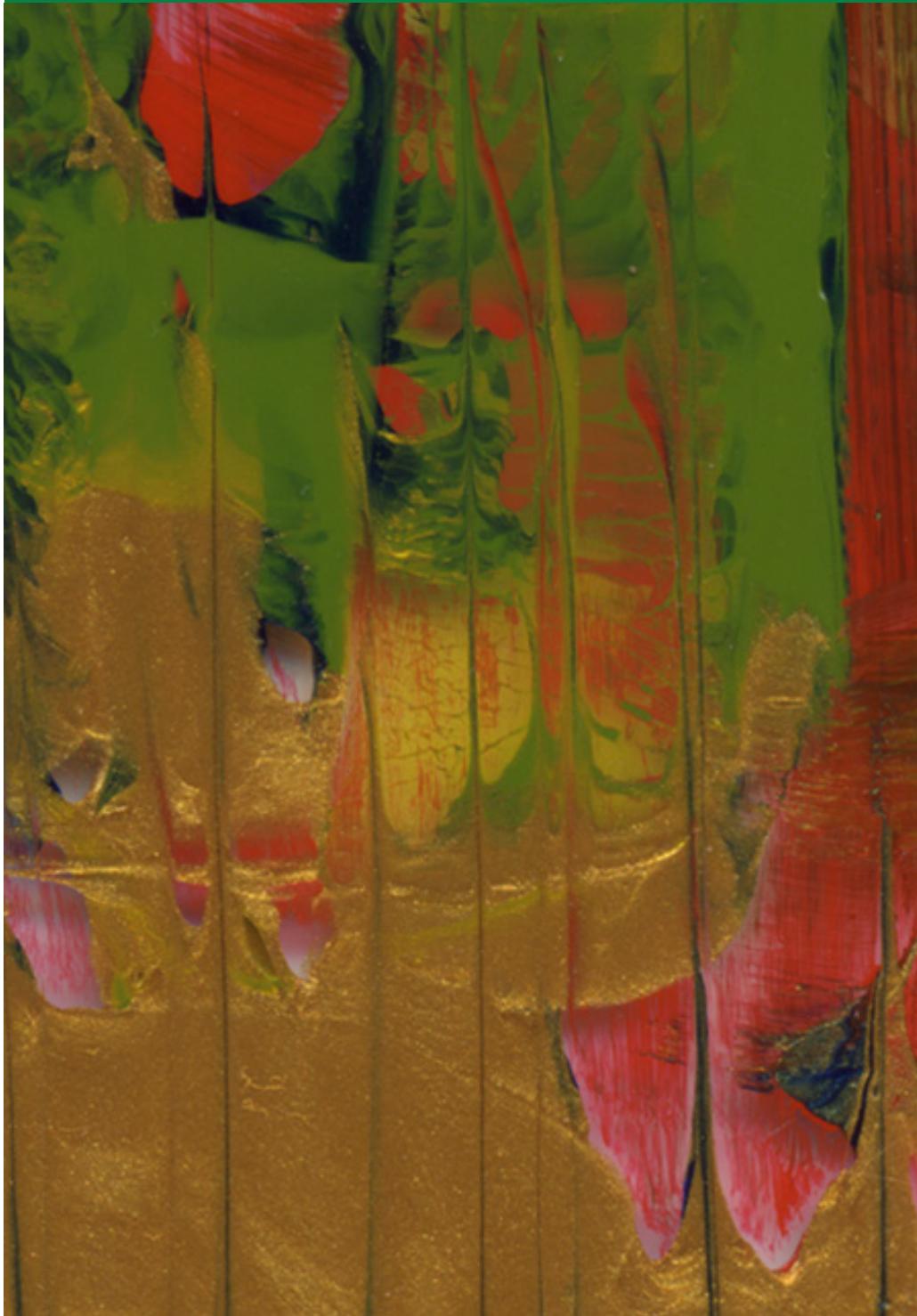


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



God of the Living
Jan Richardson

GATHERING

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.

