

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dadad29ab9-furniture>. Monetary donations are also welcome. Contact Rev. Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) if you have questions or would like to be involved further.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style.
- request a baptism.
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information.
- let us know if you are hospitalized.
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home to support the PC(USA) Coffee Project.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$75.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.

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ANNIVERSARY

First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor
1826-2021

1432 Washtenaw Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 24, 2022 ♦ 8:00 a.m.



*Christ Shows Himself to Thomas
Rowan and Irene Le Compte*



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.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *God Is Exalted* arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus and set himself free,

All: it was Easter day.

One: When Peter's three yeses to Jesus finished his three denials,

All: it was Easter day.

One: When Mary, ready to embalm the dead, ran in fear from the empty tomb,

All: it was Easter day.

One: When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and breaking bread with strangers,

All: it was Easter day.

One: When Paul was blinded by the light and recognized the voice calling in his head,

All: it was Easter day.

One: When the hungry are fed at the same table as the rich,

All: it is Easter day.

One: When weapons are beaten to plowshares and peace is lived among us,

All: it is Easter day.

One: Every day is Easter Day.

All: We worship a resurrected God! Alleluia!

* HYMN 536 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* SURGE ECCLESIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join us with the weak to make us all strong.

guided by zoo leadership through a tailored experience that includes up-close opportunities to observe animal behavior throughout the zoo – elephant training, Komodo dragon feeding, and a shark “touch tank” for the adventurous, just to name a few. We’ll have lunch at the original Tony Packo’s Café with a choice of four selections. Learn more on our website and sign up there, or call the Church Office! The cost is \$50 and scholarships are available. Note: This trip has been carefully designed to be walkable and enjoyable for seniors of all levels of ability. Spots are limited. To sign up for the Toledo trip <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/wp7ac551jmm86o/>.

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. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings as well as via Zoom. All men are welcome! Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

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. A Resident Minister facilitates the discussion on a rotating basis. Contact Coordinator, Beth Gerwig, at bgerwig@comcast.net for more information.

Faith Formation Hour is at 11:00 a.m. There are classes for all ages. See our website for more information.

For information about children’s ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children’s and Family Ministries at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org.

For information about youth ministry, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth and Family Ministries, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

First Friends. Lewis Room.

Great Courses. Understanding the New Testament. Ch.3 “Thessalonians and Paul’s Ministry.” Video and discussion.

Exploring the Faith. Social Hall.

Katie Brown. Dare to See book event.

Bible Study at 11 o’clock. The class will continue reading the first 39 chapters of Isaiah covering the period from about 740 to 680 BC. Upon completion of Chapter 39 we will turn to chapters 40-66, which cover the exile and return, from about 550 to about 400 BC. Curtis Room and Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117387186>

Refugee Resettlement Update

Donations of household goods to furnish an apartment for the refugee family First Pres will be co-sponsoring with Jewish Family Services in the coming months are now being accepted. View the list of needed items and sign up to donate here: [https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/refugee-resettlement-update](#)

We give thanks to Eric Bannitt for 8 months of beautiful music for our 8 a.m. worship. A new chapter is beginning for Eric, as he will be the accompanist for the travelling tour of *The Lion King*. Give thanks to God for his many gifts and talents.

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, for Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. (or at the end of the worship service) to present a call from the Pastor Nominating Committee for the sole candidate to become the Lead Pastor for First Presbyterian Church. The Congregational Meeting will occur at the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service that will feature a sermon by the candidate, and will be both in-person and via Zoom. Following the Congregational Meeting, there will be a reception to welcome the candidate.

“Evenings with Jenna” Bible Study meets this Thursday, April 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room or Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155918470>). This friendly and informal group, led by Jenna Mares, is open to ALL ...women, men, members, visitors! The discussion is always varied and lively. Contact Jenna for more information at (712) 299-1971 or jenna.harms66@gmail.com.

Ukrainian Appeal: Our Presbyterian response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. The needs for the response are great. God’s people are called on to stand in the **“GAP” – Give | Act | Pray:** Give: Gifts may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through First Pres. Checks marked “Ukraine” may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to First Pres. Give online here:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/campaign/C-115MR>.

Act: Send gifts. **Pray** for peace.

Our April donations and financial contributions support Community Action Network (CAN) of Washtenaw County. CAN envisions the closing of socio-economic gaps by providing educational and enrichment programs for children and teens, supportive services for families who are under-resourced, and challenging systems rooted in racism and inequality. 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. Donations will be coordinated by the Local Missions Team.

Help us continue to support dear friends abroad. We are collecting fabric again for our friends in the Philippines – men and women in the Dumaguete Habitat villages who are learning to sew. Light weight fabrics of cotton and linen are preferred, a minimum of one yard in length. Collection boxes are in the Welcome Center until May 15. Send love by donating any unused fabric that you have stored or any new fabric that you might choose to purchase to donate. Questions? Call Harriet Brouwer: (734) 426-6908.

Join Mature Ministries (60+) as we prepare to Prowl Toledo Zoo on May 3, departing First Pres at 8:30 a.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m. For our final bus trip of the spring, come with us for a private, behind-the-scenes tour of highlights from the wonderful Toledo Zoo. The Zoo will be closed to the public that day and only our First Pres seniors will have access to the park. Seniors will be

**When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, affirm us and open our hearts to a world
bigger than we can imagine....**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



This is Hymn 551: *Lord, Have Mercy* (LAND OF REST).

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 Luke 24:13–35

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 2:1–9

The grass withers, the flower fades; **the word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Peace I Leave with You* Giacomo Perti
Chancel Choir Section Leaders
Peace I leave with you, my peace I leave with you.
Let not your heart not be troubled; do not be afraid.
I am the way, the truth, the life.
My peace I give to you.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music Improvisation on *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

SENDING

* **HYMN 691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* LAND OF REST

* **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 *Sing to the Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Closing Voluntary.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad to let us know you are here.

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

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Evans McGowan ; Scripture Reader – Sharon Sheldon;
Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Musicians: Eric Banitt, pianist; Dave VanderMeer,
conductor; and Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Ushers – Deanne Woodruff and Dan Mitas

If you would like to receive prayer at the end of this service, let one of the pastors know at the door on your way out. They would be glad to step aside and pray with you.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Use the offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times and the community around us needs your financial support. Your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, and members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code.



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