

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
October 8, 2023
Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude Variations on "Jesus Loves Me" arr. William E. Moats
Jubilate Deo Ringers

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.) Marion Pitts
(11:00 a.m.) Mary Huie

The heavens declare the glory of God!

The skies proclaim God's handiwork.

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

The night expounds God's knowledge without a word,

*And yet their voice goes out through all the earth. Let us join our voices
with the voice of creation in declaring God's glory!*

◆ **Hymn 394** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Call to Reconciliation

*Let us boldly confess our sin before the One who already knows our
errors and is gracious to forgive our hidden faults. Let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession

**Rescuing God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out
of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to
slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting
idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we
consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy
your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than
your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that**

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

we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us when we deem our species so central that we do not rest and halt consumption, decimating Earth, denying her Sabbath and integrity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

Silent Confession

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

Righteousness does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven. 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.

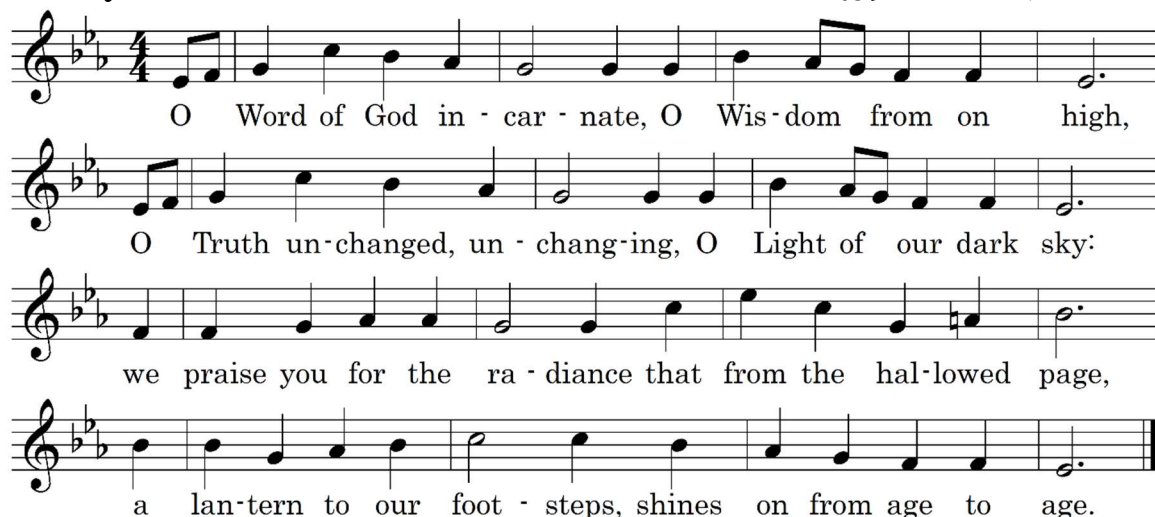
And also with you.

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 Gospels

Matthew 21:33-46

Anthem

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord (Psalm 80)

VINEYARD HAVEN

see hymn 355 for the Psalm paraphrase

Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 3:4b-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pressing On

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

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◆ 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')

God of Hosts ...

Hear our prayer.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

(8:30 a.m.)

Prayer on "Be Thou My Vision"

Larry Visser

(11:00 a.m.)

"Jesus Loves Me"

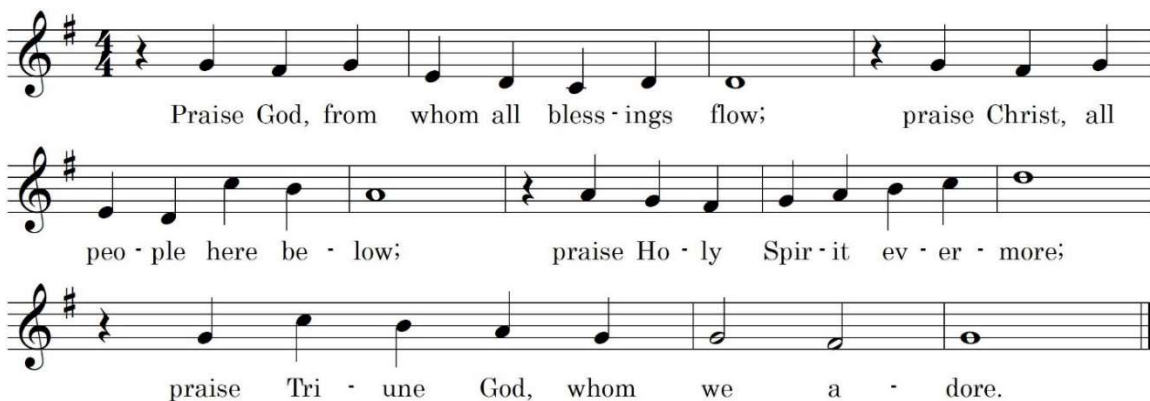
arr. John Ferguson

Text: Anna B. Warner, adapt. JF

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**

**We give you thanks and praise, O God, for all your good gifts,
and above all, for the gift of knowing Christ our Savior.
Strengthen us as we strive for the heavenly prize that you
offer: eternal and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Hymn Prelude on DUKE STREET, Op. 78, No. 5