The Call to Worship and Prayer Litany are adapted from Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL. **The Prayer of Confession** is adapted from Beth Merrill Neel (www.holdfasttowhatisgood.com).

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Talk About a Child That Do Love Jesus
Imani Mchunu, soloist

Calvin Taylor

LIFE IN THE CHURCH AND WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of the prophets, call out to us today.
All: **Call us into your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.**
One: God of the poets, remind us again and again how much you love us.
All: **Sing to us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.**
One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you and your ways.
All: **Teach us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.**
One: God of Life Eternal, beckon us with the power of your hope.
All: **We gather to hear your call,
to sing your praise, to teach each other,
to pray and worship as the body of Christ.**

* HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God,
We have failed. We have gloated.
We have hated. We have ignored.
We have raged. We have hoarded.
We have judged. We have turned away.
We are sorry. We are exhausted.
Fix us, heal us, break-and-remake us.
Hold us, comfort us, nurture us, revive us.
Resuscitate us; bring us back from brokenness and death.
We trust you are the last word on our lives, O God.
And we trust that word is Love...

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

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart.
Rise to all eternity.

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 440, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (ABERYSTWYTH).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:21-30

REFLECTION

Jay Sanderford

This week's **Growing in God's Love** Bible story, "The Light of the World" is found on page 332.

RESPONSE

These are Stanzas 1 and 2 of Hymn 543, *O Christ, Surround Me* (GREEN TYLER).

1. God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to -
2. Bind to my self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - nes -
move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me;
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness;
O, Christ sur - round me; O, Christ, sur - round me.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 40:1-5

REFLECTION

Hannah Lundberg

RESPONSE

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 543, *O Christ, Surround Me* (GREEN TYLER).

3. Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et;
O, Christ sur - round me; O, Christ, sur - round me.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:18-21

REFLECTION

Mark Mares

RESPONSE

These are Stanzas 4 and 5 of Hymn 543, *O Christ, Surround Me* (GREEN TYLER).

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a 'C') and G clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics for Stanza 4 are: "4. Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, Walk - ing be - hind to of Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the eyes of". The lyrics for Stanza 5 are: "light my way, Walk - ing be - hind to bove, and all ways; hear my voice, Christ in the eyes of all who know me;". The final line of the hymn is: "O, Christ sur - round me; O, Christ, sur - round me."

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

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<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>

.... via "Text-to-Give"
(855-904-1523) ... use the
Vanco Mobile app ... put
a check in the mail ... or
scan the QR code below.



Offertory

Set Me as a Seal

René Clausen

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
Neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.

* 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, LITANY OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

... God of all people, we praise you for all your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you. For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints, and for humble folks whose names never made the news but are recorded in your book of life, **we give you thanks, O God.**

Especially this day we thank you for our brother Matthew J. For his infectious spirit of joy, his compassion for those who were vulnerable on the edges, and for his love of all people, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For the prophet, Dr. King, we also give you thanks. For his courage and conviction, for his passion for peace, and for his timeless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For the countless saints who stood in the front lines and marches, integrated schools, restaurants and churches, or sat in buses and at lunch counters and refused to move, **we give you thanks, O God.**

For nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of oppression, who were beaten and lynched; and for the nameless multitudes today whose lives are stunted and cut short by our structures of brutality, **we grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.**

And for our siblings of every race and nation who long for safety, freedom, and hope in our community and land, **we grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.**

Lead and guide us, that we may follow the way of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together:

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 488

I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry

WATERLIFE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...with Open Hearts!

Let us Learn...with Open Minds!

Let us Serve...with Open Arms!

CHORAL RESPONSE

No Night There

Craig Curry

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

No night there! There'll be no night there!

When we reach our home above, we will walk in Jesus' love.

There'll be light glorious and bright, 'cause there will be no night there!

Heaven will resound, as the angels sound all in one accord.

