

Kyrie

TPH 574, Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Words of Life

People of God, hear and believe: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

GTG 643 (stanza 3), NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,
to God and to the Son and Spi - rit now be giv - en:
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

◆ 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!

Today's flowers are given in celebration
of the life of Horace Hallman by Jane Hallman.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

GTG 459 (stanza 1), MUNICH



O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 103:1-13

Psalm Hymn 535

(8:30 a.m.)

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

BLESS THE LORD

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

No. 15: "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord," from *Elijah*, Op. 70

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great; and far above the heav'ns. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.

Text: Psalms 55:22, 16:8, 108:4, 25:3a

Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 18:21-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Who's Keeping Score?

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

♦ **Hymn 444** Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive DETROIT

♦ **Affirmation of Faith** The 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 'debtors' and 'debtors'*)

God, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

(8:30 a.m.) Hymn Prelude on "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Edwin T. Childs

(11:00 a.m.)

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

paraphrasing Psalm 66

Chancel Choir

◆ **Offertory Response (Hymn 608)**

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 755**

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552b

J.S. Bach

Stained Glass Window

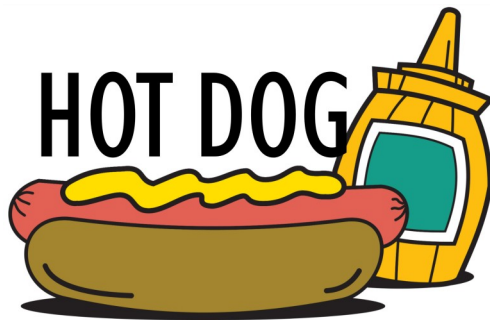
What is happening around FPC ...
Week of September 17, 2023



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, September 17**
Worship – 8:30am in-person
Message: *Who's Keeping Score?*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Current Events going forward? Discussion in "the Lounge"
Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Tuesday, September 19**
Session Meeting—7pm
- † **Wednesday, September 20**
Priscilla Circle—9:15am
Youth Music Program—4:45pm
Wednesday Church Family Dinner—5:30pm
Youth Group—6pm
Adult Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.
in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge
Dr. Kent Pekel, RPS Superintendent—7pm
- † **Thursday, September 21**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Sunday, September 24**
Worship – 8:30am in-person
Message: *A Worthy Life*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed

Hot Dog, we're havin' S'Mores!



HOT DOG

We are grilling hot dogs.

What you need to bring: a side dish to share; a roasting implement (although we will also have a few to share); and a lawn chair.

Do you like your marshmallows crunchy, or just a little toasted? Is the only way to "get it right" is to set them on fire? You can roast your own to your desire.



Wednesday, September 20
5:30 p.m. on the patio

Volunteer Opportunities at Family Promise



Family Promise provides housing for homeless families at the North Star House. It is located at 913 1st St NW, Rochester, MN. Volunteers are needed to Feed a Family. Prepare, donate or deliver a meal to families currently in

the program. Contact www.fprochestermn.org/feed-a-family. Check out other volunteer opportunities on their website www.fprochestermn.org. Please contact Carol Cook at 701-741-6053 or cookce1@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Dr. Pekel to Speak

Following dinner, we will retire to the Social Hall for a presentation by Dr. Kent Pekel, superintendent of the Rochester Public Schools. He will be discussing the referendum on the ballot in November.

Report from Bdecan



Mark your calendars! The Bdecan VBS team consisting of Marylynn Aalderks, Vicki Wintheiser, Marion Pitts, Larry Boutelle, Than Boutelle and Cindy Kunzman 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...

17 September

◆ Jan Bennett & Christine Keller

18 September

◆ Carol Carryer & Gretchen MacCarty

19 September

◆ Emerson Domnick & Elmer VanDerHeyden

21 September

◆ Krista Boston, Dwight Jennings
& Leonard Matoush

22 September

◆ Erick Eckberg & David Schmidt

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YOUR
FAMILY NEWS



All are welcome and encouraged to provide news and information that will be included in this section highlighting **Church Family News**. When I don't have anything else, you might get a fun comic or coloring page to offer some amusement.



Anniversaries

21 September

♥ Lonny & Helen Olson-Williams



A Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you **so much** to the following women who helped keep our potted plants going this **hot & dry** summer. It was so greatly appreciated!

Sara Kluck, Bev Lewis,
Terry Narr and Jane Remfert.

Judy Felten



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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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