

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW Rochester, Minnesota 55902 Phone 507-282-1618

Service for the Lord's Day
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship ***Gathering***

Gather in the carpeted area of the Atrium to march and wave palm branches during the processional hymn.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," Op. 6, No. 3

Jan Bender

Invitation to Process

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Let us gather to worship.

◆ **Processional Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

(see page 4)

Greeting

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

Minute for Mission

Juliet Parlette, Communications

Opening Prayer

Call to Reconciliation

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Remfert

11:00 a.m. Judy Smithson

Christ comes to the center of our busy, conflicted lives. He comes in triumph and humility. He comes in glory and in mercy. He comes knowing the best of who we are, and he comes knowing our worst as well. Trusting in God's grace, let us make our confession.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not always follow your example. We are reluctant to empty ourselves, we don't like to humble ourselves, and we are often disobedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created and the people you made, but we often fail to do that. Forgive us, O Lord. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. Amen.

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

Silent Confession

Words of Life

*Even in the face of hatred and violence, we know that Christ loves us.
Even when enduring death, Christ cares for us; Christ forgives us.*

Thanks be to the God of mercy. Amen.

Anthem

Sanctus and Benedictus

(GTG 556)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the highest.

Text: traditional liturgical, Psalm 118:26

Cherub, Calvin, Chancel Choirs

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

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 Psalms

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Reading from the Gospel

John 12:12-16

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

A Bit of Street Theater

Rev. T.J Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09

God’s reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd’s life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God’s love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God’s reconciling work. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of mercy ...
... **hear our prayer.**

The Lord’s Prayer (*using ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’*)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Ride on King Jesus

Larry Fleming

Ride on, King Jesus. No man can hinder you.
Ride on, King Jesus. Ride, King Jesus, Ride to me.
When I looked around me to find someone who’s gentle and kind.
Someone to show me the way, I look to Jesus and I pray.
When I need someone to hear, to help me conquer my fear,
when I can’t find the way, I look to Jesus and I pray.

Text: Traditional Spiritual

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**

Holy God, we give thanks for your saving love made known to us in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. Bless these gifts that they may bring life on earth as in heaven; in Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 198**

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ST. DROSTANE

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

VI. Finale, from *Symphony No. 2 in D Major*, Op. 13

Charles Marie Widor

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◆ **Hymn 196**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. **Refrain**
2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems
before thee we present. **Refrain**
3. To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **Refrain**
4. Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! **Refrain**

Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of March 24, 2024

Holy Week

† **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

† **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Calvin Choir—4:45pm
Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
Lenten Bible Study—6:30pm

† **Thursday, March 28, 2024**

Maundy Thursday

Worship & Communion—6:30pm
Choir rehearsal following service

† **Friday, March 29, 2024**

Good Friday

Worship—6:30pm
Including Ronald Nelson's *Passion* setting
for choir, organ and chamber orchestra

† **Saturday, March 30, 2024**

Easter Egg Egg-stravaganza—9:30-10:30am
Music Rehearsals—10:30am-

† **Sunday, March 31, 2024**

Easter Sunday

Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *An Unscheduled Stop*
Easter Brunch—9-11am
Worship livestreamed—11am

† **Monday, April 1, 2024**

The church office will be closed.



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

Church



Family

Condolences...

We offer our condolences to **LaDonna Fay** and her family on the death of **Warren Fay** on March 18. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, April 6. Visitation begins at 10am.

Birthdays...

Celebrating this week:

- ◆ Melissa Walk; Donna Smyrk; Paul Steger; Marilyn McKay; Sandra Walker; Brooklyn Kaslow; Frank Salomonsen; Leigh Gomez-Dahl; Derald Holloway; George Bayrd; and Kristina Wright-Peterson.

Ken Alderks, Social Concerns Committee

Mark your calendar for the next Forum@First...



**“Preventing Gun Violence”
Tuesday, April 30, 7pm**
“When the Second Amendment was written, guns fired one round a minute. Now they can fire 100. Guns have evolved over the years. So should gun laws.”

–Shane Claiborne

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

Current Events Class Discussion Today

This week, Lyle Rozeboom continues the discussion on climate change, referencing the book, “Drawdown—Comprehensive Plan to Reverse Global Warming” by Paul Hawken. Join him at 9:45am in the Sheldon Jackson Lounge.

Lunch Bunch Today @ Forager



The **Lunch Bunch** will gather today at Forager Cafe beginning at 12:30pm for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Watch this space for the April date and location.

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
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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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