

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**July 23, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

**10:00 A.M.**

## *Welcome to worship*

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

## *Gathering*

**Prelude**                      Trumpet Tune on UNSER HERRSCHER                      Franklin Ashdown

### **Greeting and Welcome**

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

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

*Sarah Stender*

*We come. We wait.*

**We long. We hope.**

*We suffer. We pray.*

**We Rejoice. We sing.**

*We know we are children of God.*

**We wait for Christ to set all things right.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

◆ **Hymn 403**                      Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty                      UNSER HERRSCHER

### **Call to Reconciliation**

*There is good ness within us that grows like fresh wheat. There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds. Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good, so that we are not overcome with evil. Let us confess our sin to God.*

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

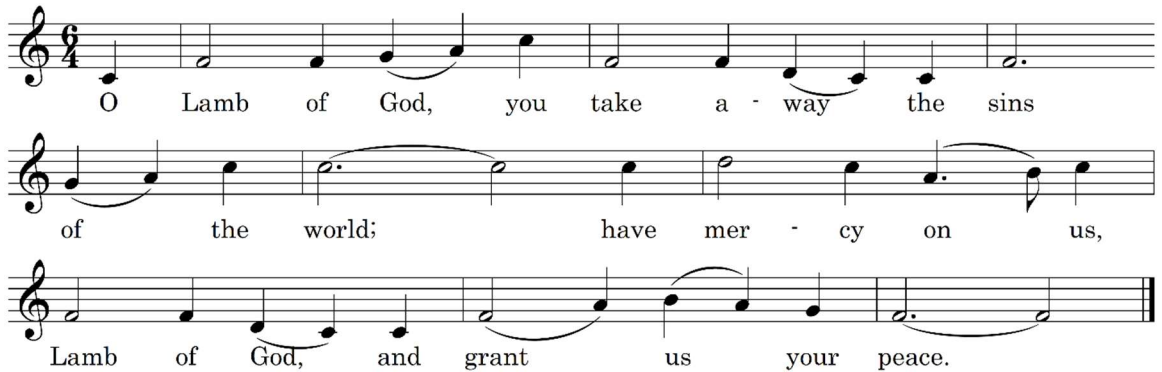
## Unison Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you – the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions that you may delight in us as we delight in you. 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

*Beloved, hear the good news: God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life.*

**Thanks be to God! 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 13:24-30, 36-43

### **Anthem**

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Spiritual, arr. Horace C. Boyer

*Chancel Choir*

### **Reading from the Old Testament**

Genesis 28:10-19a

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Message**

*Jacob's Ladder*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

## ***Our Response***

### ◆ **Hymn 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

### ◆ **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 and The Lord's Prayer**

*(using 'debts' and 'debtors')*

### **Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

Improvisation

Sarah Stender

◆ **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**

**Loving and ever-present God, receive these tithes and offerings, our worship, and our lives to your service; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

◆ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

Toccatina on BLESSED ASSURANCE

Dale Wood

The chancel flowers are given in memory of our parents,  
Arvid & Florine Koxlien and Rollie & Nan Ring  
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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of July 23, 2023



## This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, July 23**  
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed  
Message: *Jacob's Ladder*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette
- † **Wednesday, July 26**  
Adult Bible Study – 6:30pm
- † **Friday, July 28**  
Talen Memorial Service – 11am
- † **Sunday, July 30**  
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed  
Message: *The Kingdom of Heaven in 5 Parables*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette



## 2nd Annual M.A.D. Camp Recap

This week, a wonderful group of church members led by John Stender had the opportunity to engage with about 30 young people from age 3 to 17! That number is more than double the number who participated last year. The daily routine included brainstorming and design for the camp t-shirt (that will be produced later); a choral 🎵 experience for all; everyone's favorite **SNACK TIME**, artistic creations of every kind (from painting 🎨 to friendship bracelets 💕); and elective classes in rhythm/drum circle, beginning piano 🎹, drama games 🎭, improv 🎭 and scene work, creative writing 🖋️, handbells 🛎️ and handchimes, and ukulele 🎸! This outreach to the Rochester community shows young people and their parents what qualities about art and community we support, and will perhaps encourage them to learn more about our faith and fellowship that we might reach folks in the community who neither have or were even intentionally looking for a church community to call home.

