

It's Graduation Season! Use the links below to provide information so that we may honor our grads in the June 10 bulletin and the June newsletter. Submission deadline is May 15. For high school grads: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/high-school-graduates-2022/> For college grads: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/celebrating-our-college-graduates-in-2022/>

Saying farewell with gratitude to Reverend Evans McGowan... At the end of May, Evans completes his ministry here at First Pres in Ann Arbor and moves on to a new, exciting chapter in his life. Evans has patiently shown us the great value of conversation and one-on-one relationships, so we would like to return the favor with a collection of good words, photos, or media clips for Evans to present to him on Sunday, May 22. We invite you to write or share something that we will include in a Kudoboard digital card. Please create a "Love Note for Evans" and send it to: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/3Tzc1DCj> by May 17. If you wish, you may contribute to a cash gift for Rev. McGowan by sending a check or contribution to First Pres Finance Office.

Joyfully introducing our new Lead Pastor, the Rev. David Prentice-Hyers!

The Rev. David Prentice-Hyers was unanimously elected to be Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church by a vote of the congregation on Sunday, May 1. His ministry with us begins on Sunday, June 12.

Dave was born in North Carolina and grew up in east Tennessee. He received his BA from Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, in 1994, and his M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2001. Dave was ordained in 2003 and also holds a certification in Clinical Pastoral Education.

Rev. Prentice-Hyers served as a probationary minister at First Presbyterian Church of Asheville, North Carolina, in 1997; as a probationary minister at Troon Old Parish in Troon, Scotland, 1999–2000; as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Waco, Texas, from 2003–2011; and as Director of Campus Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, 2011–2013. Most recently he served as Senior Pastor at Troon Old Parish where he has been since 2013. Dave was the Campus Minister here when his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Mel), was in the Resident Ministry program in the same cohort as Evans McGowan and Brennan Pearson Blue. Dave and Mel have two sons, eight-year old Finlay, and five-year old Angus. As much as they enjoyed the challenge of ministry in Scotland, they are excited to return and continue their journey in ministry here.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022 ♦ 8:00 a.m.



Mourning Tabitha

Join us for Coffee Hour today on the Front Lawn immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Fast Track to membership is today at 11:00 a.m. Interested in joining? We make it easy! Join us in the Lead Pastor's office for about 20 minutes to meet with a pastor and two Elders. A new member class follows, offered multiple times per year, for those who feel moved to join. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 390).

Exploring the Faith and First Friends will meet in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. where Linnea Boesa will share her story as a missionary.

The Bible @ 11:00 meets in the Curtis Room at 11:00 a.m. We are continuing our reading of Isaiah, now in chapters 40–55 (Second Isaiah), which is a turning point in the history and theology of Judaism. It is an open discussion, and everyone is welcome to participate. If you cannot be present in person, you can participate by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117387186>.

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.

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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Donations of household goods are requested to furnish an apartment for the refugee family First Pres will co-sponsor with Jewish Family Services in the coming months. View the list of needed items here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4dadad29ab9-furniture>. Monetary donations are also welcome. Contact Rev. Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) if you have questions.

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.

SILENT PRAYER

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 Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd and I am the sheep.

I have everything I need.

God takes me to places where I can rest in peaceful green pastures and lie down beside deep, still, soothing waters.

God puts new life back into me, and shows me the right ways to go.

The Lord is my shepherd and I am the sheep.

I have everything I need.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'm not scared because the Lord is with me.

God carries a big stick, and a crook to grab me if I fall down a ravine. That makes me feel a lot better.

The Lord is my shepherd and I am the sheep.

I have everything I need.

When those who make fun of me are watching, God spreads out a feast in front of them.
A feast just for me. And God anoints me just as a king would be anointed. My cup is
running over.

My happiness is complete.

The Lord is my shepherd and I am the sheep.

I have everything I need.

There is nowhere I can go that the Lord's goodness and mercy aren't already there. It's like
living in the Lord's house for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd and I am the sheep.

What more could I need or want?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:36–43

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

SERMON

On Walking the Talk with Tabitha

“Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the
whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.” – C. S. Lewis

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways,
And leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise;
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music *I Love You, Lord/Our Great God* arr. Taylor Flowers

SENDING

* **HYMN 324**

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

* **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

Praise the Lord with a Hymn to Joy

Michael Cox

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 – Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Reader – Diane Knibbs;
Preacher – Jay Sanderford; Dave VanderMeer, conductor; Taylor Flowers, Pianist; and
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

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.