

First Presbyterian Church



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Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude

II. Ad libitum, Allegretto from *Oboe Sonata in D Major*, Op. 166

Camille Saint-Saëns

Greeting and Welcome

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

Minute for Mission

John Stender, Director of Music

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) *Judy Felten*

(11:00 a.m.) *Lee Afdahl*

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Blessed be the God of our salvation

who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Let us worship the Lord.

♦ **Hymn 730**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

Call to Reconciliation

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation. 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

Dee Tiedeman

♦ 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

ST. FLAVIAN

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 Prophets

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 51:1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation (8:30 a.m.)

Joel Martinson

Let your steady love come to us, O Lord.
 Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Wash me throughly from my wickedness

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin;

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Text: Psalm 51:2-3, adapt. H. Clough-Leighter

Chancel Choir

Message

Smelling Like a Rose

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

◆ **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

God, in your mercy ...

... hear our prayer.

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Hymn Prelude on "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" arr. Dale Wood

◆ **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**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the light of the world, Jesus Christ. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ, that we may be ministers of his new covenant through the power of the life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 837** What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine SHOWALTER

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

III. Prière à Notre Dame, from *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

Edra Clements, oboe

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of March 17, 2024



† **Sunday, March 17, 2024**
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *Smelling Like a Rose*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Discussion - Climate Change—S.J. Lounge
Worship livestreamed—11am

† **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**
Kitchen Guild—9:30am
Session Meeting—7pm

† **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**
Priscilla Circle—9:15am
Card Crafter Group—1pm
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Calvin Choir—4:45pm
Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
Won't You Be My Neighbor? Potluck
Lenten Bible Study—6:30pm

† **Thursday, March 21, 2024**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm

† **Sunday, March 24, 2024**
Palm Sunday
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *A Bit of Street Theater*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Discussion - Climate Change—S.J. Lounge
Worship livestreamed—11am

Church Family Dinner
Won't You Be My Neighbor?
Bring your favorite dish!
March 20, 2024 • 5:30pm
Social Hall--First Presbyterian Church



JOIN OUR
EASTER EGG EGG-STRAVAGANZA
SATURDAY
30 MARCH
930AM TO 1030AM
512 3RD ST SW
ROCHESTER
Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10:15am.
For more information visit
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Mark your calendar ...



Mark Mueller will be partnering with the parish nursing program to lead a series of family friendly group walks this summer.
Sundays—June 16 & July 21
Beginning at 1pm

Easter
BRUNCH
MARCH 31, 2024
9:00-11:00am
Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord
We Hope You Will Come!





Birthdays . . .

Celebrating this week:

- ◆ Robert Kyle; Bev Lewis; Evelyn Oftedahl; John McKee; Dave Kerr; Millie Erickson; Mary Jones; Marcial Dollerschell; Julie Doppler; Laruen Jones; Joanne Schuetz; & Sarah Stender

Anniversaries . .

- ♥ Jeff & Becky Britton

A Note of Thanks

"Thanks bunches for all the condolences and well wishes following the passing of my dad. I am feeling very BLESSED to be a part of the FPC family."

Harry Coleman, Facilities Manager

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



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.

Next Lunch Bunch @ Forager



The next gathering for **Lunch Bunch** will be on March 24 (Palm Sunday) at Forager Cafe beginning at 12:30pm for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Please sign up in the atrium if you plan to attend.

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

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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