

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
October 22, 2023
Ordinary Time

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude Carol of the Bells arr. Eugene Magalif
Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits
C.W. Gluck, arr. Ervin Monroe
Rochester Flute Choir

Greeting and Welcome

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

Minute for Mission

Holly Ebel

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) Judy Felten
(11:00 a.m.) Sandy Everett

Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Tremble before God, all the earth.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 403**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Call to Reconciliation

God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives. Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

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

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold back so much. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us. 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

The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia! 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 Prophets

Isaiah 45:1-7

Gospel Acclamation

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 Gospels

Matthew 22:15-22

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Show Me the Money

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ Hymn 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who created the heavens and the earth;
who made all things and called them good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who came from above and is
above all others; who was born of the earth and belongs
to it; who bears witness to the truth of God. Because
God has given all things into his hand.**

**We believe that God brings us into union with Christ by
putting the seal of the Holy Spirit within our hearts. All of
us together form one body in Christ, and we are called to
serve one another through faith and discipleship to the
glory of God's name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors')

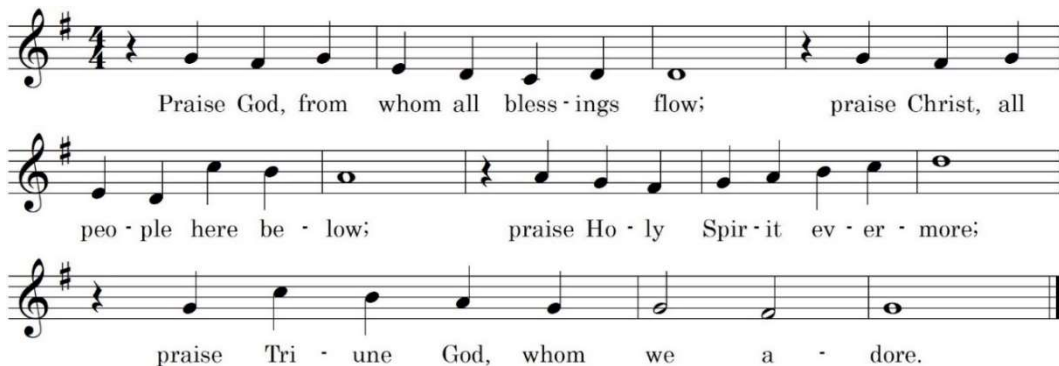
Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Exsultate Deo G. Palestrina, arr. Laura Walter
Rochester Flute 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**

**All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours,
Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple
offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to
your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

◆ **Hymn 716** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

Norwegian Dance E. Grieg, arr Ervin Monroe
Rochester Flute Choir

Thanks to Dwight Jennings and the Rochester Flute Choir
for their participation in today's worship service.

The flowers are given for the Glory of God in loving memory of
Vincent Destro by the Destro family.

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of October 22, 2023



This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, October 22**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *Show Me the Money*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Tuesday, October 24**
Jeremiah Program Cook4Kids—4-6pm
- † **Wednesday, October 25**
Youth Music Program—4:45pm
Wednesday Programming Dinner—5:30pm
Youth Group—6pm
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
- † **Thursday, October 26**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Friday, October 27**
Memorial service for John Brandrup – 11am
- † **Sunday, October 29**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *Another Batch of Trick Questions*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Trick or Treat, FPC Style—9:45am (*see right*)
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Monday, October 30**
Forum@First—7pm
Cyber Security

Our Appreciation

Thanks to the Rochester Flute Choir, under the direction of **Dr. Dwight Jennings**, for their participation in today's worship service.

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| Esther Vettel Boettger | Janice Parker |
| Betty Danielson | Andrea Parrish |
| Kristi Frost | Tanya Roloff |
| Synneva Hicks | Ann Stevens |
| Donivan Hill | Steven VanDonselaar |
| Peter Hinsbeeck | Kristine Wagner |
| Caryolyn McDermott | Tracy Youngberg |

Trick or Treat, FPC Style!

Next Sunday, **October 29**, the Christian Education team is hosting a **Halloween party** during the Christian formation and fellowship time between services. The Calvin and Cherub choirs will have an abbreviated rehearsal at 9:45am. Other students are invited "upstairs" to the youth room for crafts. At 10am, all kids will be given instructions for the "treat" part of the activity. Following trick-or-treat, kids will return to the Social Hall to meet up with their parents.

For adults, Rev. T.J. and Karin Braun will lead a discussion on the history of Halloween: Where did this spooky celebration come from? When did the "trick or treat" idea start? Who thought this was a good idea, anyway?

Kids (and adults) are encouraged to wear costumes. **Fun times will be had by all.**



Forum@First_Cyber Security

Ken Aalderks, Social Concerns

Sorry, no scam humor this week. Instead, a little serious advice that will be explored at the next **Forum@First**:

Monday, October 30 - 7:00 p.m.

Never confront your scammer. **Never** tell them why you think they are a scammer. **Never** question them on suspicious or obviously stupid comments or actions on their account. By doing so, you are educating them and making them a better scammer for the next gullible person. **Never** tell anyone on-line your worth. **Never** share personal or financial info on-line with a friend or stranger. Too many can get access to your info. Again, *please bring a friend* (especially friends or family members that you think might be susceptible to scamming) and attend the next **Forum@First**.

More information available in the weekly *Good News* email and on the "Marking Our Journey Together" bulletin board.

Church



Family

We offer our condolences to the family of **Marilyn Olseen**, who passed away on October 18. There will be a family graveside service at a later date in Iowa.

Birthdays...

22 October

◆ Rosemary McKee

24 October

◆ Beth Herr

25 October

◆ Mary Huie & Charlie Stone-Wright

26 October

◆ Peg Parsons

27 October

◆ Tim Zetsche

28 October

◆ Lucinda Clements, Todd Ihrke,
Bryan Neel & Larry Pedelty

Anniversaries

22 October

♥ Al & Barb Depman

24 October

♥ Peter & Carol Carryer

24 October

♥ Chris & Jill Carter
♥ Casey & Jessica Scott

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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Al Dollerschell, A Standout Friend

Congratulations to Al Dollerschell, who was recently honored as a "Standout Friend" by the Minnesota Association of Library Friends organization. For the past nineteen years, he has maintained an online used bookstore to sell valuable donated books to benefit the Friends, and single-handedly has raised over \$110,000. Kudos, Al!

"Come Ye All" Instrumentalists!

On Sunday, November 19th, Janine Yanisch will direct a band of gathered instrumentalists during the 11am service, with rehearsal beforehand. Any amateur who plays an instrument is invited to join First Players students, members, and friends. We will play hymn accompaniments and a chorale or two.

Music will be made available by Sunday, November 5, for personal preparation.

Look for more information in the coming weeks for this unique worship leadership opportunity!