Jan Bender

Today's flowers are given by Bruce & Vikki Wolff
in memory Jackie Goodyear and loved ones.

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of October 8, 2023



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, October 8**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *Pressing On*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Confirmation class meets
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
A Festival of Music—4pm
- † **Tuesday, October 10**
Kitchen Guild—9:30am
Esther Circle—1pm
- † **Wednesday, October 11**
Prayer Shawl Group—1pm
Card Crafters Group—1pm
Youth Music Program—4:45pm
Wednesday Night Dinner—5:30pm
Youth Group—6pm
Adult Bible Study — 6:30 p.m.
- † **Thursday, October 12**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Friday, October 13**
Sitter Service—5:30-9pm
- † **Saturday, October 14**
Memorial Service for Vincent Flack—11am
PW Fall Gathering
- † **Sunday, October 15**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
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Sanctuary Cleaning October 15



Join members of the Building & Grounds committee to clean and protect the wood in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 15, following the second worship service. This is a multi-day process and we would appreciate your help. Please sign up if you are able so we bring enough supplies for everyone. Thanks!

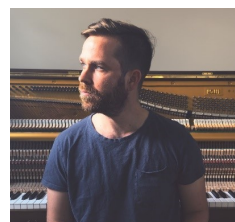
Karen Sessler, B&G Committee

A Festival of Music

TODAY
4:00 p.m.
Philip Daniel
pianist and composer



Co-presented with the Rochester Arts Center in alignment with their exhibition “Chronicles of the Chronic.” Classically trained, Philip Daniel’s performance style gracefully merges classical elements, minimalist soundscapes, and cinematic qualities. Philip has over 30 million streams to his name and is popular online, in part, for the meditative and reflective beauty of his work.



Rochester Art Center

Join us after the concert for a reception including light hors d’ouvres and small desserts!

Confirmation Class

Young people considering being confirmed will begin meeting once a month during the Sunday school hour with Rev. TJ Parlette, Dan Wentz and Jean Marvin. Confirmation is not about memorizing Bible facts or conforming to the “right” way of believing--or having all the answers. Instead, the Confirmation process provides a wonderful opportunity for young people to continue their lifelong faith journey by learning and discussing with others. If your child is interested in being involved in this year’s Confirmation class, please contact Cindy Kunzman at cindy.kunzman@fpcrochester.org. Most sessions will be on the first Sunday of each month.

NomCom – Hard at Work

FPC’s Nominating Committee has been hard at work preparing the slate of candidates for the Class of 2026*. Please prayerfully consider your role in the leadership of this church. If you would like to volunteer for a position, please contact **Lindsay Zetzsche**.

Church



Family

Birthdays...

08 October

◆ Jennifer Ellefson

09 October

◆ Linda McConahey, Doug Nelson
& Esther Nkwelle Mesumbe

10 October

◆ Jay Beck & Debra Hefte

11 September

◆ Jane Destro

12 October

◆ Linda Schroeter

13 October

◆ Kyle Doppler

Anniversaries

13 October

♥ Brad & Sara Kluck

♥ David & Lucy Schmidt

14 October

♥ Lee & Theresa Loeslie



Forum@First_Cyber Security

Ken Alderks, Social Concerns

If you want to learn more about scams, how to prevent being a victim, etc., then plan on attending our next Social Concerns

FORUM@FIRST.

Monday

October 30

7:00 p.m.



I ordered a book on how to spot scams. I paid \$999.00 for it so it must be good.

News from the Mission Field

Introducing **Jim McGill**, our PCUSA missionary in Niger. Jim was raised in Africa and with his

wife, Jodi, has worked tirelessly in the mission field in Africa since 1995, focusing on teaching the people of Niger how to best provide safe drinking water and build sustainable sanitation programs to decrease contamination of wells.

Niger is one of the world's most economically impoverished countries. Due to ongoing political unrest, Jim has been called back from Niger (Jodi was already in the US) until he can serve there again safely. Please pray for Jim that he can continue his work and also pray for the



*Marylynn Alderks,
Mission Committee*

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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