

First Presbyterian Church



512 Third Street SW

Rochester, Minnesota 55902

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Service for the Lord's Day
April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude II. Pastorale, from *Symphony No. 2 in D Major*
Charles-Marie Widor

Greeting and Welcome

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

Minute for Mission Jane Goodfriend & Greg Parker, *Friendship Place*

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

(8:30 a.m.) *Judy Felten*
(11:00 a.m.) *Judy Smithson*

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for the sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Let us worship the Lord.

◆ **Hymn 244** This Joyful Eastertide VRUECHTEN

Call to Reconciliation

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us.

**But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts;
and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love and peace.**

Therefore, let us confess our sin.

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

Unison Prayer of Confession

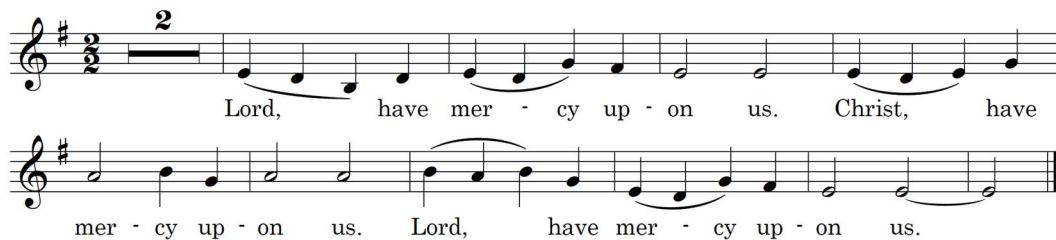
Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Pres. Hymnal 1990 #565)

David Johnson



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

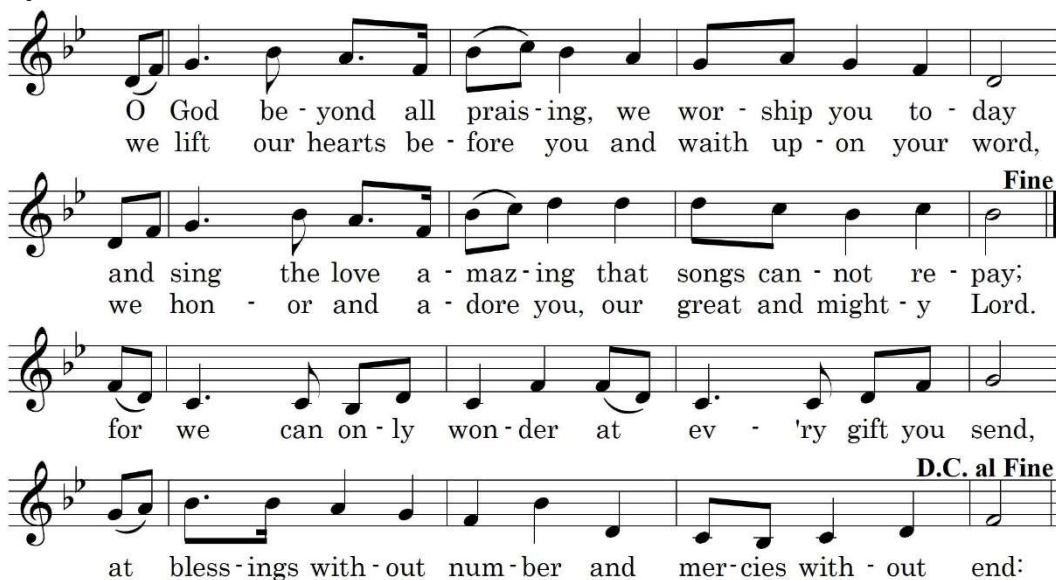
Words of Life

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ,
The One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Hymn of Praise

THAXTED



O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
we lift our hearts be - fore you and waith up - on your word,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:

Time for Young Worshipers

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

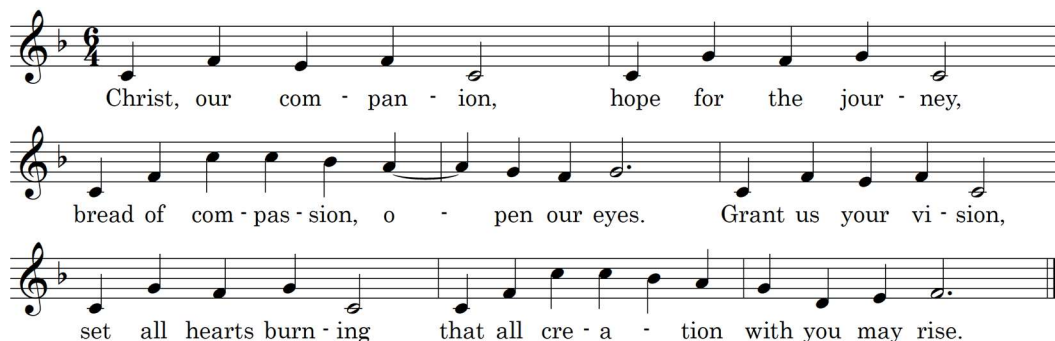
And also with you.

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

The Word

Prayer for Illumination (GTG 252)

RAABE



Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Reading from the Epistles

1st John 3:16-24

Reading from the Gospels

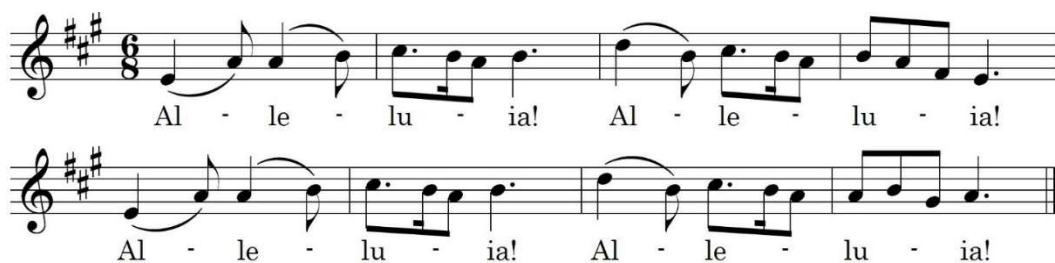
John 10:11-18

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acclamation of Praise (8:30 a.m.) (GTG587)

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Anthem (11:00 a.m.)

