help with planning the meal, don't be shy and contact me to sign yourself up.

Cindy



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, June 25**
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed
Message: *Wanted: Dead and Alive*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Elaine Davis Memorial Service – 2:00pm
- † **Monday, June 26**
FPC@Friendship Place – 2-4pm
- † **Tuesday, June 27**
FPC@Friendship Place – 2-4pm
- † **Wednesday, June 28**
FPC@Friendship Place – 2-4pm
- † **Sunday, July 2**
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed
Message: *Wanted: Dead and Alive*,
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- † **Monday, July 3**
The Church Office is Closed
- † **Tuesday, July 4**
The Church Office is Closed



MEDICAL MISSIONS COFFEE

The women of the church will gather for the 72nd Medical Missions Coffee in the social hall of the church on Wednesday, July 12, beginning at 1 PM with fellowship and dessert. Bring a friend. At 1:45 our speaker will be Erin Sinnwell, Executive Director of Family Promise, which works with homeless families.

Sylvia Swede, PW Facilitator

Sylvia Swede





MADcamp

music • arts • drama

Join us for **5 fast paced mornings** of creative opportunities!
Registration is open until the camp begins!

Registration Form Available Online:
tinyurl.com/fpcMADform

OR:



OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGE 5 and OLDER
registration fee: \$50 (includes snacks, and a T-Shirt)
scholarships may be available - please ask for more information

"Show the world all the love in your heart!"

July 17-21, 2023

9:00AM-NOON | First Presbyterian Church



Questions? Contact:
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Bdecan Mission

The mission team that is providing a “mini-VBS” program to the children of the Bdecan Church in July is **collecting items** that will be helpful to the Bdecan kids including **school supplies and basic hygiene items**. The team is particularly looking for **small boxes of marker pens**. *Let's fill up the box in the atrium*. A list of suggested items is available on the side of the box and in the church office.

Marylynn Aalderks, Mission Committee



For the full FPC Strategic Plan, go to the following link:
[FPC Website_Members Page \[password: members\]](#)



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jay P. Rowland, Associate Pastor
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Jesse Copley, Custodian

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager
Sarah A. Stender, Music Associate
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands
TBD, Security
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host
Margie Schaaf, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 10:00 a.m.;
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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*First Presbyterian Church is an
inclusive community celebrating God with:
†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love*

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

Birthdays...

25 June

◆ Belinda Brandon & Sandra Carroll

26 June

◆ Jeremy Braun & Janet Erie

27 June

◆ Olson Carroll

28 June

◆ Jodi Hruska

29 June

◆ Lynn Ferschweiler & Nancy Nock

01 July

◆ Kambrie Folkens & Charlie Matoush

Anniversaries

25 June

♥ Jay & Carolyn Beck

♥ Eric & Lettie Eckberg

26 June

♥ Todd & Betsy Johnson

27 June

♥ Chris & Ariel Boswell

28 June

♥ Barry & Lori Folkens

30 June

♥ Doug & Ros Rovang