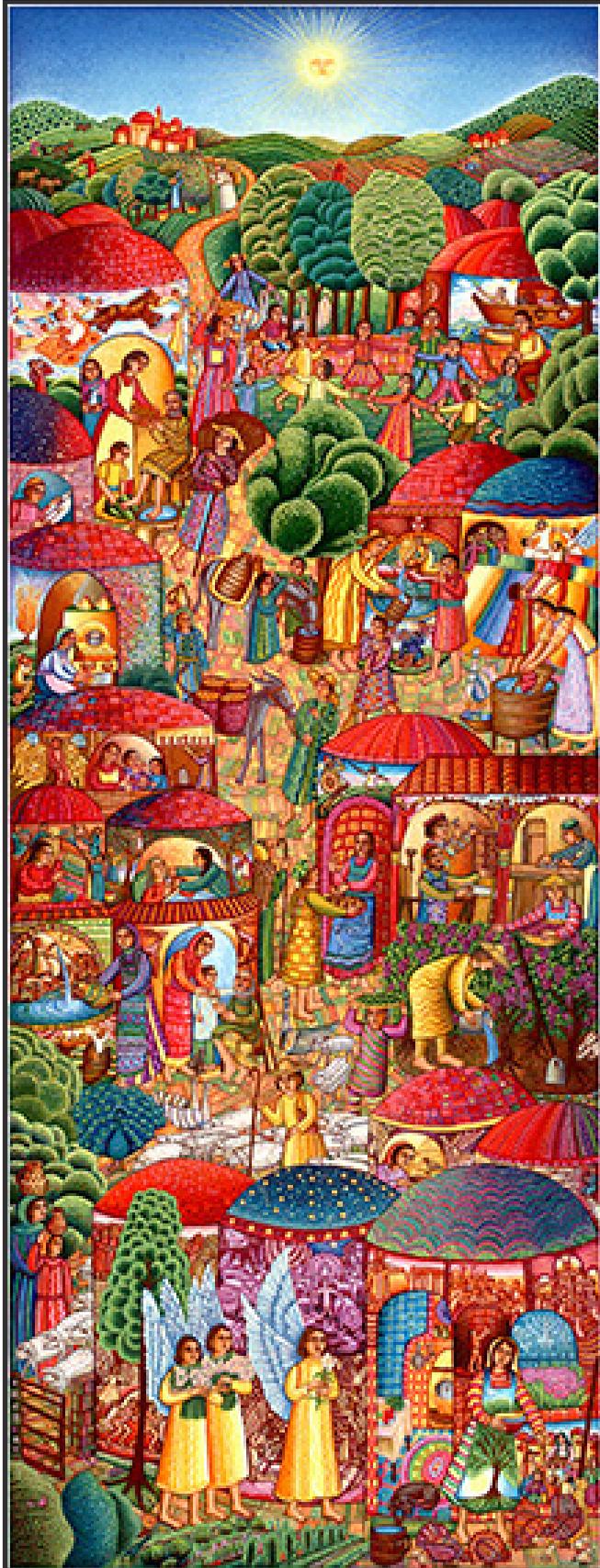


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



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.

The Call to Worship
from *enfleshed*, a liturgy resource.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Joyful Bells Ringing*

Marilyn Biery

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Congregational Nominating Committee

* **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

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).

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 John 13:31–35

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 148

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

SERMON *Ordinary Praise*

RESPONDING

* HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *And I Saw a New Heaven* Edgar Bainton
Chancel Choir

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.

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story, Ten Coins*, is found on page 216.

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 here:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>
or give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



* **Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **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 17**

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

* **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

Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter

James Biery

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are worshipping 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/1FAIpQLSd2OFFlvBmiZ1jQUGXeXcsAIDITp2WEYep5mnjyQYMXbHHndA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>.

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

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Mark Mares; Liturgists – Deborah Forger and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Jackson Willmer; Children’s Message – Deborah Forger and Mark Mares; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Guest Organist – Marilyn Biery; Guest Conductor – Rick Ingram; Ushers – Dick Carlisle (captain), Keith and Sheila Bilby, Jim Cameron, Carol Carter, Spaulding Clark, Joe Schmidt, and Connie and Martin Swindle

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Marvin and Barbara Skubick on their wedding anniversary by their daughter Gail Grady.

A pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Nora Jane Wiczerza born May 3, 2022. Nora is the child of Cassie and Kevin Wiczerza.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. “Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue.” – Andrew Murray

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

Adult Faith Formation Classes at 11:00

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.

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

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 beth.sanderford@gmail.com or Rev. Jay Sanderford at 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.

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.

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) or Rev. Mark Mares (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 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 sign up is required on our website (www.trianglecoop.org). An application and more information is available on our website or by emailing 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/>

Each year, the Congregational Nominating Committee seeks to bring new faces, new experiences and new energy to our leadership.

What does Jesus say about leadership? Jesus taught his disciples not to emulate the Gentile rulers who exercised authority over them. Instead, He taught that in order for us to be leaders, we must become servants first.

At First Pres we have two groups of servant-leaders: Deacons and Elders. The members of these groups are living examples of turning faith into action and hearing into doing. With the arrival of our new Lead Pastor, David Prentice-Hyers, we all have an opportunity to engage, serve, and embrace the energy of this new chapter in the life of First Pres.

Deacons are the caregivers of the congregation, serving in this role is both a privilege and a blessing. It is also an opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. As a Deacon, you will get to know other church members in a deeper way. Our Elders lead the on-going activities and functions of the church through the Session, our governing body. The Session is made up of dedicated church members who have been elected and ordained into a leadership role. Our Presbyterian Church takes its name from the Greek word for elder, *presbuteros*. These individuals reap the rewards of being involved in the life-affirming work and decision-making which benefits our congregation. For more on what it means to be an Elder or a Deacon go to the “About” tab on the First Pres website and click on the link for “Session (Governing Body)” or “Being a Deacon.” If you have more questions, please contact Bill McPherson at wbmcperson@comcast.net. Use the link below to nominate yourself or another individual for consideration.

<https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/event/call-church-officer-nominations-0>

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.



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Parish Nurse
David Hufford
Organist
Rev. Hannah Lundberg
Resident Minister
Rev. Mark Mares
Minister of Youth & Families
Rev. Evans McGowan
Assistant Pastor of Faith Formation and Campus Ministries
Stacey Pakela
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Shayla Powell
Children's Choir Director
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Lead Pastor
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jay Sanderford
Associate Pastor
Beca Torres-Davenport
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David VanderMeer
Minister of Music & Fine Arts

✝ Rev. Matthew J. Warfield
Resident Minister (In Memoriam)

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