

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
July 9, 2023
Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude

Introspection

Jason Krug

Onward

Jason Krug

Summer Bell Ensemble

Greeting and Welcome

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Judy Smithson

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart in the
company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness
endures forever.**

Let us worship the Lord, our God.

◆ **Hymn 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Unison Prayer of Confession

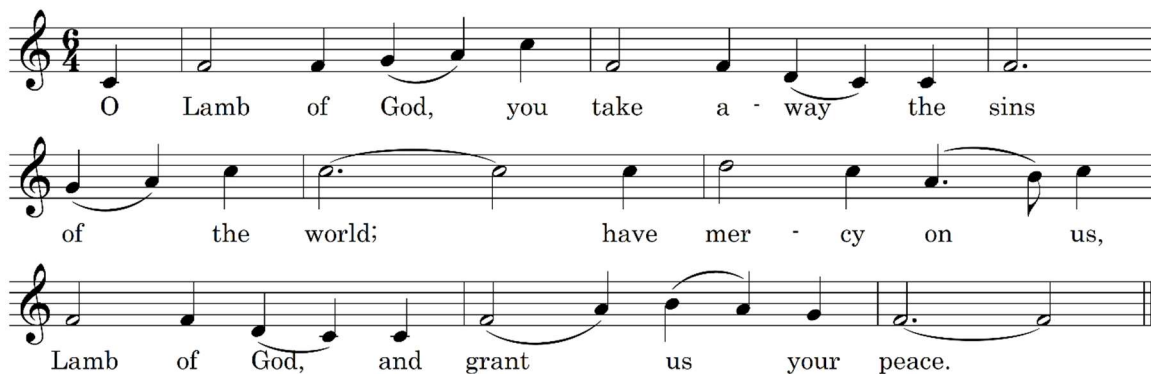
**We are creatures of your making, Holy God, capable of
blessing you, and capable of failing miserably. Keep us
mindful of our vulnerability, how quickly we can fail you, and
even ourselves. Remind us of our desires to be loving
practitioners of your gracious ways and humbled by your
readiness to forgive. Amen.**

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

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.

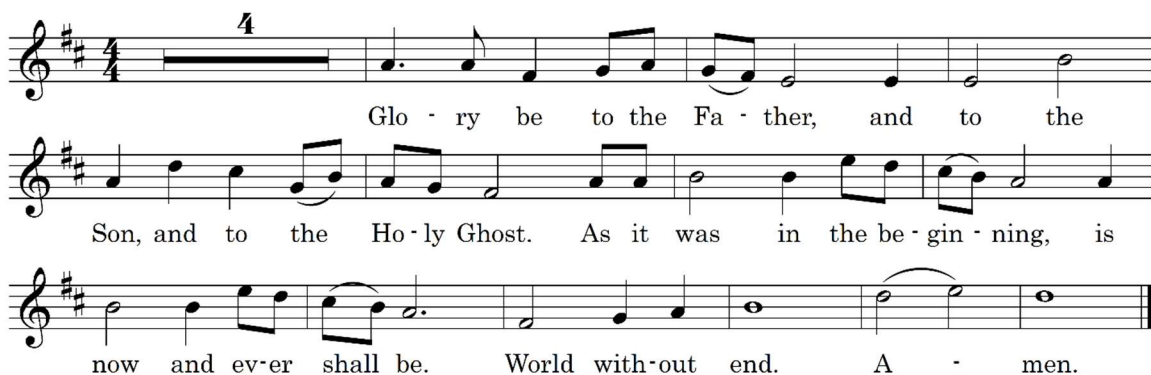
Words of Life

In Christ we find confidence that our sin is forgiven.

In Christ we are God's People. 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 Old Testament

Genesis 14:1-4, 10-16

Acclamation of Praise (Hymn 587)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Reading from the New Testament

Matthew 15:29-39

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

Message

Goel

Rev. Dr. Larry Boutelle

Our Response

- ◆ **Hymn 687** Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE
- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith** from *A Brief Statement of Faith, part 2*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

(using 'debts' and 'debtors')

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Sakura, Sakura Japanese trad., arr Jason Krug
Summer Bell Ensemble

◆ **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**

**We bring the gifts of our lives, Holy God, for we cannot give
from our hearts if we do not first give our hearts. Help us to
be your people with all we have, and all we are. In answer to
our Christ, we are here. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

Thank you to the Summer Handbell Ensemble
for participating in today's service.

The chancel flowers are given in celebration of Martha & Alan Sessler
by Karen and James Sessler.

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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 July 9, 2023



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, July 9**
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed
Message: *Goel*,
Rev. Dr. Larry Boutelle
- † **Monday, July 10**
FPC@Friendship Place – 2-4pm
- † **Tuesday, July 11**
FPC@Friendship Place – 2-4pm
- † **Wednesday, July 12**
PW Medical Missions Coffee – 1pm
FPC@Friendship Place – 2-4pm
Adult Bible Study – 6:30pm
- † **Sunday, July 16**
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed
Message: Rev. Carol Shaffer



Medical Missions Coffee

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 | 1 PM
Speaker: Erin Sinnwell,
Family Promise



Church Family
DINNER

Wednesday
June 22
5:30 p.m.

We hope to see you!
Wednesday, July 19
@ 5:30pm
for **Walking Tacos!**

Let's Get M.A.D.

First Presbyterian Church's **2nd Annual Music/Art/Drama Camp for Youth!** is here next week. Music, art, and culture are our aim. The value of this camp is a steal and each child that participated last year is eager to come back. Consider joining in to share your gifts!



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



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Mission Team Commissioning



The mission team going the Bdecan Church in Tokio, ND, later this month will be commissioned on Sunday, July 16. We are currently wrapping up the collection of school supplies and basic hygiene items that we plan to take with us. Please bring your **school supplies** and **basic hygiene items** to the church this week so we can pack everything up for hauling. **Thank you so much for your support!**

MaryLynn Aalderks, Vicki Wintheiser, Larry Boutelle,
Than Boutelle, Jane Hallman, Marion Pitts & Cindy Kunzman

More information available in the weekly *Good News* email and on the "Marking Our Journey Together" bulletin board.

Welcome, Baby

Congratulations to **Thomas and Andrea Kluck; Brad and Sara Kluck; and Jason Kluck** on the birth of their son, grandson and nephew on Thursday, July 5.



Bennett Daniel Kluck

9 lbs, 21 inches



Notes & Doodles

Birthdays...

09 July

◆ Thomson Parlette

11 July

◆ Earl Erdenberger, Frank Sharbrough & William Tremaine

12 July

◆ Lettie Eckberg & Sally Evans

14 July

◆ Larry Boutelle, Laura Weerheim & Lynne Shutz

15 July

◆ Angela Jennings

Anniversaries

10 July

♥ Dwight & Lea Jennings

12 July

♥ Scott & Cindy Pauley

14 July

♥ Dylan & Kaely Dudlext

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
Paul Herr, 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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inclusive community celebrating God with:*
†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love

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