

TENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST August 6, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sonata, Allegro Movement Martin Gehrke, pianist W. A. Mozart

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of God came to Jonah

The word of God comes to us:

Go

Despite your fears

Speak

the truth of God

Love

your neighbor and your enemy

Forgive

as you have been forgiven

Receive

grace upon grace

overflowing from the fullness of God.

* HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION Singing Bells, Suspended Bells, and Chimes

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

PROCLAIMING the WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1 and 2 (selected verses)

Jonah and the Whale arr. Tammy Waldrop Music Camp Handbell Ringers

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!

The **Call to Worship** is written
by Joanna Harader
and posted
on Spacious Faith,
spaciousfaith.com

the flow of worship through multisensory experiences. Children ages 5 through 5th grade

Worship LAB is

a place where children explore

are invited to join in Worship Lab each

week.

Musical: *Oh*, *Jonah!*Music and Fine Arts Campers

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

* 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.

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 22

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

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The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of and gratitude for David VanderMeer and Shayla Powell, directors of today's Proclamation of the Word, "Oh, Jonah!" And a very happy birthday to Shayla whose birthday is today.

The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Arthur Stephen Washabaugh on July 26, 2023. Parents are Alec and Anna Washabaugh.

Grandparents are Susan and Peter Washabaugh.

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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^{*} Prayer of Dedication

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.

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 Cyndy Colton.

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers Ushers Greeter

Organist Joe Schmidt, Captain Catherine Kendall

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Omer Bellfi

Cyndy Colton

Nancy Fox

Linda Lampman

"OH, JONAH!" MUSIC AND FINE ARTS CAMP

What an absolutely incredible week we had at our inaugural Music and Fine Arts Camp! We spent a fun-filled week singing our hearts out, immersing ourselves in engaging Bible stories, unleashing our creativity by crafting props, and having a blast with exciting games. Oh, and let's not forget those delightful picnic lunches we devoured on the front lawn! We owe a massive debt of gratitude to the countless volunteers who made this unforgettable experience possible. Thank you, thank you!

Cast & Choir

Brooklyn Dennis Pablo Hudec Astrid Robles-Breneman
Caiden Dennis Tomas Hudec Claudia Schneider
Elizabeth Fedosov Finlay Hyers Madeleine Simmonds
Marcella Floyd Elowen Matthews Elena Tsoi

Charlotte Gehrke Annie Ominsky Leo Tsoi Levi Gehrke Hattie Ominsky Ali Vercler Martin Gehrke Jeremiah Patton Elizabeth Vercler Quentin Gehrke Carly Polikoff Jackie Vercler

Elspeth Gerety Marlo Polikoff Charisma Wadlington Evie Gerety Zora Polikoff Neriah Wadlington Byron Gudritz Ahanna Ramade Callum Healy Ariya Ramade Zane Yntema

Jack Healy Alisa Robles-Breneman

Volunteers

Robin Agnew Mark Mares
Bob Anderson Sandra McDonald
Dory Anderson Marilyn Meeker
Martha Boeve, Choreographer Leader Randall Nicholls
Cyndy Colton Nancy Oliver

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Anna Gehrke

Carolyn Gehrke

Caryn Gehrke Shayla Powell, *Music Director*

Beth Gerwig Sheryl Powell

Pat Gilbreath Linda Robinson, Camp Administrator

Gail Grady Anna Schneider

Lindsey Gudritz, Choreographer Joel Schoon-Tanis, Artist-in-Residence

Lana Smith

David Hufford, Collaborative Pianist Mary Smith, Choreographer Leader

Brent Ivey
Owen Smith
Mary Jones, Props Master
Rol Kibler, Sound Engineer
Sid Smith
Cindy King
Linda Speck
Diane Knibbs
Gayle Stevens
Mark Lindley
Scott Strodtman

Debbie MacVey, Storytelling Lead Sandy Talbott

Chloe Majorprice Dave VanderMeer, Camp Director

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Faith Formation

Bill Hall, Videographer

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.

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.

