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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 23, 2023 | 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

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"Psalm 150" by Anneke Kaai

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an usher if you  
would like to use a  
**large-print  
bulletin** to follow  
the service.

## THIRD SUNDAY *of* EASTER

April 23, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning,  
please silence all electronic devices.

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

### GATHERING

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*A Carillon Passacaglia*  
Sanctus Ringers

Lee Afdahl

#### POURING OF THE WATER

#### WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### FAITH IN ACTION

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Breath of God,  
breath of life,  
breath of deepest yearning,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Comforter,  
Disturber,  
Interpreter,  
Enthusier,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Heavenly Friend,  
Lamplighter,  
Revealer of truth,  
Midwife of change,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

The Lord is here.  
**God's spirit is with us.**

#### \* HYMN 23      *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*      PLEADING SAVIOR

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Day-bringer, way-maker:  
We fill the world with noise that deadens our senses,  
numbs our inspiration,  
and silence the song of your creation.

Day-bringer teach us the silence of humility  
**The silence of wisdom,**  
The silence of love,

A Carillon  
Passacaglia  
by composer  
Lee Afdahl,  
incorporates a  
bold melody in  
octaves to mimic  
the sound of a  
carillon. It gives  
way to a series of  
variations of the  
theme which grow  
in complexity and  
intensity through  
to the big, bold  
finish. A variety  
of techniques are  
found throughout  
with rhythmic  
interplay.

The silence that speaks without words,  
The silence of faith.

Way-maker teach us to silence our own hearts and minds  
so that we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit,  
and feel your presence in the depths of our being  
groaning of creation.

## 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

### CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 20, All Things Bright and Beautiful, as the children come forward.*

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**

The actions of **confession and pardon** are deeply connected to baptism. "In the waters of baptism, washed in the name of the triune God, we receive God's assurance of forgiveness and cleansing. Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we boldly confess our sin and accept forgiveness." (The Service for the Lord's Day: Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1. Westminster Press, 1984).

This week's children's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Memory and Surprise*, is found on page 280.

**Worship LAB** is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week.

**Ways to give:**  
**Cash/Check**  
Place in the offering plate or in the mail  
**Text-to-Give**  
Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

**Vanco Mobile App**



SCAN ME

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-25

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

## SERMON

## RESPONDING *and* SEALING

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may not be taken during the service.*

Theodore Lee Hazekamp,  
son of Nicholas and Laura Hazekamp, born April 6, 2022.

Jacob Roby Sklut,  
son of Laura and Michael Sklut, born April 22, 2020.

### \*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 486

*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.



## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY      *Hallelu Yah: III. Psalm 150*      Dan Forest  
Chancel Choir and John Dorsey, Percussion

Hallelujah! Praise God in the sanctuary, Hallelujah!  
Praise God in the mighty heavens, Hallelujah!  
Praise God for the mighty deeds, Hallelujah!  
Praise God for God's excellent greatness.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord. Hallelujah!  
Praise God with the sound of the trumpet, Hallelujah!  
Praise God with the lute and harp, Hallelujah!  
Praise God with the tambourine and dance, Hallelujah!  
Praise God with the strings and pipe, Hallelujah!  
Praise God with the sounding cymbals!  
Let every thing that has breath praise the Lord!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord! Hallelujah!

\* 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 246      *Christ Is Alive!*      TRURO

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
*Unaccompanied Viola Sonata, Second Movement* Max Reger  
Erin Pitts, Viola



*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; Margaret and Herman Primas and Alma Kruger by Ruth Primas; Jean and Russell Stem and Marjorie and Edmund Galant by Linda Galant.*

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# WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We invite you to join us at our FAST TRACK event today at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew, then passing it down to others.

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## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them held during 9:30 a.m. worship. Children are dismissed after the Conversation with Young Disciples and return to the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes.

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a children's bulletin and a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers  
Rev. Megan Berry  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers  
Shayla Powell

### *Lector*

Lindsay Gudritz

## MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir  
Sanctus Ringers  
*Organist*  
David Hufford

### *Conductor*

David VanderMeer

## USHERS

Clem Gill  
Linda Lampman  
Keith Molin  
Karla Olson-Bellfi  
Dick Stuber  
Elsa Stuber  
Len Rezmierski

## TODAY AT FIRST PRES

- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Monteith Hall)
  - 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship (Social Hall)
  - 10:45 a.m. Children's Choir (Lemon Chapel)
  - 11:00 a.m. Fast Track to Membership (Zoom 3, Pastor's Study)
  - 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)
  - 11:00 a.m. Exploring the Faith (Monteith Hall)
  - 11:00 a.m. First Friends (Lewis Room)
  - 11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom 4)
  - 11:15 a.m. Faith Formation: Children (Levels 1 & 3)
  - 11:15 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 4:00 p.m. Open Doors Creative Arts Event (Sanctuary, Social Hall)
  - 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Youth Room)
  - 7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom 4)
- Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)

## NEWS & EVENTS

### FAITH FORMATION

#### **Exploring the Faith**

Sunday, April 23 | 11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Join our panel presentation on Writing to Share Faith with Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers and panelists Meg Brown, Peggy Hodgson, and Dan Francis. Gain insights into how writing can shape faith.