Saints will join the song, and all will sing along Jesus Christ is Lord!

No! No sorrow there! As we walk the streets of gold and our Savior behold,

Only joy will flow, 'cause there will be no sorrow, there will be no sorrow there!

We'll hear heaven resound, as the angles sound all in one accord.

Hear the saints join the song as we sing along Jesus Christ is Lord!

No death, no death there! There'll be no death there!

We will live forevermore, our Redeemer we'll adore in this glory most bright,

'cause there will be no death, there will be no sorrow, there will be no night,

There will be no heartache, there will be no pain, there will be no night there! Amen!

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are worshiping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website to let us know you are here or you may click here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2OFFlvBmiZ1jQUUGxeXcsAIDITp2WEYepSmnjyQYMXbHHndA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Melissa Anne Rogers; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers and Evans McGowan; Children’s Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preachers – Jay Sanderford, Hannah Lundberg, and Mark Mares; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Len Rezmierski (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Clem Gill, Keith Molin, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Beth Sanderford, Joe Schmidt, and Angela Yang

Rev. Megan Berry is away this Sunday as she is a member of a Commission to Ordain and Install the soon-to-be Rev. Macy Ruple at Copper Creek Church in Champaign-Urbana Illinois. In this way, Rev. Berry is carrying out her commitment as a Pastor to "participate in the governing bodies of the wider church."

Welcome New Members! Those received into membership today are Al Beery, Jen Geer, Brian Hutcheon, Karen Hutcheon, Kristie Martin, and Maurine Nelson.

Chancel flowers are given in honor of the men of the Rotating Shelter and in thanks to the Rotating Shelter Core Team chaired by Jim Peggs and Marcey Terrien. Core Team members are Anne Andrus, Al Beery, Dallas Dort, Jim Douglass, Peggy Jensen, Charlie Koopman, Jeannette Middleton, and John Voorhorst.

A pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Nora Marshall Zader on December 1, 2021. Nora is the child of Drew and Emily Zader and the great-grandchild of Ozora McCarthy.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegons Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Ginny Rezmierski and Felicity Williams. “Prayer leads us forward in hope.” – Pope Francis

Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Social Hour today immediately following the Closing Voluntary. **Our conversation prompt:** “As the pandemic has altered our rituals around funerals and memorial services, what have you found helpful and hopeful as we have found new ways to grieve and celebrate together?” Enter Social Hour today by clicking <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8225711636>. **There is no in-person Social Hour this Sunday.**

FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

The Bible at 11 o'clock (Zoom only) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117387186>
All are welcome to join our study of Isaiah led by Rev. Ed Koster.

Exploring the Faith and **First Friends** (Lewis Room)
All are invited to discuss Adam Hamilton's video “Creed: What Christians Believe and Why. Exploring the Apostles’ Creed.”

In person classes for Children and Youth are on pause due to Covid concerns. This includes Children's Choir and “Amazing Stuff: God’s Gift for Growing Up” which is postponed until February.
For information about other opportunities to connect for children, youth and families, contact Rev. Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org), Minister of Youth & Families, or Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children & Family Ministry (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

There WILL be Faith Formation for youth online via Zoom at 11 a.m. Email Pastor Mark (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org) for the link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Dismantling Racism subgroup of the Social Justice Action Group meets today at 12:15 p.m. on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81144339769?pwd=YnBuN1ZPUm9sVVpqN2QzL241Z0pFdz09>). All are welcome to join in planning and discussion. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Sheldon (sheldonsharon234@gmail.com).

Today's New Member Class has been canceled due to Covid safety concerns. It will be rescheduled for February or March. Rev. Rogers will be reaching out to all new members to make arrangements.

