First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day September 10, 2023 Ordinary Time 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor

Healey Willan

Greeting and Welcome

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

Minute for Mission

Dan Wentz, Christian Ed

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Dudley Parsons

Where two or three are gathered together, God is in their midst.

We gather to proclaim the promises, to retell the stories, to remember who we are as people of God.

Let us worship the Lord!

Hymn 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

Call to Reconciliation

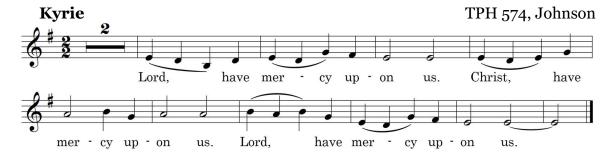
Let us lay aside the works of evil and put on the armor of goodness. Let us live honorably, putting on the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom we confess now.

Prayer of Confession

Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will. Amen.

Silent Confession

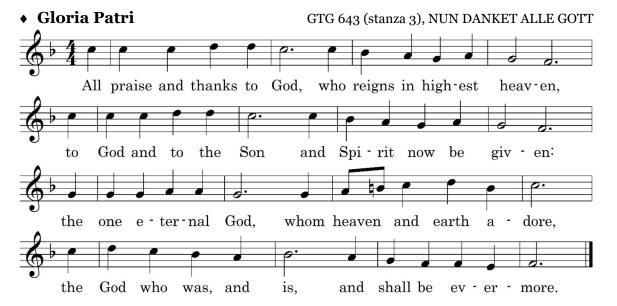
Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.



Words of Life

Christ does not judge us harshly, but forgives all our sin and leads us into new life.

We will not take this forgiveness for granted, but will let it transform how we live and love. Amen.



Time for Young Worshipers

Passing of the Peace

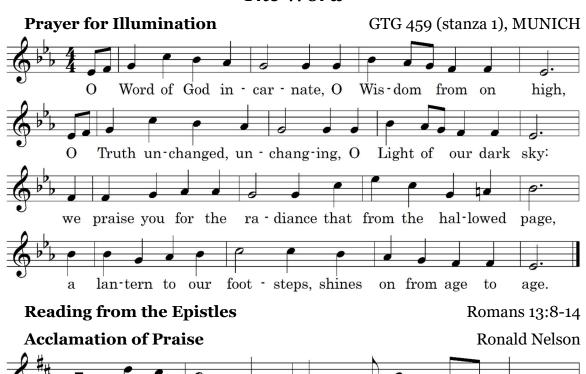
Please refrain from shaking hands and greet each other with a word of peace or a wave of the hand.

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



You have the words of e - ter-nal life.

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 18:15-20

This is the word of the Lord.

Al - le - lu

Thanks be to God.

Message

The Path of Reconciliation

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Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

Lord,

♦ **Hymn 361** O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed (Traditional)

to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu

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')

Merciful God ...

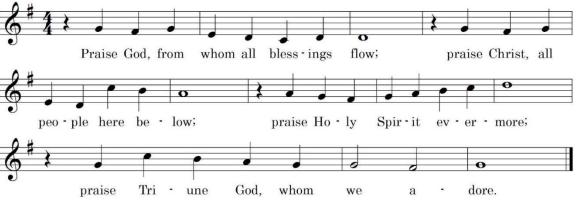
Hear our prayer.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Hymn Prelude on "We Gather Together" Craig Phillips

• Offertory Response (Hymn 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Unison Prayer of Dedication

Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Sending

♦ **Hymn 336** We Gather Together KREMSER

Benediction

Postlude Voluntary in D Major George Dyson

Today's flowers are given for the Glory of God in memory of family and friends by Dick & Jan Bennett.

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Please see the *Stained Glass Window* for a full list of church activities.

We're glad you are here! WE're glad you are here! We're glad you are here! We're glad you are here!

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What is happening around FPC ... Week of September 10, 2023

Welcome Back!
With the start of a new school year begins a new "season" at church. This week we kick-off many old favorites, beginning with a Sunday school scavenger hunt and ice cream sundaes in the Social Hall between services. Check out the calendar below to find some other opportunities.



t Sunday, September 10

Worship – 8:30am in-person
Message: The Path of Reconciliation,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Kick-Off Sunday Celebration
Sunday School Scavenger Hunt
Ice Cream Sundaes in the Social Hall
Meeting of the Session—10:40am
Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed
New member recognition

Tuesday, September 12Kitchen Guild—9:30am

Esther Circle—1pm

† Wednesday, September 13

Prayer Shawl Group—1pm Card Crafter's Group—1pm Youth Music Program—4:45pm Wednesday Programming Dinner—5:30pm Youth Group—6pm Adult Bible Study – 6:30 p.m. in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge

† Thursday, September 14

Jubilate Deo—6pm Chancel Choir—7pm

† Friday, September 15 Sitter Service — 5:30-9pm

Saturday, September 16
Ruth Circle — 10am

† Sunday, September 17

Worship – 8:30am in-person Message: *Who's Keeping Score?*, Rev. T.J. Parlette Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed



RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome a class of new members during the 11am worship service.

We will be recognizing:

Meg and Eli Curtiss, transferring from Plainview Community Presbyterian Church;

Brett & Joanne Lamberty, joining by reaffirmation of faith;

Rev. David & Sharon McBeth, joining by reaffirmation of faith; and

Al & Joanne Schuetz, transferring from First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN.

Please join in welcoming these new members.



SITTER SERVICE RESUMES

Monthly Sitter Service resumes on September 15 from 5:30-9pm. Going forward, it will revert to the prior schedule of meeting on the **2nd Friday** of the month through May.

Parents, do you have children between the ages of 6 months and 10 years old? You are welcome to bring them to the church once a month so that you can have an evening out. Sitter Service is held in the multipurpose room.

Adults and teenagers: you are welcome to help care for the kids. Contact Dee Tiedeman, 507-923-0700, or Carol Shaffer, 507-993-4197, for more information.

REPORT FROM BDECAN



Mark your calendars! The Bdecan VBS team will provide a presentation on this year's experience at Bdecan on Sunday morning September 24th between services in the social hall

Church



Family

Birthdays...

10 September

♦ Stephen Ihrke, Benton Mohler & Grafton Parlette

12 September

♦ Vera Herr & Riese Zmolek

13 September

♦ Barry Folkens

15 September

♦ Nadine Luna, Sue Rostad & Ruth Walts

16 September

♦ Beverly Salomonsen

Anniversaries

11 September

- Peter & Isabelle Dyck
- ♥ Robert & Charlene Kyle
- Larry & Gail Pease

15 September

♥ Jerry & Becky Will

Congratulations.

Olivia Paige Kemp and Simon Edouard Dunn Ouellette, children of Lynn and Brad Kemp, and Elizabeth Dunn and Yves Ouellette, were united in marriage in MacTier, Ontario on September 9th. Both are members of First Presbyterian Church, receiving their third grade Bibles together in Sunday School, and were part of the confirmation class of 2009, pictured at right.



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All are welcome and encouraged to provide news and information that will be included in this section highlighting *Church Family News*.

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

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