

First Presbyterian Church



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Service for the Lord's Day
May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to worship

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

Gathering

Prelude II. "Serene Alleluias from a soul longing for Heaven,"
from *L'Ascension, Quatre Méditations Symphoniques*

Oliver Messiaen

*"We beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we may in mind dwell in Heaven."
(from The Mass for Ascension Day)*

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.)

(11:00 a.m.)

*Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy.
Lift up your hearts.*

We lift them to the Lord.

*God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Lift up your hearts.*

We lift them to the Lord.

*God is ruler over all the earth; the Lord reigns on a holy throne.
Lift up your hearts.*

We lift them to the Lord.

*God has put this power to work in Christ, raising him from the dead.
Lift up your hearts.*

We lift them to the Lord.

*God has highly exalted him, giving him the name above all names.
Lift up your hearts.*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Jesus Christ is Lord! Glory to God in the highest.
Lift up your hearts.*

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us worship the Lord of creation!

◆ **Hymn 263** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

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

Call to Reconciliation

*Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God,
casting all our anxiety on the Lord, who cares for us.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

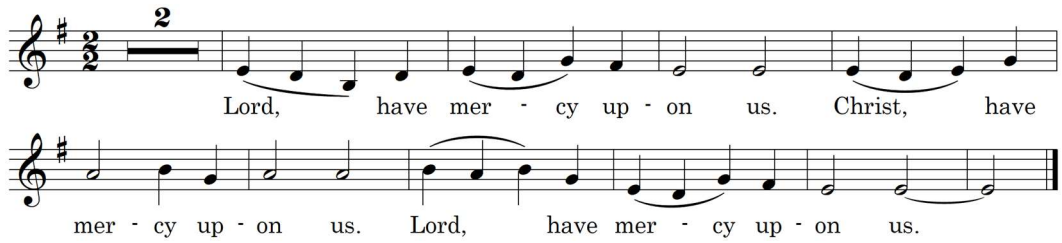
Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his Body. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie (Pres. Hymnal 1990 #565)

David N. Johnson



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

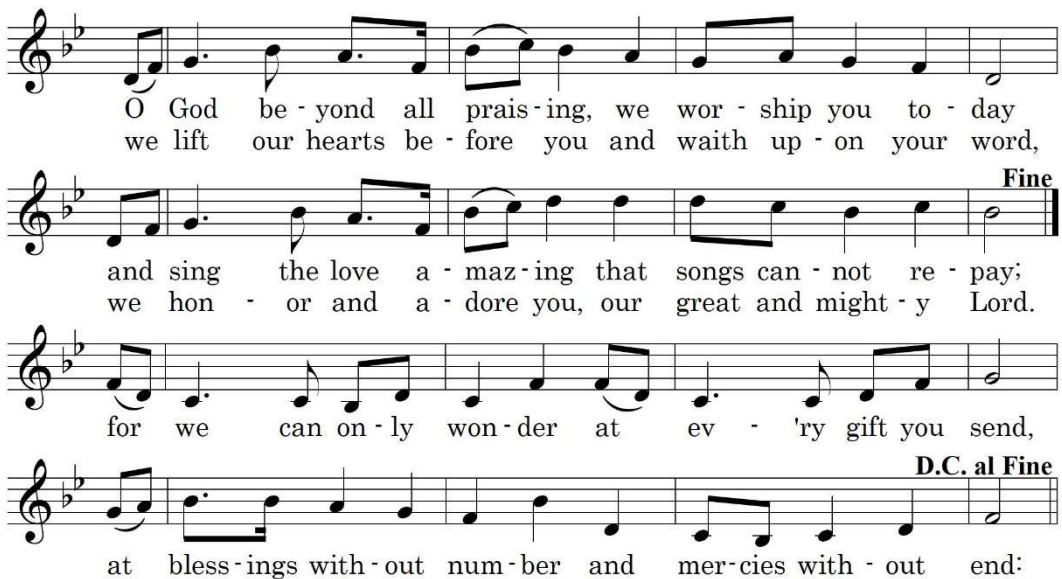
Words of Life

*The God of all grace, who calls us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ,
will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of 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.

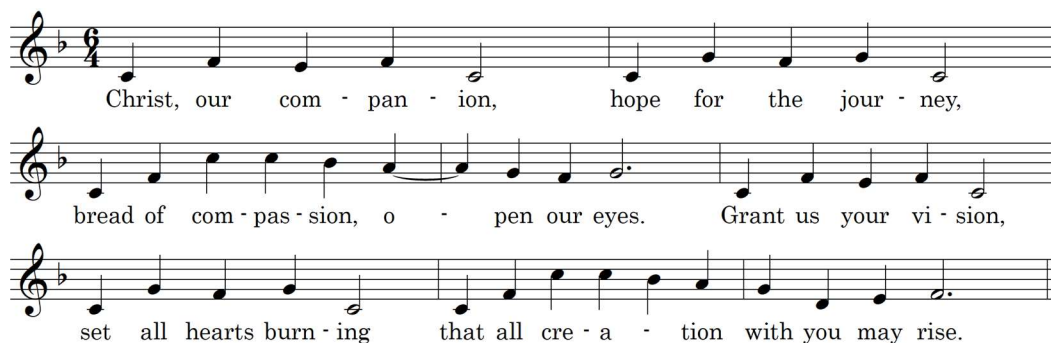
And also with you.

