

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Resurrection
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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.

Call to worship:

The worship of God is the central purpose of the church. The primary focus of worship is not to inspire or motivate us (although we may be inspired and motivated) but to love God for God's sake. The call to worship, then, grabs our attention and beckons us to focus on God. It reminds us why God is praiseworthy and deserving of our worship.

Christian worship is more than a passive response to God's revelation. It is in itself — proclamation. Worship both announces the good news of God's love for all the world and invites all the people to share God's saving embrace. This active response would not be possible without the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who endows the community of faith and individual Christians with the gifts that are necessary for God's service.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 691

J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 1:1–6)

One: Delight in the law of the Lord!

All: Meditate on God's law day and night.

One: Your people are like trees planted by streams of water,

All: They yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

One: Lord, watch over us.

All: In all that we do, may we prosper.

One: Not just for ourselves,

All: But for all people.

* **HYMN 65**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Luke 6:20–25)

Gracious God, hold us a little closer today as we make our confession.

Forgive us — for when we felt rich but did not share with others, for when we felt full but did not fill up others, and for when we felt joy but did not console others in their grief.

Remind us — that those who now weep will laugh once more, that those who now hunger will one day be filled, and those who are now poor will inherit the kingdom of God.

Be now our strength in times of weakness, and resurrect our hearts in renewed service to you....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.

Note: *Lower voices may hum*

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

This is Hymn 577, *Lord, Have Mercy* (KYRIE ELEISON - REINDORF).

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



This is Hymn 587, *Alleluia!* (CELTIC ALLELUIA).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 17:5–10

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:12–20

One: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

Resurrection Now!

RESPONDING

* HYMN 816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NURDEN LIEBEN GOTT

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

But Thanks Be to God from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Chancel Choir

But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory thro' our Lord Jesus Christ.

* 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.

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story*, "Anna & Simeon" is found on page 194.

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

Ways to give: click

<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.



* **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 644** *Give Thanks, O Christian People*

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* **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!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Concerto in F Major, after Tomaso Albinoni (Allegro)

Johann Gottfried Walther

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Closing Voluntary.

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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/1FAIpQLSd2OflvBmiZ1jQUGxeXcsAIDITp2WEYepSmnjQYMXbHHndA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>.

The 9:30 worship service is broadcast on WAAM 1600 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Megan Berry; Liturgists – Hannah Lundberg and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Chris Wahl; Children’s Message – Evans McGowan; Preacher – Evans McGowan; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Guest Organist – Marilyn Biery; Guest Conductor – Rick Ingram; Ushers – Marty Swindle (captain), Sheila and Keith Bilby, Jim Cameron, Carol Carter, Connie Swindle, and Joe Schmidt; Welcome Center Volunteers – Anne Kloack and Barbara Mueller

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband Keith.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteer is Carol Fletcher. “Pray as if everything depended upon God and work as if everything depended upon man.” – Francis Cardinal Spellman

Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Social Hour today immediately following the Closing Voluntary. **Our conversation prompt** is “Where do you see resurrection in your life?” Enter Social Hour by clicking <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8225711636>. **There is no in-person Social Hour this Sunday.**

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

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.

First Friends and Exploring the Faith (Zoom only at <https://emich.zoom.us/j/89149132347>) at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a video presentation and meaningful discussion.

In-person classes for Children and Youth are on pause due to Covid concerns. This includes Children's Choir. 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).

Youth Formation: All youth and their families are invited to use the “Faith Formation @ Home” resources in our weekly youth email. If you would like to subscribe to the youth email, or have any further questions, please contact Pastor Mark (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

“Amazing Stuff: God’s Gift for Growing Up,” meets in person today at 4:00 p.m.

Twenties and Thirties Group: T2A2 Small Group meets tonight at 7:00 p.m., off-site and on Zoom to discuss *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. 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. No need to have read ahead of time! For more information, please email hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301199181?pwd=dUR4ZzNEeENNTU5yQOYxTUJ1ck5LZz09>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fast-Track to Membership is today! Interested in joining? We make it easy! Around 11:00 a.m., after worship and Social Hour, join us in the Lead Pastor's office (any usher can direct you) to meet with a Pastor and two Elders. It takes about 20 minutes, and we'll provide all the support you need afterwards. A new member class follows, offered multiple times per year, for those who feel moved to join. You can join as a full member (with the right of voice and vote in congregational meetings) or as an affiliate member (meaning your membership is lodged elsewhere). For more information, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 734-662-4466, ext. 390).

Caring for our Healthcare Workers. During the month of February we will have posters in the Narthex, Lounge, and Welcome Center for all to sign. These posters will be delivered to the cardiovascular unit at UM Hospital to show our love and support to all of the healthcare workers. Please take a couple of minutes each Sunday to sign your name and show your love and support of these amazing caregivers.

A Sanctuary Guild is Forming! The purpose of the Sanctuary Guild is to serve our church by maintaining the Sanctuary and Monteith Hall and preparing them for worship according to the liturgical seasons. Each Sunday, we need to be sure the pews are put together — with hymnals, paper in the friendship pad, prayer cards, and more! And the Narthex needs to be spruced, too! This is a job that can be shared by a small group. Serving on the Guild would mean you are willing to take a turn each month helping, but not be responsible every month. For this job, most of the prep work would occur on Friday afternoon, but on wedding weekends, it might be Saturday late afternoon, or even a bit early on a Sunday morning. Along the way, you will get to know others helping and enjoy the gift of fellowship. Interested? Contact Rev. Rogers, (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or Dave VanderMeer (dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

Daytime Handbell Choir begins this Thursday, February 17! 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

March First Sundays – lunch sack packing happens March 6 (postponed from February 6)! 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 February 27 and then join in the packing fun on March 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-now-march-6>.

Our February donations and financial contributions support Community Action Network (CAN) and Washtenaw Community College Student Emergency Fund (WCC). Non-perishable food (for CAN) 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 (for WCC) may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by the Youth Ministry.

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

"Grief Conversations" takes place online each month. You are invited to join the conversation, led by Rev. Rogers. Mutually supporting one another, we learn about grief and share more about our experiences and struggles. The meeting is the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m., for one hour. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87990641051>.

Visit our current art exhibit "Finding Sanctuary during the Pandemic" by Christina Saj, a contemporary artist whose abstract paintings reveal a fascination with vivid color and rich pattern. "Finding Sanctuary" is displayed in the Social Hall and may also be visited virtually at the small gallery view (<https://matterport.com/discover/space/NXWFiMnFvq>) or the main lobby view (<https://matterport.com/discover/space/f5TDiZsGqjZ>). The artwork is for sale for \$225 apiece. The Sacred Music Fund will receive 40% of all sales.

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 Bible Study is a women's group that meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We're studying Acts, incorporating art, poetry and music. This Fall, we reflected on the drama of Jesus' ascension story. We continue with the quick-moving spread from Jerusalem to the entire Roman Empire, the impassioned disciples' preaching about the gift of the Holy Spirit to ordinary people and God's authority holding power above the governing elite. A Resident Minister facilitates the discussion on a rotating basis. Contact Coordinator, Beth Gerwig, at bgerwig@comcast.net for more information. The Zoom link is <https://02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

Expand Your Faith with Presbyterian Women. PW sends out timely information in email blasts so that all women of the church may stay connected. Contact Meg Brown (lmegbrown@gmail.com) to be added to the 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 (mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link. For those in worship today, to share a prayer request 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.

Greetings, College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. We meet weekly and can be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>.

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