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We're so grateful to be outside in God's creation for worship today! If you are willing and able, please help us put away the chairs following today's service

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

arr. Calvin Taylor

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O God, most gracious host.

My soul longs for the household of God.

Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest
at your table of grace,

O homemaking God.

**Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy
to you, the living God.**

Children are welcome at worship. We offers age-appropriate resources for our youngest worshipers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available for children 5 years and younger.

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* HYMN 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emanuel, God with us, you desire for us to abide in you as you abide in us. But we are restless and turn back from following you because the way of wisdom, the way of gratitude, the way of interdependence is more difficult than we expected.

May we proclaim with the psalmist, "A day in your house is better than a thousand elsewhere." May we linger with you at table rather than driving through to other destinations, finally present with you, with each other, and with our own spirits. This we pray through the one who set the table for us....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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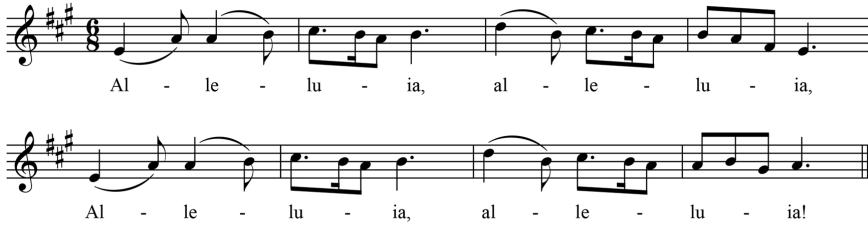
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES AND BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Together we are the body of Christ,
and we belong to each other.

We can share our joy, laughter, and hope,
We can share our fears and sadness.

When we share what is good,
It is multiplied.

When we share what is hard,
The load is divided.

In our schools and communities,
May we learn and grow.

In our classes and groups,
May we show support and build each other up.

In our homes and families,
May we embody care and spark love.

Together we are the body of Christ,
And we belong to each other.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:56-69

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Come, Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

Chancel Choir

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
When the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.
And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
Also, the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
Join at the feet of God.

When the people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls,
come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
Join at the feet of God. Come dwell!

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *All Night, All Day*

arr. Calvin Taylor

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Chancel Choir
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Linda Lampman
Joe Schmidt
Angela Yang

GREETERS

Anne Andrus
RO Andrus

PRAYER PARTNER

Jeanette Kibler

We welcome back to worship the Chancel Choir following their summer recess. This weekend, the choir had their Annual Retreat, rehearsing on Friday night and Saturday to prepare music for the fall program year.

It is not too late to join the choir for the program year! Rehearsals are on Thursday nights, 7-9 p.m. Contact Dave VanderMeer for more information.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife Julie on their 42nd wedding anniversary.

The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Peter Guthrie Silbert Cialdella, born August 14, 2024. Peter is the son of Kate Silbert and Joe Cialdella.

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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.** 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.

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 Bibles and resources are available.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. Accessible parking spaces are available on the church campus in the north lot near the Sanctuary. The accessible spaces are marked. A state-issued placard or license plate or a church-issued permit should be displayed while parked. If you would like a church parking permit for an accessible parking space, please speak to one of our Parish Nurses, Barb DeLancey or Stacey Pakela.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ice Cream Social Today!

Join us on the Circle Terrace following today's worship for delicious ice cream and great fellowship.

Bill Austin Celebration!

Sunday, September 1

Next Sunday we honor our long-time Head Usher Bill Austin. Bill began ushering at First Pres just a few months after he and his wife Pat joined the church in 1959. After 65 years of service, Bill has retired from ushering. Session recently named Bill the Head Usher Emeritus. We are grateful to Bill's over 10,000 hours of service as an Usher! Bill and Pat Austin were married in July of 1959 and he began ushering immediately with Head Usher George Dibble. Come celebrate Bill (and also Pat!) in worship and at the Social Hour time afterwards. We will have cake!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MATURE MINISTRIES

Fall Kick-off: Two Presentations and One Great Lunch!

