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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 23, 2023 | 8:00 A.M. WORSHIP

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“Psalm 150” by Anneke Kaai

THIRD SUNDAY *of* EASTER

April 23, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arietta

Edvard Grieg

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,

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

DAY 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!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is a simple, rhythmic tune with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, and some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across notes.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-25

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Notturmo

Edvard Grieg

* 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

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

Remembrance

Edvard Grieg



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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. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad, then passing it down to others.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Liturgist Rev. Megan Berry

Pianist Josh Marzan
Communion Jean Song

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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

OPEN DOORS CREATIVE ARTS SERIES:

Violist Erin Pitts in Concert

Today | 4:00 p.m. | 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 on Sunday, April 23 at 4 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

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 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.

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, search PW Scholarship. Questions? Contact Kyle Hall at 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.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Women's Chamber Chorus 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.

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.

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 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.

