

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**September 24, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

**8:30 and 11:00 A.M.**

## *Welcome to worship*

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

## *Gathering*

**Prelude**

Offertoire

Théodore Dubois

**Greeting and Welcome**

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

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**

(8:30 a.m.) Dee Tiedeman  
(11:00 a.m.) Judy Smithson

*We will sing to God and bless God's name for ever and ever.*

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

*We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.*

**Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.**

◆ **Hymn 408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

**Call to Reconciliation**

*We try to live our lives in a manner worthy of Christ. We try to stand firm in God's Spirit, but our human self-interest gets the better of us. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin.*

**Prayer of Confession**

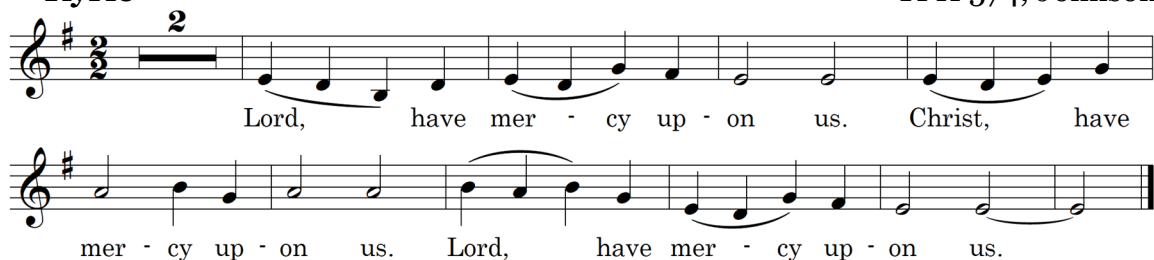
**God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.**

**Silent Confession**

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

## 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.

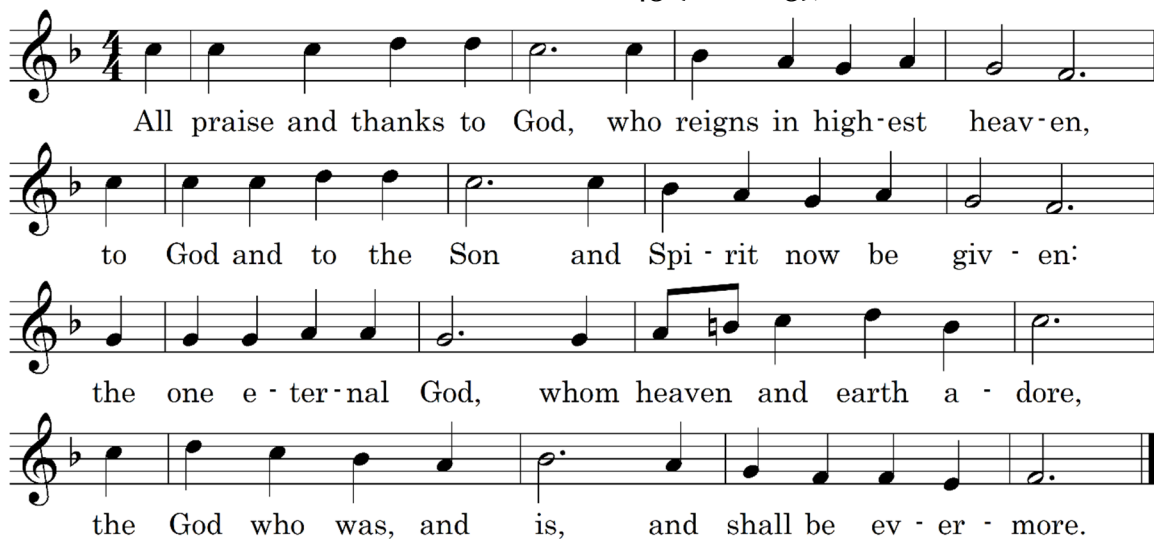
## Words of Life

*The grace of God is boundless, poured out freely for all of us.*

**We will receive this gift of forgiveness and trust God to transform our lives. 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.*

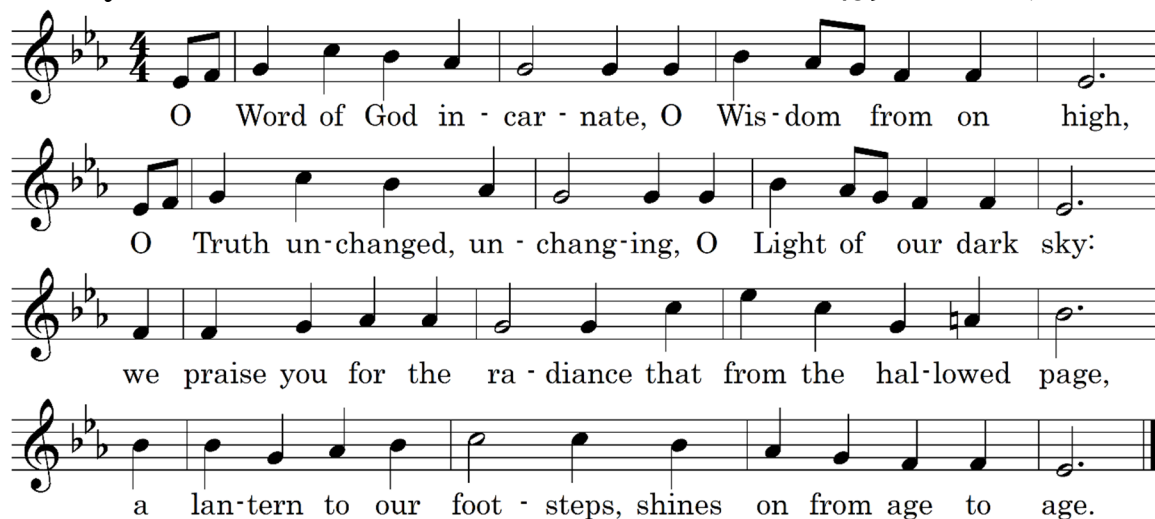
**And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!*

## 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 145:1-8

### Acclamation of Praise

Ronald Nelson



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

### Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 1:21-30

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Message

*A Worthy Life*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

### ***Our Response***

- ◆ **Hymn 821** My Life Flows On HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
- ◆ **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 'debts' and 'debtors'*)

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

(8:30 a.m.)

