

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**August 20, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

**10:00 A.M.**

## *Welcome to worship*

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

## *Gathering*

**Prelude**                      excerpts from *Suite for Organ*                      Matthew Corl

### **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*

*Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come.*

**God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people. God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

### ♦ **Hymn 372**

O for a World

AZMON

### **Call to Reconciliation**

*Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us and bless us.*

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of all goodness, we do not want to face all that is in our own hearts. We want to focus on the good – on the love, the compassion, the care – and ignore the bad- the greed, the envy, the cruelty. But before you, God, we must face it.**

**Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts.**

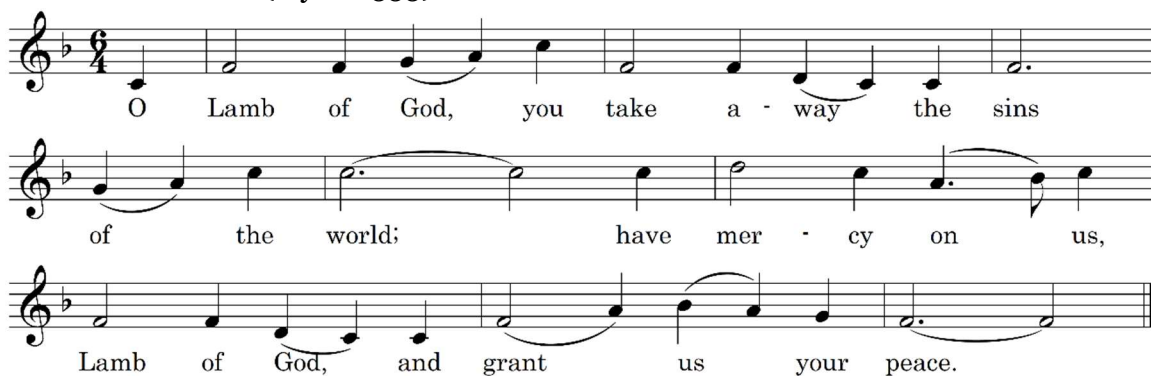
**Cleanse us. Help us face our own demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life. Amen.**

♦ 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

*We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.*

**Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of 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 say to us today. Amen.**

### **Reading from the Epistles**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

### **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 Old Testament**

Genesis 45:1-15

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

### **Message**

*To Preserve Life*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

## ***Our Response***

### ◆ **Hymn 39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

### ◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, Part 1*

**In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

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**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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**            IV. Trumpet Tune from *Suite for Organ*            Matthew Corl

◆ **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 Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine and more blessings than we deserve. Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you, that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound to embrace all those in need. Amen.**

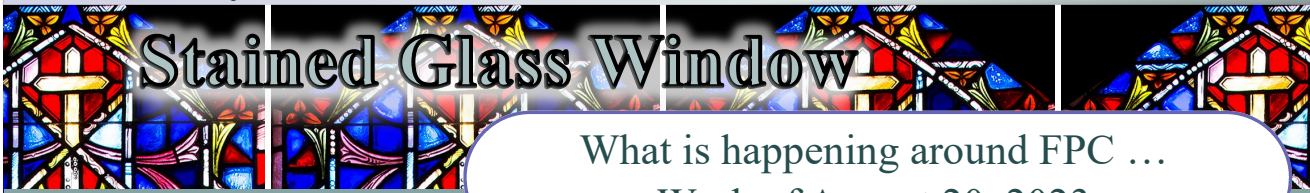
### ***Sending***

◆ **Hymn 756**            O God of Every Nation            LLANGLOFFAN

◆ **Benediction**

**Postlude**            Postlude on "O God of Every Nation"            Robert J. Powell

Today's flowers are given for the Glory of God  
in memory of Velma Jean Wilcox and Cleme Martin  
by Warren and Mary Potter.



# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of August 20, 2023



## This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, August 20**  
Worship – 10am in-person & livestreamed  
Message: *To Preserve Life*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette
- † **Monday, August 21**  
Band Camp – 9am-noon
- † **Tuesday, August 22**  
Band Camp – 9am-noon
- † **Wednesday, August 23**  
Band Camp – 9am-noon  
Adult Bible Study – 6:30pm
- † **Thursday, August 24**  
Band Camp – 9am-noon
- † **Friday, August 25**  
Band Camp – 9am-noon  
Final Concert @ 11:15am
- † **Sunday, August 27**  
Worship – 10am in-person & livestreamed  
Message: *Tools in the Hands of God*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
New Member Class – 11:15am  
Sheldon Jackson Lounge



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 11:15am

If you are looking for an opportunity to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Parlette will be offering a new members seminar. Nursery care will be available at that time for those with young children.

He will be covering some Presbyterian basics such as history, polity, and theology as well as things unique to this particular church.

Please call the church office if you plan to attend.



### STILL LOOKING FOR CALENDAR UPDATES

It's time for a new program year, and with that transition comes

### CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES!

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. Some groups have taken a hiatus during the summer and other activities will be operating under a new schedule the coming year, but sometimes Cindy *just has it wrong!* Please contact Cindy with your church calendar schedule so we can update the calendar.

### THE BAND IS IN THE BUILDING

The **First Players Band** is having their annual camp this week with students ranging from grades 5-12. They will be here every day from **9am until noon**. They will **perform** in concert on **Friday at 11:15am** in the sanctuary followed by a **pop-sicle reception**. We hope you can make it for the concert and support the band.



## Condolences . . .

We extend our condolences to **Van Jacobsen** and **Lee Afdahl** on the death of Van's sister, Nancy Weyerhaeuser, on August 16 in Eden Prairie. Arrangements are pending.



*With Deepest Sympathy*



## Birthdays . . .

### 20 August

◆ Dennis Audus, Jean Marvin & Bill Oehler

### 22 August

◆ Lee Afdahl & Warren Fay

### 24 August

◆ Tami Busby

### 26 August

◆ Edra Clements

## Anniversaries

### 22 August

♥ Paul & Shelley Steger

### 23 August

♥ Bert & Joy Noe

### 24 August

♥ Neil & Marilyn McKay

## Notes & Doodles

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor  
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist  
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus  
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager  
Jesse Copley, Custodian  
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager  
Sarah A. Stender, Music Associate  
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players bands  
Paul Herr, Security  
Margie Schaaf, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 10am;  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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

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