

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.

**Enroll Your Child at Triangle Preschool!** Triangle Cooperative Preschool (located in Rooms 100 and 101 of our church building) is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2022–2023 school year. First Presbyterian members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to June 1. There will be an Open House on Tuesday, May 17, 2:30–3:00 p.m., for prospective families to tour the school, meet the teachers and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Advanced signup is required on our website ([www.trianglecoop.org](http://www.trianglecoop.org)). An application and more information is available on our website or by emailing [info@trianglecoop.org](mailto:info@trianglecoop.org).

**Registration is open for Vacation Bible School Marketplace 2022!** Mark your calendars for Monday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 15, and register today! Marketplace teaches children the stories of Jesus and what life was like during Bible times. In small groups the children experience the life and family customs of Bible times, and travel together to a variety of fun activities: music & movement, crafts, games, storytellers and more! We know summer schedules are filling up quickly, so be sure to add us into yours!

Children’s registration link:

<https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/vacation-bible-school-child-registration/>

Volunteers’ registration link:

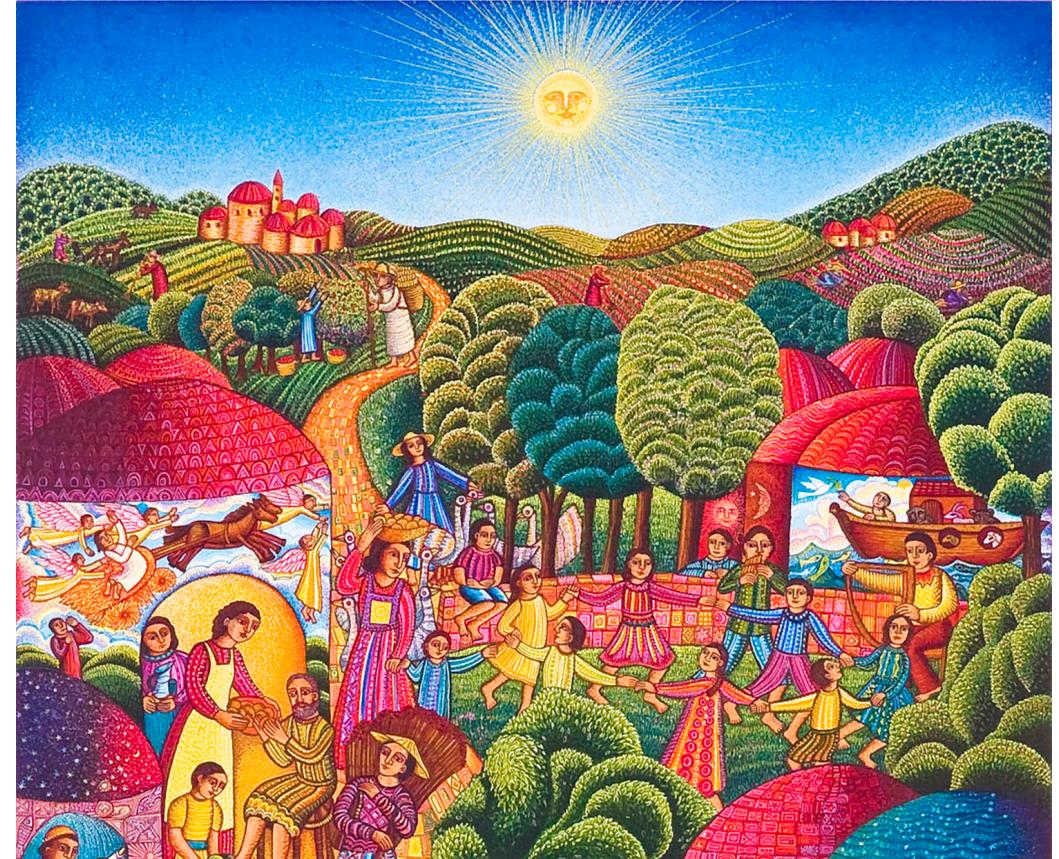
<https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/vacation-bible-school-2022-volunteer-registration/>

### **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.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 15, 2022 ♦ 8:00 a.m.



*A Visit*  
John August Swanson



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      *The Bell*      Margaret Bonds

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world points us in the direction of despair,

**We gather and remember God.**

Through faith, we proclaim the truths that have sustained generations:

**We believe that justice will come.**

**We believe that love can transform.**

**We believe that God will make all things new.**

With the risen Christ as our companion, let us press on and make it so.