*John Stender, Director of Music*

## CALL TO MEETING



Session has called a  
**Meeting of the Congregation**  
on  
**Sunday, August 6 at 11:15 a.m.**  
to hear their recommendation  
to alter the terms of call for the  
Associate Pastor.



## Prayers for the Bdecan Team

*MaryLynn Alderks, Vicki Wintheiser, Larry Boutelle,  
Than Boutelle, Marion Pitts & Cindy Kunzman*



Don't forget tonight when you say your prayers to remember the team in North Dakota at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church. They arrived on Friday, spent time yesterday assisting with distributions at the local food shelf, and today are participating in worship. Tomorrow they will offer Bible school to the children of the church. Through all of these activities, they hope to build relationships with the families of the Bdecan church and the greater Spirit Lake Nation community.

Please offer this prayer:

*Dear God, we pray for an abundance  
of energy and strength  
for this team and for your  
blessing on all of their activities. Amen.*



## Next Church Family Meal

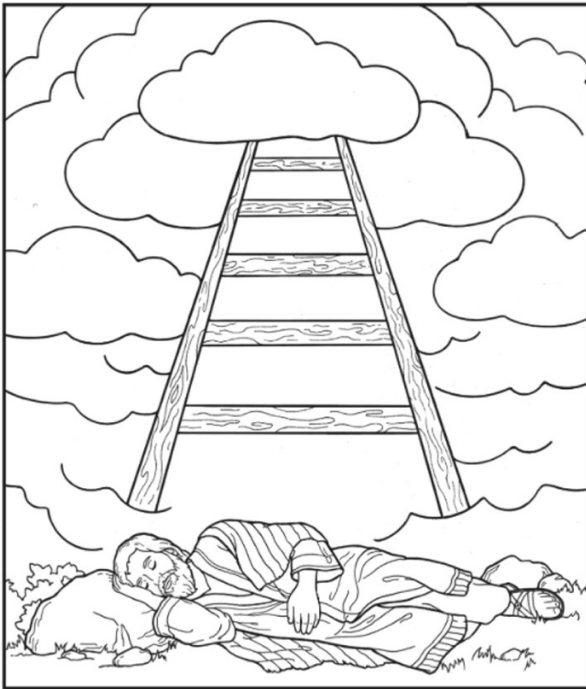
A group of almost 45 people came together for tacos and fellowship. A special thanks goes to Sara Kluck and her family for "dotting the 'I's and and "crossing the 'T's" to pull everything together for the meal on Wednesday. Be sure and mark your calendars for our next church family meal on **August 16 at 5:30 p.m.**

## Condolences...

We extend our condolences to **Patricia Talen** and the family and friends of **James Talen**, who died on July 14. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 28, at 11:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon reception.



*With Deepest Sympathy*



## Birthdays...

### 23 July

◆ Tami Schmidt & Elizabeth Vierkant,

### 24 July

◆ Elaine Jones & Jon Thiem

### 25 July

◆ Gaile Pease

### 26 July

◆ Kora Folkens & Brad Narr

### 27 July

◆ Tim Finley

### 28 July

◆ Savanna Boswell, Joy Noe & Juliet Parlette

### 29 July

◆ Kenny Harrer & Mark Pileggi

## Anniversaries

### 23 July

♥ Alan & Amanda Holloway

### 24 July

♥ Dale & Jane Goodfriend

♥ Doug & Jennifer Zmolek

### 28 July

♥ Chad & Becky Decker

♥ Kevin & Laura Rud

### 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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