

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude Variations sur un thème de Clément Janequin Jehan Alain

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.) *Judy Felten*
(11:00 a.m.) *Phyllis Schmid*

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

But it is the power of God!

We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

**The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.**

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 165** The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HERR

Call to Reconciliation

In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. We confess our sins, trusting in God's wisdom and strength rather than our own.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, what a fickle people we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us.

Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful.

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

Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships – with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness.

Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Lamb of God

FARLEE

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Words of Life

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Lenten Response

GTG 447, WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

God. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Time for Young Worshipers

Rev. Carol Shaffer

◆ Passing of the Peace

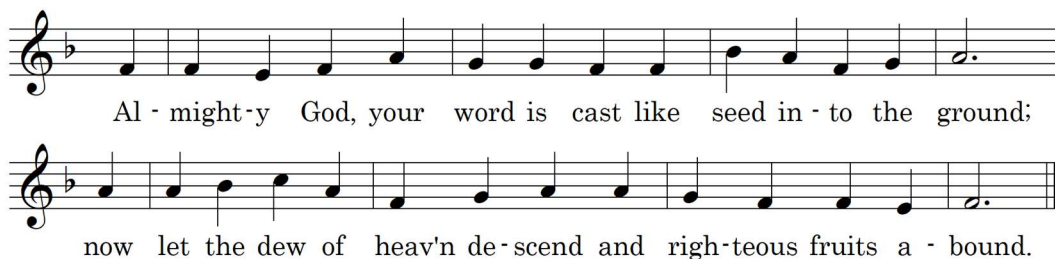
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

The Word

Prayer for Illumination



Al - might-y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n de-scend and righ-teous fruits a - bound.

Reading from the Epistles

1st Corinthians 1:18-25

Reading from the Gospels

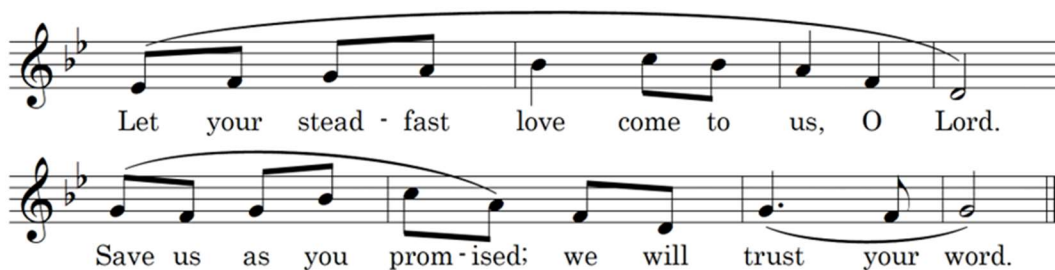
John 2:13-22

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

◆ Lenten Acclamation

Joel Martinson



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Message

Bad for Business

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

◆ Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

(8:30 a.m.)

Arietta

Alan Viner

(11:00 a.m.)

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who has truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind:
Whose side was pierced, whence flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.
O Jesu sweet, O Jesu pure, O Jesu, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen.*

Text: 13th c. communion liturgy, sung in Latin

Chancel Choir

◆ Offertory Response (GTG 717)

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

O Lord our God, we want to follow all your commandments – to love you only, not worshiping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves something they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer



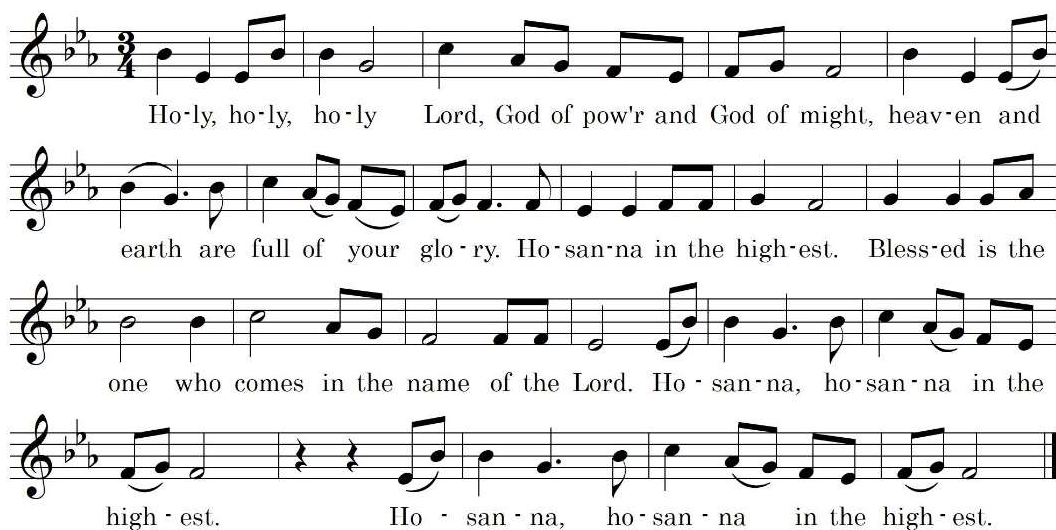
Leader The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. *Leader* Lift up your