\* HYMN 81      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*      AUSTRIAN HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wonder, so often we are trapped in a small perspective of the world: quick to judge, hasty to be cynical, reluctant to forgive. As you reform the world around us, help us to understand our surroundings through your perspective. May we be quick to love, hasty to offer grace, and reluctant to give up on one another. As we offer you praise, remind us of who we are called to be, and journey with us on the road to get there.**

### SILENT PRAYER

[beth.sanderford@gmail.com](mailto:beth.sanderford@gmail.com) or Rev. Jay Sanderford at [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org), with questions or to sign up.

**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 May donations and financial contributions support Food Gatherers.** 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.

**Memorial Day Moment of Silence & Remembrance.** On Sunday, May 29, we will honor family members related to folks in our First Pres community who were veterans of any of the armed forces (including Coast Guard and Merchant Marine) who have died. During Coffee Hour there will be a video slideshow (remembering our deceased veterans) and cake, and at 11:15 a.m., we will gather in the Memorial Garden for a moment of silence and remembrance in honor of these individuals. We have not updated our records since 2019, so please send us any updates you would like to contribute. Contact Gary Stahl ([stahl.gary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stahl.gary@sbcglobal.net)) or Rev. Mark Mares ([mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org)) with the names of those you would like to have added by Sunday, May 22, at 5:00 p.m.

**It's Graduation Season! Today is the deadline** to provide information so that we may honor our grads in the bulletin on June 10 and in the June newsletter. Use the links below to submit your information: 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/>

**An Interfaith Memorial Service for Jim Toy**, longtime community activist, educator and LGBTQ advocate, who died on January 1, 2022, at the age of 91, will be held in our Sanctuary this Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. This service is hosted by First Presbyterian Church in affiliation with the University of Michigan. All are welcome to attend.

**Say 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 next Sunday, May 22. We invite you to write or share

**Exploring the Faith** will meet in the French Room at 11:00 a.m. Chris Dahl will talk about the lives and careers of Rev. William Stanton Curtis, second pastor of our church (1842–1855), and his talented wife, Martha Leach Curtis, for whom the Curtis Room is named. Though he hasn't inherited their clerical genes, Chris is their great-great grandson.

**First Friends will meet in** the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. to read and discuss articles by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks and Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield.

**The Bible at 11:00 o'clock** meets in the Curtis Room to continue reading and discussing Isaiah. 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](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

**For information about youth ministry**, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth and Family Ministries, at [mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

#### **Exploring the Faith Over 195 Years: Rev. MacDonald**

Next Sunday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m., in the French Room, Jeanette Kibler will talk about 19th century Scottish author and orator George MacDonald, influencer of C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien, and who outsold Charles Dickens in his time. All other churches in Ann Arbor closed their doors so people could come to hear him preach at our church in 1873. MacDonald was the turning point in Presbyterian theology from the harsh God of Calvinism to the God who loves and forgives and longs to bless us.

**Mature Singles will hold their annual Memorial Day picnic** at Lillie Park South at 1:00 p.m., planning to start eating at 1:30. Please bring a dish to pass, a table service, beverage, and if possible, a folding chair. Lillie Park is located at 4365 Platt Road. Call Marcy at 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. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings as well as via Zoom. All men are welcome! Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, [jsanderford@first-presbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@first-presbyterian.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](mailto:bgerwig@comcast.net) for more information.

**God Is in the Dirt! Help plant a Kitchen Garden at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit.** Cass serves over one million meals to hungry, sometimes forgotten people. Meet at First Pres on Saturday, May 21, at 8:30 a.m. Bring gloves, any gardening tools you have, and water to drink. We'll return to Ann Arbor around 12:30 p.m. Contact Beth Sanderford at

## KYRIE



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.

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

## 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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31–35

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

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

SERMON

*Ordinary Praise*

**RESPONDING AND SEALING**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*And I Saw a New Heaven*  
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth;  
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
And there was no more sea.  
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
Coming down from God out of heaven,  
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all,  
And God will dwell with them and they shall be God's people,  
And God shall be with them and be their God.  
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,  
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,  
Neither shall there be any more pain,  
For the former things are passed away.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please refer to the Communion Card.*

**SENDING**

\* HYMN 324

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

\* 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!**

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Troubled Water*

Margaret Bonds

**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 – Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Carol Gottleibsen; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Josh Marzan, Pianist; and Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Usher – Jeanette Kibler

**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** 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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