

Wilderness | Welcome

Our theme for Lenten worship this year is Wilderness | Welcome. Each Sunday we'll wrestle with Scripture passages that deal with questions of hospitality, loneliness, discovery, loss, and hope in the midst of wilderness moments. Many of us have been living in the wilderness for far too long. This Lent, we will

enter our third year of pandemic life with losses and hard realities all around us. Often, as we navigate these places of uncertainty and pain, our first instinct is to turn inward, to focus on ourselves, and to clench our fists until we can make it to the other side. Our faith invites us to a different response: one where fear leads us to turn toward one another, to rely on God's presence, to build love and support for all, and to trust that we do not journey on difficult roads alone. God calls us to welcome the wilderness and to turn wilderness into welcome.



Worship in Lent

Ash Wednesday – March 2

Drive-through Imposition of Ashes	8-9 a.m.; 12-1 p.m.	Parking Lot
Inclusive Service for All Ages (Offering recipient is the Student Advocacy Center of Michigan)	5:30 p.m.	Monteith Hall

Ecumenical Taizé Service (Offering recipient is Friends in Deed)	7 p.m.	Sanctuary
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Weekly Worship Themes

Sunday, March 6	A Table in the Wilderness
Sunday March 13	Wondering in the Wilderness
Sunday, March 20	Lost in the Wilderness (Youth Service)
Sunday, March 27	Found in the Wilderness
Sunday, April 3	Alone in the Wilderness
Sunday, April 10	Stories of Wilderness

Sunday Worship

8 a.m.	Worship with Communion in Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary

Special Service

Service of Wholeness and Healing	April 3, 7 p.m.	Sanctuary
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Lenten Email Devotional

Begin each day with a Lenten email devotion written by church members and staff. The devotions will be in keeping with the theme, "Welcome | Wilderness." Sign up with Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.



Easter Flowers for Worship

Flowers are \$18 each and may be ordered in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor or recognition of someone still living. All orders must be placed by Monday, March 11. Sign-up opens on Ash Wednesday. Use [this link](https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/easter-lilies/) to order flowers: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/easter-lilies/>

Wilderness | Walking

Gallup Park Boat Launch	Monday, March 7, 10 a.m.
First Pres to Nichols Arboretum	Tuesday, March 15, 3 p.m.
Hudson Mills (Dexter)	Thursday, March 24, 10 a.m.
Pinckney Recreation Area	Wednesday, March 30, 2 p.m.
Kensington Metropark	Friday, April 8, 9:30 a.m.
Meet at First Pres	Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m.



Lent Home Worship Gatherings

Simple worship gatherings will be held in various homes on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. throughout the season of Lent. Gatherings are limited to a maximum of 15 people. Please use this link to sign up for a home worship gathering: <https://bit.ly/3uD4fr6>.

Children/Youth Opportunities

Children/Youth Book Study	March 13 & April 10
Lent Parents' Groups	March 4 & April 9
Kindergarten Communion Workshop	April 9
Peeps & Pizza	April 16



Music and Fine Arts Opportunities

AGO Organ Series

Join us throughout Lent for a free concert series weekly, March 11 through April 8 at 12 p.m. in our Sanctuary for an hour of beautiful organ music. On March 25, David Hufford, FPC Organist, and Lucy Trumbull Baum, Artist, will create a rich organ concert and visual art in a concert titled *A Feast for the Eyes and Ears*. All are welcome to attend these free concerts!

Lent Art Exhibit

Sunday, March 6, 4 - 6 p.m., in the Social Hall. Child care is available.

First Pres will host a simple supper and seminar with Don Saliers, about the work of *Visio Divina* based on two different *Stations of the Cross* art exhibits.

Opportunities to Serve

First Sunday All-Church Lunch Kit Packing Event – March 6, 11 a.m.

Help the Faith Formation and Local Missions teams pack lunches for community members in need!

Donate to Hope Clinic

Along with non-perishable food, personal care items are a huge and on-going need. Donations may be brought through March 30.

Alpha House Week of Caring

During the week of March 21-26, First Pres will be supporting guests at Alpha House, a shelter for children and their parents who are experiencing homelessness. [Sign up online](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4faaaf2daa8-alpha5) to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4faaaf2daa8-alpha5>

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

On Palm Sunday, April 10, and Easter Sunday, April 17, join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

House of Faith

Volunteer to build a home in Washtenaw County on a Thursday in March. Contact Don Redding at dredding58@yahoo.com or 734.669.2976.

To learn more about opportunities during Lent at First Pres, visit our website www.firstpresbyterian.org.