Cass Community Social Services needs our immediate help. The Brady Apartment Building needs to be completely painted! To volunteer or ask for more information, contact Don Redding at (734) 276-8426 or dredging58@yahoo.com. Help is needed today, Sunday, January 16, 1:00–4:00 p.m.; and tomorrow, Monday, January 17, 9:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00–4:00 p.m.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. to study the book of Romans. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, please email t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is called by Session for Sunday, January 30, for the purpose of hearing the Annual Report of the church, voting on changes to the installed pastors' terms of call, and acting on any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The meeting will begin immediately following the Closing Voluntary. This virtual meeting may be accessed by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85978892483>.

Daytime Handbell Choir begins in February! Have you ever wanted to ring handbells? Now is your chance. No experience needed. We will rehearse on Thursday afternoons, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m., in the Handbell Room. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music Fine Arts at dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org

February First Sundays – Lunch sack packing! Help the Faith Formation and Local Missions teams achieve their goal to pack 75 lunches for community members in need! Consider dropping off donations to First Pres on or before January 30 and then join in the packing fun on February 6. This easy 3-step process will help our community in need. Check out the First Pres website for a list of suggested items to purchase: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/event/first-sunday-event-february-6>

Our January donations and financial contributions support Food Gatherers, the main supplier of food to local food banks in Washtenaw County. Non-perishable food may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Personal care items are of particular need since they cannot be purchased with Bridge Cards. Donations will be coordinated by the First Pres Local Missions team.

Our Local Mission Grant Program is gearing up for 2022. Every year First Pres supports our neighbors in need through grants to local community agencies. In 2021 we distributed \$73,000 through 12 grants, each worth between \$5,000 and 10,000. Some grants go to long-time partners while others go to new applicants. Visit our web page <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/mission/local-missions/local-mission-grant-program> for more information. During January we are reviewing our funding priorities and updating the application process. Contact Martha Kershaw (mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to participate.

Visit our art exhibit “Finding Sanctuary during the Pandemic” by Christina Saj. “Finding Sanctuary” is displayed in the Social Hall. This body of work takes shape from the circles on which they are painted. The Pandemic collection seeks solace in aesthetics, delivering hope and faith through image, form, and color. Its intention is for each painting to bloom in our collective gardens, offering glittering rays of sunshine, the echo of children’s laughter, a burst of flowers to sustain us through these tragic times. Christina Saj is a contemporary artist whose abstract paintings reveal a fascination with vivid color and rich pattern. The artwork is for sale for \$225 apiece. The Sacred Music Fund will receive 40% of all sales.

Mature Singles meet on Friday nights. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. This winter we are reading *As Kingfishers Catch Fire: A Conversation on the Ways of God Formed by the Words of God* by Eugene Peterson. This collection of sermons is packed with insights and wisdom from a thoughtful pastor and preacher. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings as well as via Zoom. All men are welcome! Books are available in the Church Office for \$18.00. Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

Journeys, a Bible Study for women, meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursday of the month from 11:30 to 1:00. A Resident Minister facilitates our time together. We're studying the book of Acts, incorporating art and poetry to tease out fresh modern perspectives about the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. For more details, contact Coordinator Beth Gerwig at bgerwig@comcast.net. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>. Winter schedule: January 20, February 3, and 17, March 3, 17, and 31.

Expand Your Faith with Presbyterian Women. There are several monthly Bible studies that all women of the church are welcome to attend. Contact Meg Brown (lmegbrown@gmail.com) for more information. PW sends out timely information in email blasts so that all women of the church may stay connected. Let Meg know if you would like to be added to the email list.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. Would you like prayer for yourself or others? Use this form by Sunday evening: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-request/>. If you would like to join this group, email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link. For those in worship today, to share a prayer today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

Contact the Church Office if you would like to donate Chancel flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. There are available dates in upcoming weeks. Cost is \$75.

Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece Stewardship Update: Thank you to all who have pledged to support First Pres in 2022. As of January 10, 413 pledges totaling \$1,417,370 have been received. This represents 86% of our \$1,648,665 goal. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, First Pres still needs your help. Your financial and volunteer support Makes God's Love Visible through the ministries of First Pres!

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