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

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reading from the Gospels

Luke 24:44-53

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn 261

Peoples, Clap Your Hands! (Psalm 47)
the congregation is invited to sing in unison

GENEVAN 47

Message

Power from On High

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Our Response

◆ Hymn 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

◆ 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

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

(8:30 a.m.) Chorale Prelude on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend,"
BWV 632

J.S. Bach

(11:00 a.m.) Christ the Appletree Stanford Scriven

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be, compared with Christ the appletree.

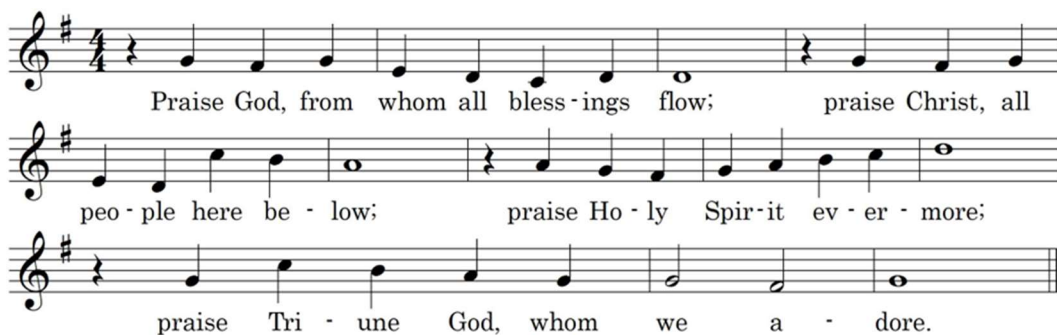
This beauty doth all things excel, by faith I know,
but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see, in Jesus Christ the appletree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ the appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the appletree.

I'm weary'd with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while;
under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the appletree.

◆ Offertory Response (GTG 608) PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all
people here be low; praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

O Holy One, we clap our hands and shout for joy! We give you our praise and our offerings, for with Christ ascended to be by your side, you are God, awesome and Most High. May our offerings help to bring your kingdom to fruition. Amen.

Sending

◆ Hymn 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

◆ Benediction

Postlude Sarabande (for the morning of Easter) Herbert Howells

The flowers are given by Tony & Judy Smithson
for the Glory of God in loving memory of their parents.

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of May 12, 2024

FPC This Week

- † **Sunday, May 12, 2024**
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *Power From On High*
Christian Formation & Fellowship—9:40am
Focus on Friendship Place—
Social Hall
Session Meeting with the Confirmands—10am
Worship livestreamed—11am
A Festival of Music—4pm
- † **Tuesday, May 7, 2024**
Esther Circle—noon
- † **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**
Priscilla Circle—10am
FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Youth Music—4:30pm
First Players Patio Picnic
and Performance—5pm
Adult Bible Study—6:30pm
Topic: *Moses* (Exodus 1, 2, 3)
- † **Thursday, May 16, 2024**
Card Crafters Group—1pm
Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm
- † **Saturday, May 18, 2024**
Ruth Circle—10am
- † **Sunday, May 19, 2024**
YOUTH SUNDAY
Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *The Many Ways to Spell "Church"*
Celebration Sunday—9:40am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Worship livestreamed—11am

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE?



If someone in your household is graduating at any level from high school through graduate school, please contact Cindy in the church office. We will be recognizing and honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 26, and would like to include yours!



A Festival of Music Presents: ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

Sunday, May 12 at 4pm

A Festival of Music wraps up the 33rd season with the Second Annual Rochester Community Music Showcase. Enjoy the rich musical and artistic talent found in Rochester and the surrounding community. This concert is sure to please.



THE PICNIC IS A PARTY!

Be sure to come on down for the Fourth Annual Patio Picnic and Performance on Wednesday. The First Players bands will be joined by the hard-swinging Notochords Jazz Band. Dinner is off the grill with Mrs. Patty's Sweet Treats for dessert. To top it off, there will be a bounce house for kids of all ages. Bring your lawn chair and come join the fun!

Church



Family

Celebrating this week . . .

Anniversaries . .

- ♥ Robert & Cynthia Sannes
- ♥ Frank & Bev Salomonsen

Birthdays . . .

- ◆ Ella Zmolek; Stella Kaslow; Rosaline Rovang; Denise Ring; Tricia Stevens; Ellis Bloomfield; Michael Harper, Jr; Jacqueline Kruger; Margie Schaaf; Henry Scott; and Noah Boswell.



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Registration Form Available Online:
tinurl.com/fpcMADform

“HAPPY, FREE, ART TRANSFORMS ME”

JULY 8-12, 2024

9:00AM-NOON | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENTECOST OFFERING

April 1—May 19, 2024



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost offering will be wrapping up soon. Please drop your contributions in the offering plate using the specially designated envelopes, or turn into Cindy in the office, or drop a check to FPC in the mail. Please designate *Pentecost* on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting this special offering.

The NEXT LUNCH BUNCH



The next **Lunch Bunch Gathering** will be on Sunday, May 26, at

Charlie's Eatery & Pub

beginning at 11:30am for a casual time of fellowship with one another. Please sign up in the atrium to help Dee plan. We hope you will join us!

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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†Energy †Intelligence †Imagination †Love*

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