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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 20, 2023  
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



“The Caananite Woman”

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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

*Hymn Sing*

### POURING OF THE WATER

### WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### FAITH IN ACTION

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all who long for salvation come find each other.

**Deliverance will lead us out from under evil's hand.**

In the days of liberation, there will be a holy transformation.

**Material and lasting, the world will breathe anew.**

May the struggling be lifted.

**May the powerful repent.**

A righteous reckoning is close at hand.

**May God help us to be faithful.**

#### \* HYMN 372

*O for a World*

AZMON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of particularity, you know us intimately and honestly. As individuals, as communities, as people with histories different and shared, you do not always call us down the same paths.**

**Teach us how to reckon with a freedom that is not one size fits all. Meet us in all our specific privileges and powers, gifts and liabilities. That we may find our way and support one another....**

### SILENCE

### KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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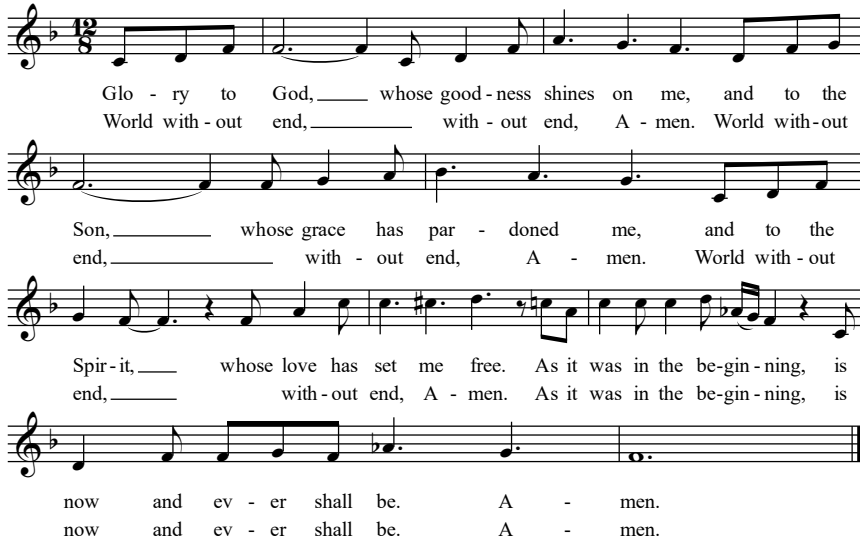
## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \* 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

### GLORY TO GOD



Glo - ry to God, \_\_\_\_\_ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the  
World with - out end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end, A - men. World with - out  
Son, \_\_\_\_\_ whose grace has par - doned me, and to the  
end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end, A - men. World with - out  
Spir - it, \_\_\_\_\_ whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
end, \_\_\_\_\_ with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is  
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.  
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 133

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

### CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Please join in singing as the children come forward.*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah!**

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

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

### SERMON

**Worship LAB** is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children ages 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

**Online**

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

**Vanco Mobile App**



## RESPONDING

\* HYMN 436

O QUANTA QUALIA

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Hine Ma Tov*

arr. Neil Ginsberg

Choral Ensemble and Brandon LePage, Flute

Hine ma tov uma naim shevet achim gam yachad. Lai.

How good it is and how pleasant for people to dwell together.

\* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host.**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* 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 756

*O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*Vivace, Trio Sonata No. 2, BWV 526*



*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. First Pres is grateful for the Susan Rose Reynolds Pilgrimage Fund which helps financially support members and friends undertaking spiritual pilgrimage. Susie was a treasured member of the 2013, 2016, and 2018 pilgrimages to the Community of Iona, Scotland, and the Camino de Santiago in Spain and Portugal.*

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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 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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## 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 Nancy Oliver.

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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 during the worship service. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Rev. Mark Mares  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers  
Rev. Jay Sanderford

*Lector*  
Will Wood

*Faith in Action*  
Al Beery

*Musicians*  
Choral Ensemble  
Brandon LePage, Flute

*Organist*  
David Hufford  
*Minister of Music & Fine Arts*  
David VanderMeer

*Ushers*  
Joe Schmidt, Captain  
Pam Ehrhart  
*Greeters*  
Catherine Kendall  
Dawn Pankopf  
John Pankopf

## NEWS & EVENTS

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### **Huron River Tubing**

Sunday, August 20  
2:00 pm

High school youth are invited to join us for an epic adventure on the Huron River with tubing on Saturday, August 20, at 2 pm. And guess what? It's absolutely FREE!

#### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Sunday, August 27  
9:30 a.m. Worship

August is here! For many that means school is just around the corner! Here at First Pres, on Sunday, August 27, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another school year. Students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to church to receive the blessing during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.



## **Tailgate @ First**

Friday, September 8

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Get ready to kick off the ultimate pre-game party at First Presbyterian on Friday, September 8! Join us for an electrifying tailgate extravaganza from 5 to 7 pm.

## **Faith Formation**

We are looking forward to our 2023-24 Children and Youth Faith Formation classes and Youth Group program year beginning on Sunday, September 10. If you are interested in serving as a Faith Formation teacher for our children this year, reach out to Rev. Mark Mares, [mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

## **Join Our Team**

We are seeking a part-time (20 hrs/week) Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries. The Coordinator provides faith formation leadership, training, coordination, and support for children (birth through fifth grade), families, and volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested, apply online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### **Stephen Ministry's Recommended Reading**

A new book has arrived in the Stephen Ministry Library- *Bitter Sweet*. Susan Cain, the author says, "The idea of transforming pain into creativity, transcendence, and love— is the heart of this book." Come in and check it out. The Stephen Ministry Library is located in Hillegonds Chapel.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### **Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, August 27

11:00 a.m.

Join us for the fun-filled ice cream social on August 27! Come enjoy a sweet treat and socialize with others in the community. We'll have some vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry, along with the top three winners of the ice cream vote. We hope to see you there!

### **Engagement Fair**

Sunday, September 10

10:30 a.m. | Social Hall

Mark your calendars for a celebration of our ministries. On September 10, we will host an Engagement Fair during Social Hour. Come find ways to use your gifts and talents to volunteer at First. Representatives from each ministry area will be present in the Social Hall to answer questions.

## MISSION

### **Food Rescue Program**

Our food rescue program from U of M football games begins September 2. Five or six volunteers are needed for each home game to help pick up the food and place it in a freezer at the stadium. It takes about two hours to collect, sort, and place the food in the walk-in freezer. The food collected at each game is donated to one of our local food ministry partners. Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, contact Don Redding at [dredding58@yahoo.com](mailto:dredding58@yahoo.com)



## **Alpha House Week of Service**

August 28 - September 3

Our ministry with local mission partner Alpha House is an opportunity to support children and their parents who are experiencing homelessness. If you are interested in taking part during our next week of service, Monday, August 28 - Sunday, September 3, you may sign up either online or during Social Hour to help provide a meal or assist with child care.



## **Caring for Our Detroit Neighbors**


Non-perishable food will be collected this morning for our monthly Communion Food Offering benefitting the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit, or you may drop off donations throughout the month in the Welcome Center. You may also give by check or online via the First Pres Monthly Food Offering.

## **MUSIC & FINE ARTS**

### **Chancel Choir Retreat**

August 25-26

Join the Chancel Choir (High school - Adults) for their annual retreat on Friday and Saturday, August 25 - 26 in Monteith Hall. All are welcome! For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, [dvandermeer@fpca2.org](mailto:dvandermeer@fpca2.org)



Join us for the beginning of a  
new program year

# FALL KICKOFF 2023

**September 10, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. Contemplative Communion Service**

A short communion service with simple morning prayer liturgy and no music.

**9:30 a.m. Worship**

Worship in the Sanctuary that includes scripture, sermon, prayer, and choral and instrumental music. This service is live-streamed.

**9:30 a.m. Children and Youth Faith Formation**

Children move to classrooms with their teachers after the Conversation with Young Disciples during worship. Youth classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

**10:30 a.m. Engagement Fair**

Find ways to use your gifts and talents to volunteer. Representatives from each ministry area will be present in the Social Hall to answer questions.

**10:45 a.m. Children's Choir**

Children's Choir is open to students ages 5 through 5th grade and meets in Lemon Chapel from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m.

**11:00 a.m. Adult Faith Formation**

Adult formation classes meet from 11 to noon. Children and youth classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

**11:15 a.m. Worship**

Distinctly different from the 9:30 service, this 12-week season of worship will be experimental, creative, and participatory.

*Childcare is available from 9:20 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*