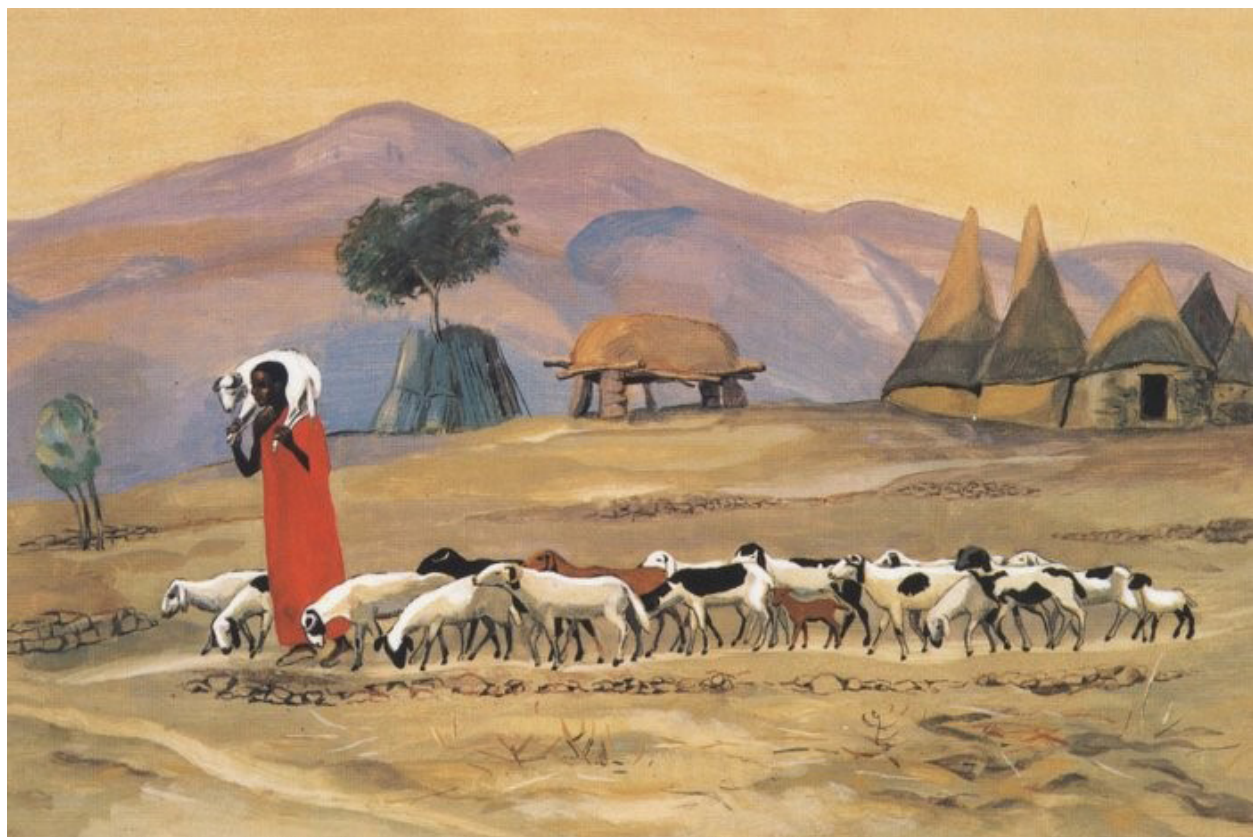


FOURTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

April 21, 2024 • 9:30 AM



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"The Good Shepherd" by the JESUS MAFA community. The "Life of Jesus Mafa" is a set of 63 pictures from the life and teaching of Jesus, viewed by the artist as if the events had taken place in a village in Cameroon.

The Call to Worship is attributed to Chief Seattle, 1854, and adapted by the Iona Community and Rev. David Prentice-Hyers.

The Prayer of Confession is from the Iona Community.

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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

Prelude on BRADBURY

Dale Wood

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

On this sabbath day for the earth,
of the earth, surrounded by earth
Let the light fall warm and red on the rock,
let the birds sing their morning song.

Let the tools be stored away,
let work be set aside and rest enjoyed.

Let the flowers open and the bees appear,
let hearts be glad, and minds be calm.

And let God's people say Amen.
Amen.

* HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

This we know, the earth does not belong to us,
the earth belongs to you.
We belong to you.

This we know, all things are connected in you,
like the blood that unites one family.

This we know, we did not weave the web of life,
we are merely a strand in it.

This we know, whatever we do to the web,
we do to ourselves.

Forgive us when we take for granted the web of creation
remind us that all things hold together in Christ,
we hold together in Christ...

SILENT PRAYER

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

BRADBURY

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
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PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

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

John 10:11-18

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

SERMON

RESPONDING and SEALING

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION &
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Martin, Will, and Jensen, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus and to be faithful members of Christ's church? Do you?

We do!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit. Amen.

LAYING ON OF SHAWLS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S WORK

Children's Faith Formation classes will not meet today. Children will remain in worship and will later be called forward during the Presentation of Confirmation.

The word confirm, from the Latin confirmare, means "to strengthen." At Confirmation, the Holy Spirit and the church's prayers strengthen those who are on the confirmation journey as we affirm them in their faith.

AMONG US WITH 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *For the Beauty of the Earth* Eric Nelson
Chancel Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful hear to sing.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;

For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven;

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

* 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

SENDING

* HYMN 691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* William Mathias

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Susan Rose Reynolds by her family who will
always miss and cherish her.*

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WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

New to First Pres?