Sunday, September 5
11:00 am | Social Hall

At 11:00, join us for “Celebrating Ann Arbor’s Bicentennial with SmartTours”, with Norman Tyler, Bicentennial SmartTour Committee Chair, a project to encourage residents and visitors to become familiar with Ann Arbor’s diverse 200-year history. Fifteen tours were created to tour a total of 177 historically significant sites. The project will be hosted for many years through the Ann Arbor District Library. After a hot lunch (Noon, provided by Fed Up! Ministries for \$10 per person), we present: “127 Years of Excellence and Tradition: Taking the Field with the University of Michigan Marching Band” with Dr. John Pasquale, Director of the Michigan Marching and Athletic Bands. The UM Marching Band has a rich tradition of excellence throughout its 127 seasons. While many see the finished product, the behind-the-scenes work and how it is achieved is largely unknown. Join us for a conversation about how this world-class organization operates and upholds the legacy of being the nation’s premier collegiate marching band. Dr. Pasquale is the Donald R. Shepherd Professor of Conducting at the University of Michigan where he serves as Director of the Michigan Marching and Athletic Bands. Sign up, please! Email Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org, or call the church, 662-4466, to reserve your spot for lunch!

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group Study

Sundays, beginning September 8
7:00 pm | Off-site

The group meets this fall to study the book of Daniel, pray for each other, socialize, and eat yummy snacks. You may attend in person at Chris Wahl's house on the north side of Ann Arbor or over Zoom. All ages are welcome. For more information, please email Chris at cgwahl@umich.edu.

MISSION

Cereal for Summer Drive

We invite you to bring boxes or bags of cereal throughout the month of August to support the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries' "Cereal for Summer" drive. You may drop off items at the Welcome Center during the week.

Alpha House Host Week

August 26 - September 1

Help prepare meals or supply pantry items for our local mission partner, Alpha House, during our host week, August 26 - September 1. Alpha House provides shelter and support to at-risk families and families experiencing homelessness. You can help by preparing either a dinner entree, or two side dishes or come in after dinner from 6:45 to 8 p.m. to provide much-needed child care for the residents. If you are interested, please sign up on our website, firstpresbyterian.org. Items requested for the pantry are also found on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Knibbs at dbreckle@umich.edu or Gail Einhaus at gail.einhaus@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Yoga Returns!

September 10
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Lewis Room

Join us on Tuesday evenings this Fall in the Lewis Room. Classes are led by Barbara Concannon and are free with a donation to the church. No registration required!

Grief Conversations

Monday, August 26
12:00 pm | Online
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88164422941>

Got grief? We all do! For those who are feeling it acutely, or those bearing fresh grief, join Rev. Rogers and others for an information conversation to learn about grief and share with one another. Please make a note and let others who may benefit from our time together.

— FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

SUNDAYS

BEGINNING SEPT. 8

8:30^{AM}

Worship with Communion

Monteith Hall

Our earliest service is a quiet, contemplative service in the more intimate space of Monteith Hall. Communion is served weekly. *approx. 30 minutes*

9:30^{AM}

Worship

Sanctuary

This service is a traditional worship style with liturgy, scripture and sermon, choir, and congregational singing accompanied by the organ and other instruments. *approx. 60 minutes*

10:45^{AM}

Faith Formation for All Ages

Classrooms

First Pres values learning and spiritual growth and offers educational offerings for children, youth, and adults. *45 minutes*

11:30^{AM}

Worship

Monteith Hall

This service is designed to be participatory, creative, and intergenerational. All are welcome in this space and invited to move around, create, and respond in a variety of ways. *approx. 45 minutes*

Children are welcome at all of our worship services, and we offers age-appropriate resources for our youngest worshippers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available on Sunday mornings for children 5 years and younger.