#### **Dismantling Racism: What Is God Calling Us to Do?**

Sunday, April 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Join us for an eye-opening Dismantling Racism Workshop, where we will be privileged to have Rev. Lindsey Anderson as our guest speaker. This workshop will delve into the ways in which race and other identity markers are being used in our society to create division and disempower people in marginalized communities. The aim of this workshop is to help us gain a deeper understanding of our own roles and resources, and how we can use them to answer God's call to promote justice in our society. Join us for a light supper and eye-opening conversation. Childcare is available by reservation. Register online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org) or at coffee hour today.

#### **Men's Study Group**

1st and 3rd Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Curtis Room & ZOOM

The Men's Study Group are studying "Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice," by the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston. All men are invited to join us on the first and third Friday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. Books are available for purchase (\$20) in the church office. For more information contact: Jay Sanderford at [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org).

#### **Scholarship Applications Now Accepted**

Presbyterian Women offers a scholarship for those pursuing graduate studies in religious education. Are you or someone you know (men or women) enrolled in seminary or in a religious studies program? Scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2023-24 school year and are due by May 5. The application can be found at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org), search PW Scholarship. Questions? Contact Kyle Hall at [Kylecarnerhall@gmail.com](mailto:Kylecarnerhall@gmail.com).

#### **Honoring Graduates**

It's Graduation season! 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 11 bulletin and on our social media pages. Complete the online form, [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### MUSIC & FINE ARTS

#### **Women's Chamber Chorus & FPC Sanctus Ringers Concert**

Friday, April 28 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Don't miss the Women's Chamber Chorus spring concert on April 28, at 7:30. "Come to the Music" will feature Sanctus Ringers and Joshua Marzan on piano. Enjoy beautiful harmonies and enchanting rhythms. Join us for an unforgettable evening of music.

#### **Art Exhibit: The Cartography of Loss**

A new art exhibit by local artist Leslie Sobel is now on view in the Social Hall. Leslie's art addresses water and climate change, including pollution, flooding, and environmental damage to our continental watersheds and the increase in harmful algae blooms in Lake Erie and other bodies of water. As the daughter of two scientists, Sobel is finely attuned to scientific systems and often collaborates with scientists in the field. By combining components of both science and art in her work, she provides multiple perspectives on her subject matter.

## Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 31 - August 4 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We're inviting all rising 2nd through rising 9th graders to join us for a week of non-stop fun and learning. Our campers will have the opportunity to learn the upbeat and lively children's musical, "Oh, Jonah!" Along with that, we have a lot of other activities planned, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost of this amazing experience is only \$25 per camper, and the camp will run from July 31 to August 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Don't wait! Register now at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### MISSION

#### Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, April 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Ypsilanti

Build a home, build a future! Join us in building a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti this spring! First Presbyterian and the House of Faith partner churches are looking for volunteers on April 29, May 13, and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Let's work together to make a difference in our community. Sign up to volunteer online at [firstpresbyterian.org/events](http://firstpresbyterian.org/events).

#### Meal Volunteers

Tuesdays | St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Circles Program seeks volunteers for Tuesday night meals at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Groups of 5-6 volunteers needed to provide and serve dinner for 40 people. Contact Martha Kershaw at [mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net) to get involved. Sponsored by Friends In Deed, the program helps families rise out of poverty through education, skills building, and relationships.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S  
OPEN DOORS CREATIVE ARTS SERIES PRESENTS

# ERIN PITTS

## *Earth's Breath & Beauty*

SUNDAY **April 23**  
4:00 pm | Sanctuary

Erin C. Pitts, a native of Atlanta and a graduate of The Juilliard School, will be performing a concert as part of our Open Doors Creative Arts Series this afternoon at 4 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

Ms. Pitts made her concerto debut with the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra as first prize winner of the concerto competition. Most recently, she performed at the Krzyzowa Festival, an international chamber music event, bringing curated chamber music to Poland.

Currently, Pitts plays as a substitute with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic. Aside from playing the viola, she worked as the Government Relations intern for three years at Carnegie Hall.

During the concert, Pitts will be performing a selection of classical pieces. The event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to experience the beauty and power of classical music.