Tribute

David Ashley White

(11:00 a.m.)

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

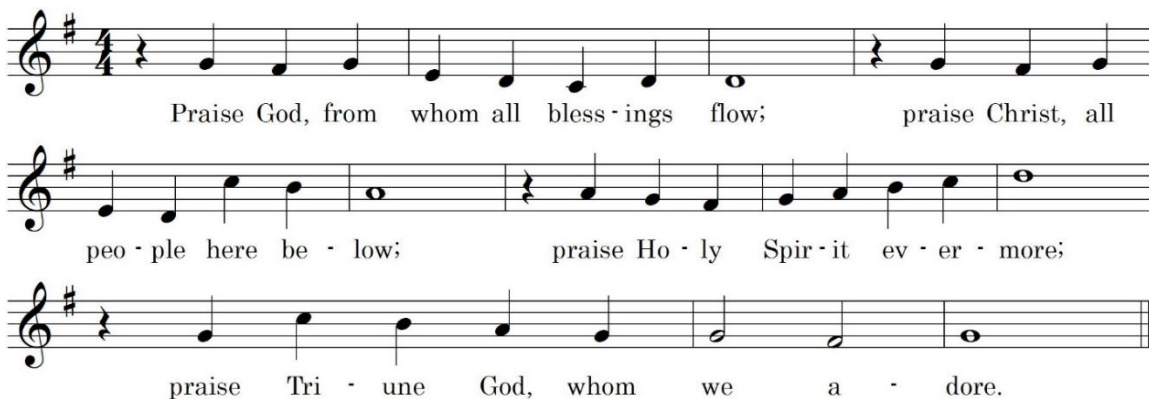
Please see hymn #14 to reflect on the words.

Text: F.S. Pierpoint

Chancel Choir

♦ **Offertory Response (Hymn 608)**

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all  
people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more;  
praise Tri-une God, whom we adore.

♦ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Lord, giver of all good gifts, thank you for the resources gathered here. Use these gifts for the advancement of your kingdom; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***Sending***

♦ **Hymn 269**

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

♦ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fantasy on LANCASHIRE

Michael Helman

Today's flowers are given by Ken and Marylynn Aalderks  
in memory of their parents.

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# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of September 24, 2023



## This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, September 24**  
Worship – 8:30am in-person  
Message: *A Worthy Life*,  
Rev. T.J. Parlette  
Christian formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
Presentation on Bdecan Trip—9:30am  
Worship – 11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Wednesday, September 27**  
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 28**  
Jubilate Deo—6pm  
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Sunday, October 1**  
Worship & Communion – 8:30am in-person  
Message: Rev. T.J. Parlette  
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## Report from Bdecan



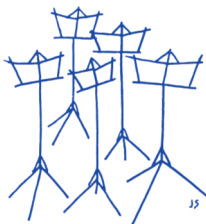
Please come to the Social Hall between services to hear the Bdecan VBS team consisting of Marylynn Aalderks, Vicki Wintheiser, Marion Pitts, Larry Boutelle, Than Boutelle and

Cindy Kunzman discuss this year's experience at Bdecan. We hope to see you there!



## Festival of Music 2023-2024 Season Announced

This week, you should have received a brochure in your mailbox announcing the artists for the **33rd** season of the **Festival of Music**.



First concert:

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Philip Daniel**  
**pianist and composer**

We hope you can make it! Please contact John (stender.john@fprochester.org) if you are available to assist with the reception following the concert.

## 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](http://www.fprochestermn.org/feed-a-family). Check out other

volunteer opportunities on their website [www.fprochestermn.org](http://www.fprochestermn.org). Please contact Carol Cook at 701-741-6053 or [cookce1@gmail.com](mailto:cookce1@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

## Fall Gathering of Presbytery Women

The Fall Gathering of Presbytery Women will be held **October 14** at Calvin Presbyterian Church,

Long Lake, from **9am-3pm**. PW will pay the registration fee (which includes lunch) for all who wish to attend.



**PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN**

Registration forms are available from circle leaders, Sylvia Swede, or Jane Hallman. Registration forms are **due by October 1**. Give your form to Jane Hallman or put it in the PW box in the church office.

# Church



# Family

## Birthdays...

### 24 September

◆ Melissa Eckhoff, John Holloway & Judy Kruesel

### 25 September

◆ Bill Meschke & Ruth Saling

### 26 September

◆ Susan Clarida & Jason Hunter

### 27 September

◆ Conor Jones & Dan Wentz

### 28 September

◆ Susanna Stone

### 29 September

◆ Joan Jarett

### 30 September

◆ Louise Bastron, David B. Ellefson & Karen Orwoll

### 01 October

◆ Olivia Reddick & Jodi Tollefson

SUBMIT  
**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.



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## Anniversaries

### 26 September

♥ Sandra & Derald Holloway

### 27 September

♥ Judy & Ron Hunter

### 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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inclusive community celebrating God with:*  
†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love

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