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* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Beach Spring
Joyful Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

The Call to
Worship is from
enfleshed.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All you who are yearning for connection,
craving rest, dreaming of communities of compassion, come.

For God's Wisdom longs to be inherited.
God's Liberation longs to be danced with.

God's Anger longs for reparations to be made.
God's Peace longs to be sunk into.

Come, let us worship the Beloved,
for God is our desire for Transformative Love.

* HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Prayer of
Confession is
adapted from a
prayer by the Rev.
Mindi Welton-
Mitchell

Risen Savior, we confess that we live as if You are not among us now. We do not see Your face in those we pass on the street. We do not see You among the rubble and suffering of war. We do not see You in those we have left out, unintentionally or intentionally. We have failed to remember that when we care for the most vulnerable among us, we are caring for You. Call us into accountability. Guide us into repentance and reparation. Help us to seek restoration and forgiveness for where we have failed, so that we might live into Your kin-dom here on earth as it is in heaven. In Your name we pray, Amen...

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 36b-48

The grass withers, the flower fades;
The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING and SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tommy and Kelsey Kaercher present their daughter, Rory James Kaercher, born October 18, 2023, for baptism.

Zak and Annie Showalter present their daughter, Hallie Tamblyn Showalter, born May 24, 2023, for baptism.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

HYMN

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign, with this
 2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed! Fresh from

wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
 God. re-fresh our spir-its; in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Felix Mendelssohn

See What Love from *St. Paul Oratorio*

Chancel Choir

See what love hath the Creator bestowed on us,
 in God's goodness, that we should be called God's own children.

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God above ye heavenly host.
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

* HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

"Gigue" Fugue in G Major, BWV 577

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in loving memory of Bob Hockett by his family;
in loving memory of Graydon Krapohl by his wife Greta and daughter Grace.*

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WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. **Please sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partner is Angie Mi.

Fast Track to Membership

For those desiring to learn more about First Presbyterian and to join the church, our Fast Track to Membership session includes introductions by pastors and fellow attendees, information about the life and ministry of our vibrant faith community and concludes by answering the questions of membership. Meet us in the Pastor's Study at 11 a.m.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Faith Formation classes will not meet this morning. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard.

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Hannah Lundberg, *Transitional Pastor for Resident Ministry*

Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

David Pollock, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

Joyful Ringers

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

The Crawford Family

Beth Gerwig

Delena Harrison

Dave Keil

The Majorprice Family

Mary Schudel

Carol Smith

Paul Smith

Angela Yang

Pat Lyons, *Greeter*

Anne Kloack, *Welcome Center*

TODAY AT FIRST

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

Contemplative Communion Service
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary & Livestream

9:30 AM

Children's Faith Formation

10:30 AM

Social Hour
Social Hall

10:45 AM

Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8 gr.)
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

Adult Faith Formation
Classrooms

11:00 AM

Fast Track to Membership
Pastor's Study

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

12:30 PM

College Lunch
Youth Room

4:00 PM

Open Doors Concert
Sanctuary

6:00 PM

Youth Group
Youth Room

7:00 PM

Small Group Bible Study
offsite

Kindergarten & First Grade

9:30 AM | Room 302

Children learn the Bible through a story-based curriculum. This week, they'll learn the story of "The Road to Emmaus."

Second & Third Grade

9:30 AM | Room 303

Fourth & Fifth Grade

9:30 AM | Room 304

Our 2nd through 5th graders are studying our last unit of the program year, The Body of Christ. Our lesson this week is "One Church," based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.

Middle School Youth (6th - 8th Grade)

9:30 AM | Lower Level

Students use the same scripture passages used in worship to explore how they might speak to us in our lives today. There is art, games, and donuts.

Confirmation (8th Grade)

9:30 AM | Youth Room

Students practice writing and imagining their way through different questions of faith, history, theology, the Bible.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

The Climate Emergency

11:00 AM | Lewis Room & Zoom
Host: Jane Dutton

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of John

11:00 AM | French Room & Zoom
Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Wrestling With Doubt: Is There a God?

11:00 AM | Curtis Room & Zoom
Host: Carole Pawloski

Open Doors Concert: Hai Xin Wu and ZhiHua Tang

Sunday, April 14, 2024
4:00 PM | Sanctuary

Hai Xin Wu and ZhiHua Tang —two extraordinary musicians, who are also husband and wife, are delighted to share this all-too-rare opportunity to collaborate in a program of music for piano and violin. A reception follows.

Small Group Bible Study

7:00 - 9:00 PM | Chris Wahl's home

Open to all. Contact Chris Wahl, cgwahl@umich.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWIDE

Lessons from the Holocaust: An Evening with Irene Butter

Sunday, April 28, 2024
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Irene Butter, a Holocaust survivor from Germany, now teaches about her experiences to students. She co-founded the Raoul Wallenberg Medal & Lecture series and Zeitouna, an Arab/Jewish Women's Dialogue group in Ann Arbor.

Join us for a special presentation and dinner. Childcare is available. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Farewell Reception for Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Sunday, April 28
10:30 AM | Social Hall

Rev. Hannah Lundberg's tenure as our Transitional Pastor for Resident Ministry is coming to an end. Join us on Sunday, April 28, during Social Hour to celebrate Hannah's ministry among us. In addition, a basket for cards will be placed in the Social Hall or submit your well wishes to the Kudos board at <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/ECscEFYn#view>

CARE & COMPASSION

Prayer Group

Tuesdays
9:00 AM | Zoom

Our Prayer Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Zoom and all are welcome to come and pray, listen in, or bring your requests for us to pray for you and those you love. The link is on the church calendar. It's a meditative time led by Rev. Rogers.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 29 - August 2
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Calling all young artists, musicians, and creatives! Get ready for an unforgettable week filled with music, art, and endless fun at our Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp! Camp will run from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM July 29 through August 2. Reserve your spot today at firstpresbyterian.org. We can't wait to see you there!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Yoga for All Ages

Saturdays in April
11:00 AM | Lewis Room

A gentle Hatha yoga class will assist in bringing awareness to the physical and mental bodies, and is suitable for all experience levels, especially those who are new to yoga or have been away from the practice for awhile. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

MATURE MINISTRIES

University of Michigan Collections

Thursday, April 18, 2024
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Bentley Historical Library and the Museum of Archaeological Anthropology. Lunch will be at the Gandy Dancer. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. To register online, visit firstpresbyterian.org

MISSION

Food Collection in April

Throughout the month of April we are collecting food pantry items for Hope Clinic. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.