

First Presbyterian Church



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Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
August 6, 2023
Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude

Beautiful Savior
Laudate Dominum
Michael Bostwick, clarinet

Gregory Hamilton
Mozart/Afdahl

Greeting and Welcome

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

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Jane Hallman

We come, carrying just what we need for the journey:

Five loaves and two fish.

We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:

Our time, our talents, and our gifts.

We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:

In God's hands, what we have is enough.

♦ **Hymn 32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

Call to Reconciliation

When we call upon God, God answers. Even when our steps stray from God's path, even when our feet slip, God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer our prayer of confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

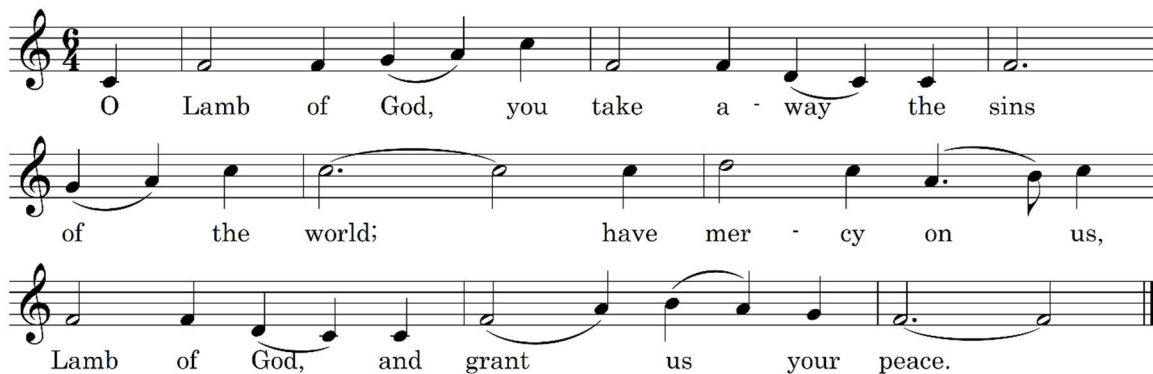
Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.

♦ 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.

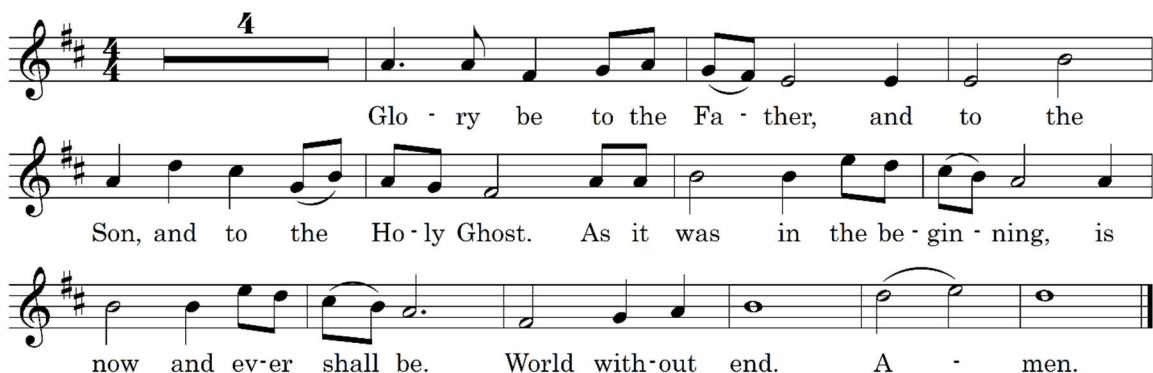
Words of Life

Incline your ear, listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us.

**God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us
onward. 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

**Holy, Holy, Holy One,
guide us by the Spirit of truth
to hear the Word of life you speak,
and to give all glory, honor, and praise
to your threefold name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 55:1-5

Acclamation of Praise (Hymn 587)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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

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Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 14:13-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

An Odd Time for a Picnic

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

♦ **Hymn 463**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

♦ **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

James Biery

◆ **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 generous God, you provide for us and even bless us in more ways than we can number. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also come to your love. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Elements

Please come forward to be served using the center aisle. If you wish to be served in the pew, a server will be in the side aisle to assist you.

Music at Communion

Dearest Jesus, we are Here

J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ **Hymn 498**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Sinfonia from Cantata 29
"We Thank Thee, God We Thank Thee"

J.S. Bach

We give thanks to Lee Afdahl, organ, and Michael Bostwick, clarinet,
for sharing their musical talents with us today.