WORSHIP

Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, August 12

10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 7654 W Ellsworth Rd.

Join us for a peaceful and reflective experience this summer! We invite you to walk the labyrinth on August 12 between 10:00 am and noon at Kurt and Kathy Hillig's residence (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103). By taking time to walk the labyrinth, you can quiet your mind, gain insight, and reflect on your inner self. This is an opportunity to find balance in your life and discover a renewed sense of calm.

Jazz Vespers

Saturday, August 12 5:00 p.m. | Front Lawn

Experience the unique blend of traditional evening vespers and the soulful sounds of jazz with the Paul Keller Jazz Quintet. The FedUp Food Truck, a justice-oriented food truck ministry in the Southeast Michigan Synod of the ELCA, will be here. Delight in the musical improvisation of the quintet as you bask in the serene atmosphere of the evening. Come and join us on Saturday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m. for an unforgettable evening of music and worship.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Vote for Your Favorite Flavor

Get ready for the annual Ice Cream Social! We've got a limited stock of classic vanilla, rich chocolate, and refreshing sorbet. But here's the exciting part: we want YOU to decide which three additional flavors will make it to the big event! Cast your vote for your top two favorites and make your voice heard. Hurry, voting ends August 6. Mark your calendars because the winning flavors will be unveiled exclusively at the Ice Cream Social on August 27! Remember, one vote per person.





Member News

Keith and Sarah Philips and their sons Ethan, Liam, and Gavin are moving to the Baltimore area. August 6 is their last Sunday with us. We send them with our prayers and love, and our gratitude for their presence among us. Their new address will be available in the Church Office in a few weeks. May the Lord bless you and keep you, Phillips family! Please share your prayers and love with them at the Social Hour today.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team will not meet on August 7, but our members will be praying privately for you and for the needs you leave on the friendship pad and virtual friendship pad today. See you August 14, at 9 a.m. online if you can join us.

MISSION

Caring for Our Detroit Neighbors

"This takes the pressure off my shoulders, even for just a minute"... David is a single parent with two children living on Detroit's east side. He is working full-time, but was struggling to provide enough food for his family. He earned too much to qualify for SNAP benefits. Thankfully, David was able to find help and hope at a local food pantry in a Detroit area Presbyterian Church that distributes good, quality food each week. Your gifts of food and funds for our First Pres August food offering feed families like David's. 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.

GOVERNANCE

Elder and Deacon Nominations

Your Nominating Committee thanks you for your nominations for Elders and Deacons. We remain hard at work and are making good progress. We have had many wonderful conversations and look forward to more. As we plan to wrap up our work by the end of August, we welcome any last minute nominations. The online nomination form will remain active for a bit more, but don't delay! To make a nomination, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

August

CHILDREN & FAMILY BBQ

Saturday, August 19

You're invited to our Summer Family BBQ. It's a potluck-style event, with the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family leads to the main course provided and each family leads to the main course provided and each family leads to the main course provided and each family leads to the main course provided and each family leads to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and each family book to the main course provided and the main course provided and the main course provided the m the main course provided and each family contributing a side dish to share. All are welcome! Sign up online and let us know you are coming. 4:00 - 7:00 pm

August

HURON RIVER TUBING

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 Sunday, August 20 2:00 pm

absolutely FREE!

August

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 27

August is here! For many that means school is just around the corner! Here at First Pres, we want to celebrate and bless the beginning of another at First Pres, we want to celebrate and biess the beginning of another school year. Students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to abunch the blocking during 0.70 another school year. school year. Students are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to bring their school backpacks to bring their school backpacks to bring 9:30 a.m. worship. church on August 27, to receive the blessing during 9:30 a.m. worship. 9:30 a.m.

September

TAILGATE @ FIRST

Get ready to kick off the ultimate pre-game party at First Presbyterian on Friday, Get ready to kick on the ultimate pre-game party at First Presbytenan on Frida September 8! Join us for an electrifying tailgate extravaganza from 5 to 7 pm. Friday, September 8 5:00 - 7:00 pm

For more information