Loving Shepherd

Bob Chilcott

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne I shall know as I am known.

Text: Jane E. Leeson (1807-1882)

Calvin and Chancel Choirs

Message

Good Shepherd Sunday

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 187**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

from A Brief Statement of Faith, Part 1

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

Prayers of the People

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

Invitation to the Offering

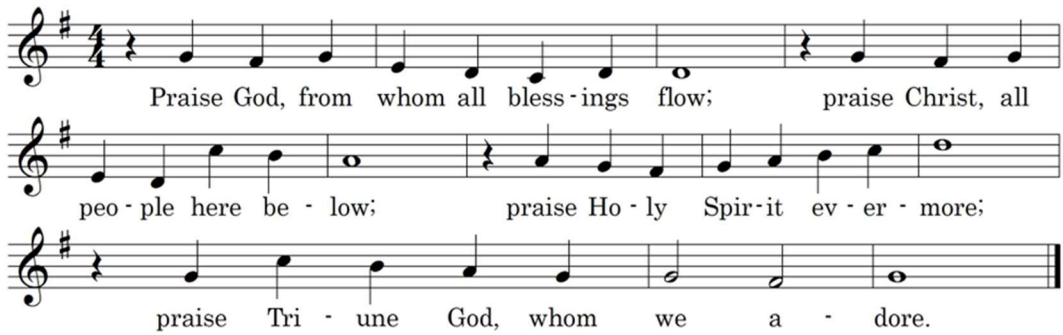
Offertory

Prelude on VRUECHTEN

William Krape

◆ **Offertory Response** (GTG 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

◆ **Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

◆ **Benediction**

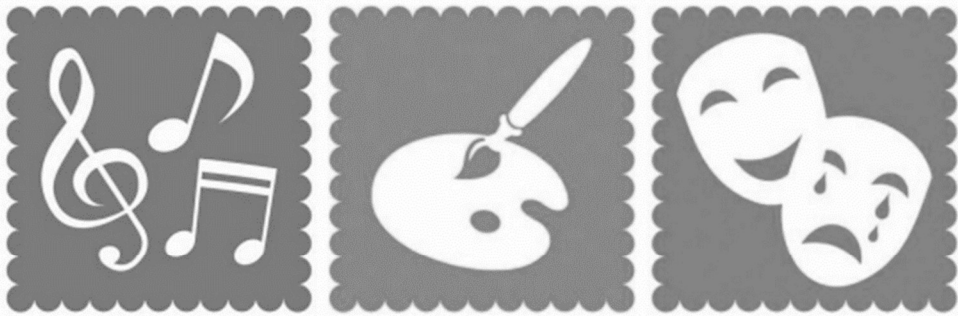
Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A-Flat Major, Op. 36, No. 2

Marcel Dupré

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in loving memory of her parents, Lester & Eleanor Tiedeman.

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OPEN TO ALL YOUTH AGE 5 and OLDER

registration fee: \$50 *scholarships available - please ask for more information*

“HAPPY, FREE, ART TRANSFORMS ME”

JULY 8-12, 2024

9:00AM-NOON | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of April 21, 2024

FPC This Week

- † **Sunday, April 21, 2024**
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *Good Shepherd Sunday*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
New Member Seminar—9:45am—S.J. Lounge
Worship livestreamed—11am
A Festival of Music—4pm
- † **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Calvin Choir—4:45pm
Wednesday Dinner—5:30pm
Menu: *Sloppy Joes*
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
Topic: *Joseph & family* (Genesis 44 & 45)
- † **Thursday, April 25, 2024**
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Sunday, April 28, 2024**
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *No Matter Which Way the Wind Blows...*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:30am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Craft Fair – Atrium
Worship livestreamed—11am

Next Sunday, Ellis Bloomfield will be selling his wooden bowls and Mary Huie will be selling her handmade greeting cards in the Atrium.

Hymn Festival with Bruce Neswick



This Joyful Eastertide

Send the People's Song through the roof this Easter season!



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Forum@First Preventing Gun Violence

Tuesday, April 30
7:30pm
Social Hall

“While 40,000 people in the US are killed by firearms each year, an estimated 85,000 people survive firearm injuries. A new study shows that the repercussions of such trauma extend far beyond the immediate aftermath of the injury. The long-term, often-hidden, costs of firearm injuries include worse mental health, substance abuse disorders, and higher health care spending for survivors, as well as increased mental health disorders for their significant others and children per investigators at Harvard Medical School, published April 5, 2022, in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.”

Church



Family

Celebrating this week . . .

Anniversaries . . .

♥ Tim & Naomi Smyrk

Birthdays . . .

◇ Alyssa Carroll; Fran Gomez; Dudley Parsons; JoAnna Pruett; Jane Tietjen; Kyle Herr; Christina (Pauley) Knutson; & Alan Holloway.

Next Lunch Bunch



The next gathering for **Lunch Bunch** will be on April 28 at *The Workshop* 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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. . . and can be picked up on the church office. All individuals or family units who were photographed or submitted their photo to be included in the directory are entitled to a free copy. Other members can also pick up a directory (first come, first served) for a cost of \$7. The roster at the back of the directory includes address and contact information for our full membership.



PENTECOST OFFERING

April 1—May 19, 2024



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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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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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