

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**August 13, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

**10:00 A.M.**

## ***Welcome to worship***

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

## ***Gathering***

**Prelude** Voluntary on "How Can I Keep from Singing" Edwin T. Childs

### **Greeting and Welcome**

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

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

*Jean Marvin*

*We gather to worship our God,*

**who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.**

*We gather to follow Jesus,*

**who encourages to never fear, for he is near.**

*We gather to be filled with the Spirit,*

**who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

### ◆ **Hymn 8**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

### **Call to Reconciliation**

*The deepest longing of the human heart is to be connected to, and embraced and forgiven by the Lord God. As we confess our sins together, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole. Please join me in praying the unison prayer of confession*

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**We confess to you, O God of the silence and of the seas, we are better at making waves than riding out storms. We find it easier to keep people out of the boat rather than make room for more. Our lives are such a whirlwind of activity and chaos that we do not notice your presence or hear your holy**

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

**whisper singing your shalom to us. Have mercy on us, Lord God. Grab hold of us to keep us from drowning. Fill our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ that we may reflect your love and hope to others in the midst of chaos.**

### **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**

*Immediately, immediately! The Lord our God forgives our sins, restores our lives, and guides us through this life with grace and blessing.*

**The Lord our God never abandons us. So let us take heart in the forgiving and abiding love of the Lord our God. 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

Hymn 184

Calm to the Waves

CALM SEAS



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je-sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

### Reading from the Epistles

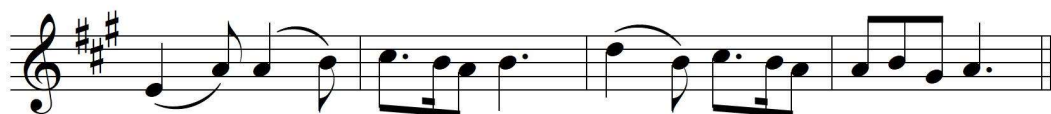
Romans 10:5-15

### 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 Gospels

Matthew 14:22-33

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

Rev. Jay Rowland

## Our Response

#### ◆ Hymn 821

My Life Flows On HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

#### ◆ Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 (9.07)

**In Jesus Christ God was reconciling the world. Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Creator, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. (Jesus) is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God--Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls us to be reconciled to God and to one another. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

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

### **Invitation to the Offering**

#### **Offertory**

#### ◆ **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**

**Generous God, may our lives and our treasure more than our words proclaim your presence in our midst. Bless these gifts, and use them so that those in need might know that your love, your life, your hope, your healing is in their midst. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

#### ◆ **Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

#### **Responsive Charge**

*Go now into the world as God's people,*  
**telling of God's hopes for all.**

*Go serve the world as followers of Jesus,*  
**showing with our lives that all belong  
to the kingdom of God.**

*Go now to share the Spirit,*  
**to bring peace where there is war,  
to share love in the midst of hate.**

#### ◆ **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

The chancel flowers are given by Shirley Service in loving memory  
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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of August 13, 2023

*Today, we say "thank you" and "farewell"  
to a dear friend and mentor*

As you know, today is Pastor Jay Rowland's last day as our church's associate pastor. We want to ensure that Jay knows how much this congregation values and appreciates him! You are invited to remain in the sanctuary for an informal program honoring Jay after the worship service. We will conclude with 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!

We really hope you will attend the service and this celebration on Sunday. As an extra incentive—as if you need one-- Dan Wentz has provided homemade root beer!



## This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, August 13**  
Worship – 10:00am  
in-person & livestreamed  
Message: Rev. Jay Rowland  
**Reception & Luncheon** following service
- † **Tuesday, August 15**  
Meeting of the Session @ 7:00pm
- † **Wednesday, August 9**  
Card Crafters Group @ 1:00pm
- † **Saturday, August 12**  
Potter Memorial Service – 1:00pm
- † **Sunday, August 20**  
Worship – 10:00am in-person & livestreamed  
Message: *To Preserve Live*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
**Reception & Luncheon** following service



## THE SCRIBE'S CHALLENGE

It's time for a new program year, and with that transition comes the dreaded **CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES!**

I don't know about you, but for this editor, that is a bit spooky. Can't you just hear the booming announcer's voice fading in and out?

To help ensure we all end up in the right place at the right time, please contact Cindy in the office and let her know when your activity is taking place or your group is meeting. Don't assume that it all just flows along. Some groups took a hiatus during the summer! Some activities will be operating under a new schedule the coming year! Sometimes Cindy *just gets it wrong!*

If you aren't sure under which category you fall, or just can't remember what you did last year, please contact Cindy with your church calendar schedule.

## Birthdays...

### 14 August

◆ Tom Steen

### 16 August

◆ Tailor Hofman & Miles Keller

### 17 August

◆ Clara Braun

### 18 August

◆ Olivia Kent & Jim Sessler

### 19 August

◆ Julia Ellefson & Dan Tolman

## Anniversaries

### 13 August

♥ Eric & Kristin Sorenson

### 14 August

♥ Reese & Alexis McEvoy

### 15 August

♥ Mark & Christine Keller

### 16 August

♥ Jay & Janet Erie

### 18 August

♥ Allen & Marcia Dollerschell

### 19 August

♥ Philip & Janet Christiansen

## Finding Stuff on FPC's Information Superhighway

How do I navigate the FPC Website?

Our webpage is located at: [www.fpcrochester.org](http://www.fpcrochester.org)

The webpage opens to the homepage, which then includes links to multiple different "pages" within the site. You navigate to those pages by clicking on links. How to identify a link depends on your browser and equipment. For instance, from My computer display, I know there is a link exists when a little pointing hand pops up on my screen. On my Android phone display, there are different ways to identify where a link is located. Often I can just tap on a word in the text that will take me to the linked information

There is a red bar along the top of the web page that links to our [FPC Youtube channel](#).

The Youtube channel is found at: [FPC RochesterMN](#).

You will know you have landed at the right location if you see a thumbnail picture of the front entrance of the church.

When you are looking for recordings that are posted to our channel, click on the [LIVE] link under the FPC masthead. You will find the history of all the services that have streamed, as well as future services that are scheduled. Those future services won't be available until they are actively streaming or have streamed.

*Next week, we'll provide a site map of the FPC website.*

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## 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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