

# First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**October 29, 2023**  
**Ordinary Time**

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

## *Welcome to worship*

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

## *Gathering*

### **Prelude**

(8:30 a.m.) Variations on Toulon [Old 124th] David Dahl

(11:00 a.m.) Trio Sonata in G Major, Op. 1, No. 2 (BuxWV253)  
Dietrich Buxtehude

III. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, Op. 6, No. 2 Hugo Distler

Text: Joachim Neander, trans. Winkworth

### **Greeting and Welcome**

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

### **Minute for Mission**

John Stender

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Call to Worship**

(8:30 a.m.) Elizabeth Remfert

(11:00 a.m.) Phyllis Schmid

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations,*

**In you we come home – to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.**

**We dwell in you.**

*Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,  
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.*

**In you, we are home – we dream, we flourish, we fade, we  
rejoice. We dwell in you.**

*Let us worship the Lord.*

♦ **Hymn 409**

God is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

## Call to Reconciliation

*Our spirits are like new grass: at the dawn they spring up fresh,  
But by sunset, they dry up and wither, blown away in spiritual death.*

*Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.*

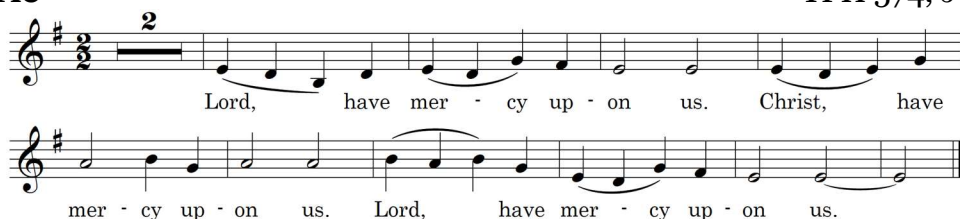
## Prayer of Confession

**God of love, your commandments are so simple: love God, love neighbor, love self. Yet we cannot always muster that love. Love for you seems too abstract and distant. Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining. Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant. But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love, it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example, and help us learn from you. 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.

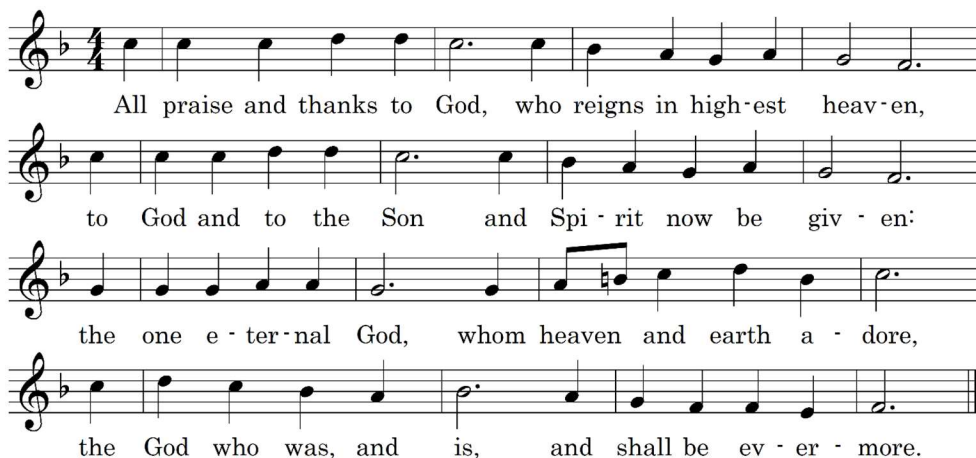
## Words of Life

*It is true: we are beloved of God. The God who loves us does not condemn us.*

**We will live in the glory of God's love! 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 Old Testament**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

**Anthem**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

ERHALT UNS, HERR, arr. Sandra Eithun

Jubilate Deo Ringers

**Reading from the Gospels**

Matthew 22:34-46

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

*Another Batch of Trick Questions*

Rev. T.J. Parlette

**Our Response**

◆ **Hymn 624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

**Affirmation of Faith**

from the Scots Confession of 1560

**As we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, so we firmly believe that from the beginning there has been, now is, and to the end of the world shall be, one Kirk, that is to say, one company and multitude of people chosen by God, who rightly worship and embrace God by true faith in Christ Jesus, who is the only Head of the Kirk, even as it is the body and spouse of Christ Jesus.**

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**This Kirk is catholic, that is, universal, because it contains the chosen of all ages, of all realms, nations, and tongues, be they of the Jews or be they of the Gentiles, who have communion and society with God the Father, and with his Son, Christ Jesus, through the sanctification of his Holy Spirit.**

**It is therefore called the communion, not of profane persons, but of saints, who, as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem have the fruits of inestimable benefits, one God, one Lord Jesus, one faith, and one baptism. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and  
Holy God ...**

*Here our prayer ...*

**The Lord's Prayer** (*using 'debts' and 'debtors'*)

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

(8:30 a.m.) Chorale Prelude on "Praise to the Lord,  
who governs everything so gloriously, BWV650

J.S. Bach

transcribed by Bach from an aria in Cantata 137

*Praise the Lord, who governs everything so gloriously,  
Who has borne you securely on eagle's pinions,  
Who upholds you  
As is felicitous to you yourself.  
Have you not sensed this?*

Text: Joachim Neander, founded on scripture, trans. Marissen & Melamed

(11:00 a.m.) Cantata

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word, BuxWV27

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; curb those who gain by craft and sword would  
wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son and set at naught all He hath done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known, for Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
defend Thy Christendom that we may evermore sing praise to Thee.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife, and lead us out of death to life.*

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord, peace in our time, oh, send us! For there is none  
on earth but Thee, none other to defend us. Thou only, Lord, canst fight for us.*

*Give to our people, to all that be in power, peace and good government,  
that by their protection we may lead a quiet and peaceful life always,  
in all godliness and in all honesty. Amen.*

Text: from "Erhalt uns, herr, bei deinem Wort" & "Verleih uns Frieden gnaediglich,"  
by Martin Luther; trans. Catherine Winkworth, composite

Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra

## Offertory Response (Hymn 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore." The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes on each staff.

### ◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Generous and life-giving God, you have made your people in your image, sent your Son to be the face of your healing love in our midst, and promised through the Holy Spirit your guidance and power. We thank you for the ways in which your people have cared for each of us. We thank you for the ability to give for the sake of others. We ask your blessing on these offerings that through them the needs of this world can be met. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### *Sending*

#### ◆ Hymn 756

O God of Every Nation

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#### ◆ Benediction

#### Postlude

Ciacona in e minor, BuxWV 160

Dietrich Buxtehude

The flowers are given for the Glory of God  
by John, Sarah, Daniel, Benjamin & Margot Stender  
in honor and loving memory of their grandparents.

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FAMILY PROMISE  
PRESENTS A CONCERT  
AND SILENT AUCTION



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

**Featuring "A Sign Ahead"**

SILENT AUCTION 11:30AM-1PM

CONCERT 1PM-3PM

**Christ United Methodist Church: 400 5th Ave SW, Rochester, MN 55902**

# Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...  
Week of October 29, 2023



## This Week's Calendar

† **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  
 Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed

† **Monday, October 30**  
 Forum@First—7pm  
*Cyber Security*

† **Wednesday, November 1**  
 Youth Music Program—4:45pm  
 Wednesday Programming Dinner—5:30pm  
 Youth Group—6pm  
 Adult Bible Study—6:30pm

† **Thursday, November 2**  
 Jubilate Deo—6pm  
 Chancel Choir—7pm

† **Sunday, November 5**  
**All Saints Day**  
 Worship & Communion—8:30am in-person  
 Message: *A Wake-Up Call*,  
 Rev. T.J. Parlette  
 Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am  
 Worship & Communion—11am in-person &  
 livestreamed

## Trick or Treat, FPC Style!

Today, the Christian Education team is hosting a **Halloween party** between services. The Calvin and Cherub choirs have their rehearsal at 9:45am. Other students are invited “upstairs” to the youth room for crafts. At 10am, all kids will be given instructions for “treat-ing”. 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 are leading a discussion on the history of Halloween.

### Fun times!



## Forum@First\_Cyber Security

*Ken Aalderks, Social Concerns*

“Scamming”  
 FPC Forum@First  
 Monday, October 30  
 7:00 p. m.

Maybe not everyone reads “*Hints From Heloise*” in the Rochester Post Bulletin, and I consider myself one who does not read her column, but the headline caught my attention. It is related to the topic of the Social Concerns Committee next **FORUM@FIRST**. Heloise’s column title was “*Keep financial info private to avoid ID theft.*” She makes the following points, some of which I have summarized:

- Go over your monthly bills and statements very carefully. You may find purchases you didn’t make. Contact your credit card company or bank and notify them that the charges are not yours.
- Never, ever, give out your Social Security number to anyone who calls you on the phone. Same goes for your PIN numbers or passwords.
- If you do online banking, change your password at least twice a year and use strong passcodes that won’t be easily guessed by scammers.
- Pick up checks or checkbooks at the bank. Never have them mailed to your house because they could easily be mailed to the wrong address.
- You don’t need to tell anyone about your finances.
- As I mentioned in last week’s bulletin insert, never tell anyone how much you have saved, have invested in or what is your worth.
- If you receive an email from someone who claims to be from a credit card company or a bill collector, and they provide you with a specific phone number or website to contact them at, don’t use it. Instead, find their website by researching their name and get the phone number directly from the website.

As you heard Holly describe her frightening and frustrating experiences this past Sunday at church services, we can all benefit from the following advice: If you get a letter or phone call from someone who claims you didn’t pay off your credit card, claims they’re from a credit card (or any company) you’ve never heard of, or claims they are collecting money for a debt, challenge them to show proof. Chances are they’re just scammers trying to steal from you.



## Birthdays...

### 29 October

◆ Bill Haas & James Hefte

### 30 October

◆ Tavan Erdenberger

### 31 October

◆ LaDonna Fay & Bob Vierkant

### 01 November

◆ Diana Konkol, T.J. Parlette & Bruce Wolff

### 02 November

◆ Jane Goodfriend, Lawrence Henderson, Katie Kuisle & Daniel Stender

### 03 November

◆ Chris Boswell, Jeff Henderson, Andrew Loessin & Margot Stender

### 04 November

◆ Chelsea Rostad

We offer our condolences to the family of **Shirley Edmonson**, who died on October 22. Her service will be early in December

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of **Thomas Kluck**, who died on October 23. His service will be mid-November.



### For All the Saints

Next Sunday, November 5th, we will be celebrating All Saints Day with communion and our special candle lighting ceremony to remember those who have passed away in the past year. During that time, we will acknowledge and celebrate their lives with us, and know that even as they gave of themselves during their lifetime, so even now they continue to be a part of us.

Family members are invited to take a long-stemmed rose with them following worship.

## Anniversaries

### 01 November

♥ Todd & Nadia Ihrke-Boudarn

### 02 November

♥ John & Rosemary McKee

### 03 November

♥ Chris & Debra Bauch

### “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

### 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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