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Les & Mary Huie in loving memory of their parents.

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Stained Glass Window

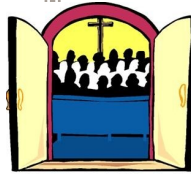
What is happening around FPC ...
Week of August 6, 2023



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, August 6**
Worship & Communion – 10:00am
in-person & livestreamed
Message: *An Odd Time for a Picnic*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Congregational Meeting – 11:15am
- † **Monday, August 7**
FPC@Community Food Response @ 1:00pm
- † **Wednesday, August 9**
Prayer Shawl Group @ 1:00pm
Adult Bible Study – 6:30pm
- † **Saturday, August 12**
Potter Memorial Service – 1:00pm
- † **Sunday, August 13**
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed
Message: Rev. Jay Rowland
Reception & Luncheon following service

CALL TO MEETING



Session has called a
Meeting of the Congregation
for today
Sunday August 6
at **11:15 a.m.**
to hear a report and
recommendations from the
Personnel & Administration
Committee regarding terms of
call for the Associate Pastor
position at FPC.

THANK YOU, PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In July the women of the church gave \$5345 for medical missions, part of the national PW Thank Offering. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Sylvia Swede, PW Facilitator



To First Presbyterian Church members and friends:

As you may know, Pastor Jay Rowland's last day as our church's Associate Pastor will be Sunday, August 13. Since Jay arrived at First Presby in 2001, we have come to know, respect and love him. He has demonstrated real leadership in many areas including Christian Education and has provided consistent, invaluable counsel and support to countless members over the years. He willingly shouldered the role of being both senior and associate pastor between 2008 and 2010 until Rev. Parlette joined our church family as senior pastor.

We want to ensure that Jay knows how much this congregation values and appreciates him! We invite you to attend worship in person on August 13 at 10:00 a.m., remain in the sanctuary for an informal program honoring Jay after the worship service, and join us for a light lunch in the social hall following the program. What a wonderful opportunity to let Jay know that he has made a difference and HE WILL BE MISSED!

Many of you have already received an email from Rev. Parlette describing how you can donate to a "purse" for Jay, and we really hope you will attend the service and celebration on Sunday, August 13. As an extra incentive—as if you need one—Dan Wentz will provide homemade root beer!

With love and peace,

*Jean Marvin (cjeanmarvin@gmail.com)
on behalf of the FPC Christian Education Committee*

To make a donation to Jay's purse, please make the check out to First Presbyterian Church and indicate "Jay's purse" in the memo line of your check.

Condolences...

A memorial service for *Steven and David Potter*, sons of **Warren and Mary Potter**, will be held on Saturday, August 12, at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Steven Potter passed away on June 24 (?) in Las Vegas and David Potter passed away on June 24 (?) in Rochester.



With Deepest Sympathy

FPC's Many Sources of Information

FPC has a plethora of information available to you each week.

- On our webpage: www.fpcrochester.org
 - A link to our full Calendar
 - Archives of weekly emails, bulletins, & sermons
 - Online giving platform
- The *Marking our Journey Together* bulletin board includes a monthly calendar and highlights important member news and upcoming events.. We also include news articles and reminders of past activities in pictures.
- Weekly electronic email from Rev. T.J.
- Weekly electronic *Good News in Brief* via email (and on our website in the [NEWS] link. You can subscribe to this weekly communication.
- TextInChurch—to subscribe, text “Connect” to (507) 200-3175
- Weekly *Stained Glass Window* in print this is available as an insert in the bulletin and is also posted with the bulletin on our website

Next week, we'll have some tips on pointers on accessing these different sources of information.

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

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

Birthdays...

5 August

◆ Connie Larson & Josh Ellefson

6 August

◆ Jennifer Matoush & Barton Schutz

7 August

◆ Clay Moen

9 August

◆ Jan Hosier & David Sorenson

10 August

◆ Sondra Danielson, Adam Gyura,
Hope Meshke & Sylvia Swede

11 August

◆ Janet Christiansen & Elia Konkel

12 August

◆ Ardith Ottman

Anniversaries

6 August

♥ Brad & Terry Narr

7 August

♥ Mike & Mary Harper

♥ Otis Laurberg & Carol Shaffer

8 August

♥ Bill & Heidi Oehler

9 August

♥ Roger & Wendy Shepherd

11 August

♥ Susanna Stone & Jake Wright

12 August

♥ Frank & Lynda Sharbrough

13 August

♥ Eric & Kristin Sorenson