

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
January 7, 2024
Epiphany – Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude Five Variants on PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
arr. Raymond H. Haan

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.) Elizabeth Remfert
(11:00 a.m.) Phyllis Schmid

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Nations will come to his light, and rulers will seek his radiance.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*He will judge the people with righteousness
and defend the cause of the poor.*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

*The mystery of the ages is revealed;
the eternal plan of God is known to all.*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us kneel down before him to give him honor, glory, and praise.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us offer him all the treasures of our heart and our lives.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Let us worship God.

◆ **Hymn 152** What Star is This with Beams So Bright
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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

Call to Reconciliation

God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor with justice. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Anne Krentz Organ

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Words of Life

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Time for Young Worshipers

◆ Passing of the Peace

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

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God – tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading from the New Testament

Acts 19:1-7

Anthem

(8:30 a.m.)

Chorale Prelude on “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”
Charles Callahan

(11:00 a.m.)

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”
from Weihnachtsoratorium, BWV 248, Johann Sebastian Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel’s warning.
This Child, now weak in infancy, Our confidence and joy shall be,
The power of Satan breaking, Our peace eternal making.

Text: Johann Rist (1641)

Chancel Choir

Reading from the Gospels

Mark 1:4-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

The One Who is to Come

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 156** Sing of God Made Manifest SALZBURG

◆ **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.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Variations on SALZBURG James Woodman

◆ **Offertory Response** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing
and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us.
Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing
in your world, all to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer



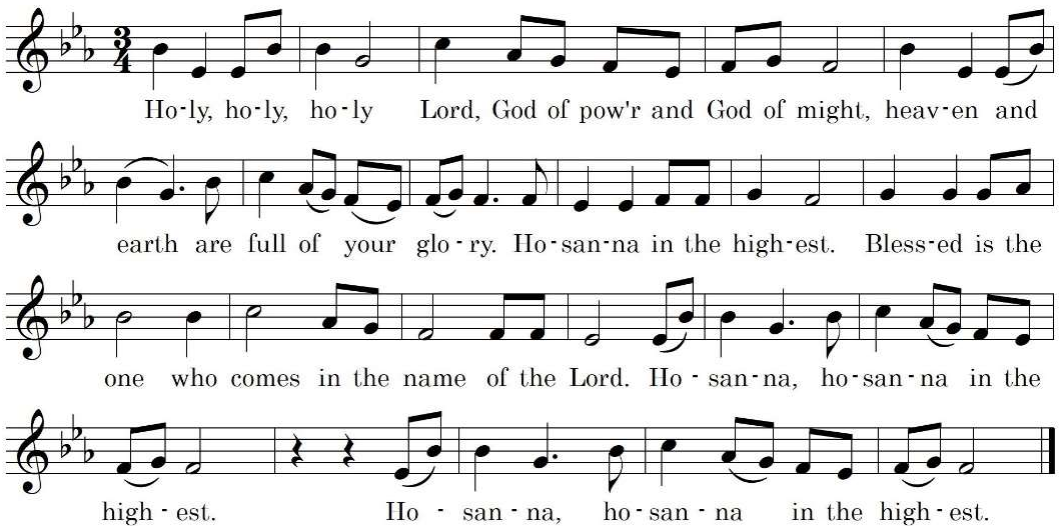
Leader The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. *Leader* Lift up your

People hearts. We lift them to the Lord. *Leader* Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

... and forever sing to the glory of Your name.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav-en and

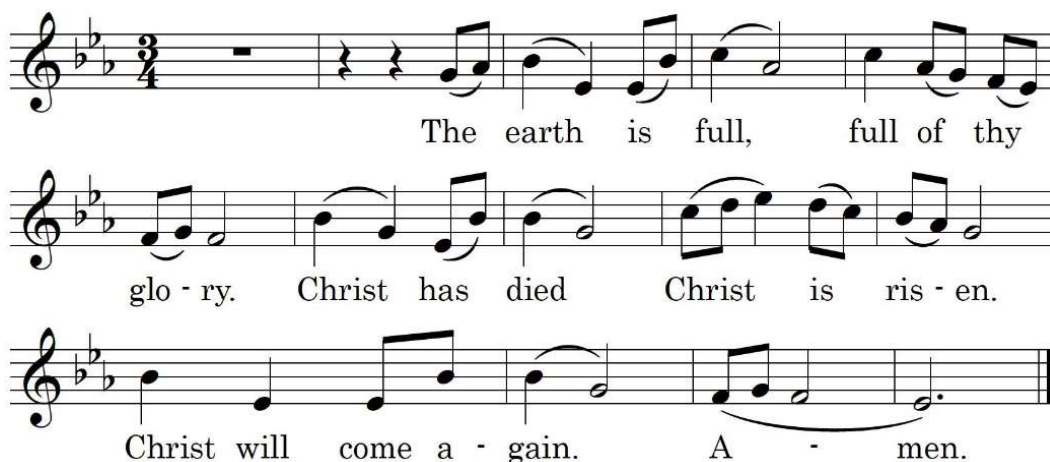
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the

one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the

high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Memorial Acclamation

... *Great is the mystery of faith.*



The earth is full, full of thy
glo - ry. Christ has died Christ is ris - en.
Christ will come a - gain. A - men.