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

*... With the faithful of every time and place,
we 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

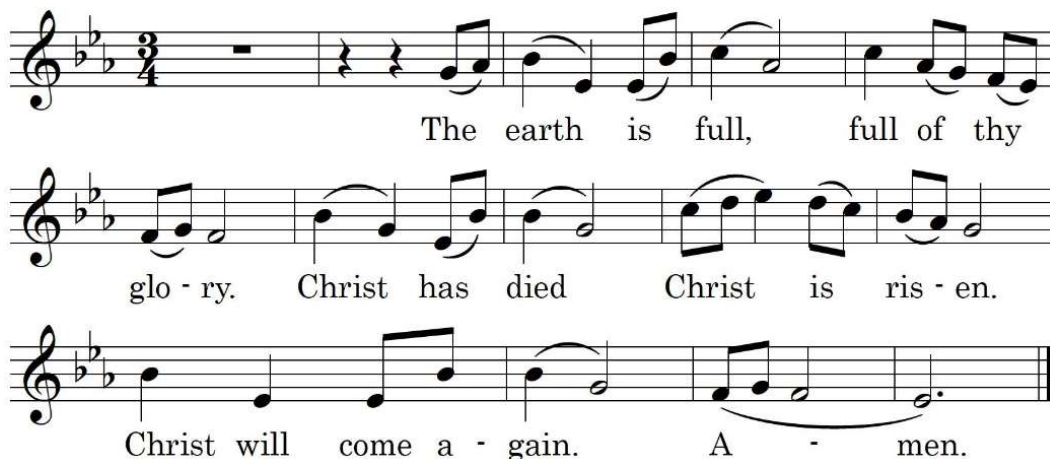
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Music at Communion

Prelude on "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Richard Warner

Prayer after Communion

Sending

◆ **Hymn 718** Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said BOURBON

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude Grand Choeur on "Benedicamus Domino" Guy Weitz

The flowers are given for the Glory of God
by Phyllis Schmid in memory of loved ones.

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of March 3, 2024



† **Sunday, March 3, 2024**
 Worship & Communion—8:30am in-person
 Message: *Bad for Business*,
 Rev. T.J. Parlette
 Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30
 Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
 Current Events—Will you lead a
 discussion?
 Worship & Communion—11am
 in-person & livestreamed

† **Monday, March 4, 2024**
 FPC @ Community Food Response—1pm
 University of Jamestown, ND
 Choir Concert—7:30pm

† **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**
 Deacons Meeting—7pm
 *** Some committees meet this week,
 check with your lead for schedule

† **Wednesday, March 6, 2024**
 Worship & Communion
 @ Charter House—1pm
 FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
 Calvin Choir—4:45pm
 Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
 Main Menu: White Chili or Minestrone
 Lenten Bible Study—6:30pm

† **Thursday, March 7, 2024**
 Jubilate Deo—6pm
 Chancel Choir—7pm

† **Friday, March 8, 2024**
 Sitter Service—5:30-9pm

† **Sunday, March 10, 2024**
 Worship—8:30am in-person
 Message: Rev. T.J. Parlette
 Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
 Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
 Worship—11am in-person & livestreamed
A Festival of Music—4pm

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WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE POSITION FILLED



We offer our hearty welcome to Juliet Parlette, the new Communications Associate for FPC. In addition to her great history among us, she currently sits on the Board of Deacons. Outside of church, she is an Education Specialist in the Mayo School of Medicine and coaches swimming at Mayo High School

Please take a moment to welcome and thank Juliet for her investment in our church family. You can reach Juliet at communications@fpcrochester.org.

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC PRESENTS ...

FOM has two concerts coming up in the current season: ”

The University of Jamestown Choir, led by conductor Dr. Anne Gassmann and accompanist Professor John Clodfelter, will be performing in concert on Monday, March 4, at 7:30pm.

Elisabeth Wright, Professor of music (harpsichord/fortepiano) at the Historical Performance Institute of the IU Jacobs School of Music, will be performing on March 10, at 4pm.



We hope you can attend!





Birthdays...

Celebrating this week:

- ◆ Katie Lenn; Robert MacCarty; Jennifer Meyer; Eileen Hay; Peter McConahey; Jim Miner; James Walker; Judy Felten; Cyndi Pauley; Theresa Steil; Andy Bock; and Isabelle Dyck.

DO YOU HAVE A CRAFT?

On April 28 between services in the atrium, Ellis Bloomfield will be selling his wooden bowls and Mary Huie will be selling her greeting cards. They are both donating a portion of their proceeds to the church project of their choice -- missions and youth respectively. Do you craft something you would like to sell that day?

The HYMN OF THE MONTH Project
GTG 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



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Send Your Application

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EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

Judy Felten, Chancel Guild

Easter always brings our thoughts to Spring and we look forward to sharing our lovely, colorful plants (lilies and otherwise) from the Easter garden with our current C.A.R.E. members. If you would like to make a \$16 donation towards this wonderful tradition, please send a check to the church office and indicate "Easter lilies" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous contributions.

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
 Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian
 Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager
 Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music
 Janine M. Yanisch, First Players Bands
 Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate
 Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host
 Beth Herr, 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:
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