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 Brad Taylor.

Childcare

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. Children's resources can be found in the narthex.

Confirmation Sunday

Today is Confirmation Sunday, a day when we welcome those youth who participated in confirmation and have chosen to join the church as new members. We celebrate and affirm them in their faith in the context of our gathered community. Confirmation is a milestone for our youth that creates space for them to lean into the questions they carry and the curiosity that shapes their own theological imagination. Each confirmation student creates a 'Faith Expression' as a way to mark their ongoing journey of where their faith is right now. Please welcome these bright, compassionate, open-minded, and committed new members of First Pres.

CONFIRMANDS

Callie Crawford

Vivian Licata

Ian Williams

Martin Gehrke

Oskar MacArthur

Will Wood

BAPTISMS

Martin Gehrke

Will Wood

Jensen Wood

Prayer shawls were created by FPC members in the Knit Night Group: Beth Caldwell, Cheryl Gulbranson, Prue Heikkinen, Sandy Herold, Chris Larson, and Ann Lyzenga. We're grateful for the time, energy, and prayers these knitters put into these prayer shawls, and pray that these serve as a reminder, comfort, and promise, of the ways our community of faith will surround these new members. Contact Prue Heikkinen, prueannarbor@gmail.com, to learn more about Knit Night.

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 RM*

Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Claire Gehrke, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Beth Gerwig

The Majorprice Family

Mel Prentice-Hyers, Angus and Finlay Hyers

Mary Schudel

Carol Smith

Paul Smith

Sandy Talbot

Angela Yang

Debbie Swartz, *Welcome Center*

TODAY AT FIRST

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

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

**Young Adult
Coffee &
Conversation**
Panera Bread

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

12:30 PM

College Lunch
Youth Room

4:00 PM

**New Member
Class**
offsite

6:00 PM

Youth Group
Youth Room

7:00 PM

**Small Group
Bible Study**
offsite

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Poetry of Faith and Climate Change

11:00 AM | Lewis Room & Zoom

Host: Jane Dutton

Chris Dahl and Susan Whitlock will invite us to engage with select poems relevant to the climate crisis. A "deep dive" into the language and themes of works by poets from the Psalmist(s) to 2019 U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo will help us explore how we can develop a faithful response.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of John

11:00 AM | French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Wrestling With Doubt

The Good Book: Wrestling with the Bible

11:00 AM | Curtis Room & Zoom

Host: Carole Pawloski

Best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them. He uses honesty and insight, drawing on the rich wisdom of the Bible, Christian tradition, and his experience walking with thousands of people on their spiritual journeys. Video and discussion.

Coffee & Conversation

11 AM | Panera Bread (Washtenaw Ave.)

Young adults are invited to meet at the Panera Bread on Washtenaw from 11 AM-12 PM for coffee and conversation.

College Lunch

12:30 PM | Youth Room

College students are invited to lunch and Bible study at 12:30 in the Youth Room. For more information and to join the email list, contact Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@fpca2.org

New Member Class

4:00 PM | Betsy and Ben McCallister's home

Our New Member Class meets this afternoon at the home of Ben and Betsy McCallister. The class 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. Contact Mel Rogers for more information, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Small Group Bible Study

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWIDE

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>

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!

Youth Group

Sunday, April 21
6pm-7:30pm | Social Hall & Youth Room

Youth Group is a place for our youth to find belonging, space to be curious, creative, and have fun! **Today all 5th graders are invited to join us** for youth group as we have a special session planned in anticipation of Irene Butter joining us next week. Dinner is provided. We hope to see you there – bring a friend!

Honoring Graduates

Graduation time is here! If you or your family member will be graduating this spring, please let us know so that we may honor our grads in the June 9 bulletin. To submit the name and photo, complete the online form at firstpresbyterian.org.

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

LUNCH AND LEARN

Stopping Climate Change: A Citizen's Guide to Actions

Thursday, May 9
12 PM | Social Hall

Our guest speaker will be Mary Garton. As a volunteer with the Ann Arbor chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby for seven years, she has participated in 36 lobby meetings with over 16 different members of Congress or their legislative aides, both on Capitol Hill and here in district. She believes the best way to handle one's own climate anxiety is to actively work towards a viable solution and that there is a path forward.

WORSHIP

Taizé

Tuesday, May 7
7:00 PM | Monteith Hall

We invite you to a moment of tranquil reflection at our upcoming Taizé Prayer Service on May 7. This month's service of wholeness and healing is a time to center our hearts, quiet our minds, and connect with the divine in a gentle, meditative way.

for more information, visit firstpresbyterian.org



Sunday, April 28

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

SUNDAY MORNING

**Exploring the Lived Impact of
the Holocaust on the Second
Generation**

Rita Benn & Natalie Iglewitz

Authors of *The Ones Who Remember:
Second-Generation Voices of the Holocaust*

The presentation will be livestreamed and recorded.



11 AM | LEWIS ROOM

SUNDAY EVENING

**Lessons from the Holocaust:
An Evening with Irene Butter**

Join us for a special presentation by Holocaust survivor, Irene Butter, as she shares her powerful story of resilience, courage, and hope. This presentation is recommended for 5th grade and older.

Childcare is available for 4th grade and younger. Registration requested.

5 PM SUPPER | 6 PM PRESENTATION



REGISTER ONLINE: FIRSTPRESBYTERIAN.ORG