Words of Institution

Music at Communion

Two Settings on “Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant Depart in Peace”

Healey Willan, J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ **Hymn 150** As with Gladness Men of Old DIX

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude Variations on DIX David Dahl

The flowers are given by Terry and Brad Narr
in memory of their parents.

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of January 7, 2024

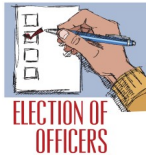


This Week's Calendar

- † **Sunday, January 7, 2024**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *The One Who is to Come*
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Book Discussion led by Roger Ring
(Sheldon Jackson Lounge)
Congregational Meeting—9:45am
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
- † **Tuesday, January 9, 2024**
Kitchen Guild—9:30am
Esther Circle—1pm
- † **Wednesday, January 10, 2024**
Prayer Shawl Group—1pm
Calvin Choir—4:45pm
Church Family Dinner—5:30pm
Youth Group—6pm
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
- † **Thursday, January 11, 2024**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Friday, January 12, 2024**
Sitter Service—5:30-9am
- † **Saturday, January 13, 2024**
Memorial Service for Suzanne Tolman
Memorial Service for Mary Potter
- † **Sunday, January 14, 2024**
Worship—8:30am in-person
Message: *Come and See*,
Rev. T.J. Parlette
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Book Discussion led by Roger Ring
(Sheldon Jackson Lounge)
New Church Officer Training—9:45am
(with current Session—10:40am)
Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed



CALL TO MEETING

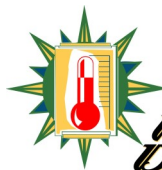


The Session has called a meeting of the congregation today at **9:40am** for the purpose of electing officers. The Nominating Committee will propose the names of Jeremy Braun and Karin Braun as Elders in the Class of 2026.

Next Sunday, January 14, Rev. Parlette will lead officer training for new elders and deacons at 9:45am in the Multipurpose Room. Current elders will join the group at 10:40am. Ordination and installation will be during the 11am service.

BOOK DISCUSSION CLASS OFFERED

Roger Ring is offering a book study on purposeful aging this winter during the education hour, discussing the book: *Who Do You Want to be When You Grow Old?: The Path to Purposeful Aging*, by Richard Leider and David A. Shapiro, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2021. Roger asserts that the book contains powerful and rewarding themes to engage meaningful conversation and growth, plus inspirational stories. The authors posit: "Purpose is our reason to get up in the morning. The path of purposeful aging is a choice to wake up every day with the intention to grow and give. Compassion is the soul of purpose. To grow whole is to mature spiritually. Aging purposefully is a spiritual practice embodied in lived day-to-day experience." You must purchase your own book for this discussion group. The group will meet on January 7th & 14th, and February 4th, 11th and 25th. Please contact Roger at (507) 358-0209 or via email at ring.roger@gmail.com with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP 2024

Campaign Goal:
\$870,000

Of our 315 giving units (individuals, couples and/or families), as of January 5, we have received 149 pledge cards totaling \$538,773. Anyone may still easily submit your pledge by returning your pledge card or by emailing Cindy (office@fprochester.org) and indicating the amount of your pledge for 2024.

Jeremy Braun, Stewardship Committee

Church



Family

Birthdays...

07 January

◆ Juanita Heikes

08 January

◆ Lea Jennings & Vicky Pileggi

09 January

◆ Chris Lee & Karen Thiem

10 January

◆ Jill Carter & Ruth Seaquist

11 January

◆ Jim Jacobson & Jessica Scott

12 November

◆ Ann Groover & Emma Matoush

13 November

◆ Sandra Thomson

Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of *Clyde Newton*, who died on December 24, 2023.

We offer our condolences to **Dan Tolman** and his family on the death of his wife, *Suzanne Tolman*, who died on January 2, 2024. Her memorial service will be at 10:30am on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes with visitation one hour prior to the service.

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
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 at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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

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COOK FOR A CAUSE AT THE LANDING



The Landing is a day center for people who are homeless. They serve an evening meal every day and are looking for groups of 3 people to help prepare, serve and clean up from 4:30-7:00. If you are interested in volunteering, you can go to www.thelandingmn.org.

[GET INVOLVED] will take you to a Signup Genius where you can volunteer. Please contact Carol Cook at (701) 741-6053 or cookce1@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Carol Cook, Social Concerns Committee

FLOWERS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



We currently have openings on the calendar in 2024 for flower donations in the chancel on Sunday mornings. We currently have openings in January, February, and May, but dates can fluxuate. Please contact Cindy in the office if you would like to participate in the **Chancel Flower** fund.

Judy Felten, Chancel Guild

Reminder

