

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 29, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Singing, Ringing Tree
Mike Tonkin and Anna Liu

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 *Fanfare* Kenneth Leighton

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Social Justice Action Group Hank McQueen

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing praises, people of God, sing praises!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

God is sovereign over creation. The earth belongs to God.

God is highly exalted. Sing praises!

Let us worship God!

* **HYMN 258** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* DEO GRACIAS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, in you we see awesome power.

You triumph over death and bring forth new life.

You stand over all earthly powers.

You are the head of the church.

Yet, we often fail to acknowledge this power in our lives.

We see violence in the world.

We see injustice in our communities.

We see hunger and need among our neighbors.

We see longing for something more.

We see failures and faults in our lives.

In all these things, we feel powerless.

Forgive our hesitance to call upon you.

Forgive our propensity to rely upon ourselves.

Forgive our reluctance to acknowledge your power.

Speak your words of power again.

May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

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 Psalm 47

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:44–53

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

O Clap Your Hands
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

O clap your hands together all ye people;
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be fear'd;
He is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall subdue the people under us;
And the nations under our feet.
Even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise;
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, How Big Is God's Love, is found on page 346.

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.



O sing praises unto our God;
O sing praise unto our King;
For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises with understanding.
O clap your hands together all ye people.
He shall choose out an heritage for us;
Even the worship of Jacob whom he loved.
God is gone up with a merry noise;
And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
O sing praises unto our God;
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For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises with understanding.
O clap your hands together all ye people.

* **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 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

* **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

Crown Imperial

Sir William Walton

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside the Sanctuary (or Monteith Hall) in a basket. Wearing this helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. 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:

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

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Melissa Anne Rogers; Liturgists – Jay Sanderford and Megan Berry; Scripture Reader – Lindsey Gudritz; Children’s Message – Hannah Lundberg; Preacher – Mark Mares; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; 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 Gregory Greico by his wife Sid Smith; and in honor of Richard D. Leslie, Dale R. Leslie, and Graham T. Leslie for consecutive tours of duty in the US Armed Forces.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Jeanette Kibler and Catherine Kendall. "Prayer and perseverance are necessary in our daily conflicts. The best remedy to the weariness is diligence in prayer." – John Calvin

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the Closing Voluntary. Today we will honor family members related to folks in our First Pres community who were veterans of any of the armed forces who have died. During Coffee Hour there will be a video slideshow (remembering our deceased veterans) and cake. At 11:15 a.m., we will gather in the Memorial Garden for a moment of silence and remembrance in honor of these individuals.

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, for next Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. (or at the end of the worship service) to present a call to Rev. Mark Mares to become the Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Youth and Families. Since August 2019, Rev. Mark Mares has served with distinction as our Assistant Minister for Youth and Families. The Congregational Meeting will be offered both in-person and via Zoom. Following the Congregational Meeting, there will be a reception to celebrate Rev. Mares’ new and expanded role. Those not present in person may join us by Zoom at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84262596705>.

Next Sunday, June 5, we celebrate Pentecost which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. On Pentecost, we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. The Spirit draws us together in one body, helps us to see what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to respond in word and deed to God's plan to reconcile all creation in the name of Christ. **Next Sunday, all are invited to wear red, orange, or yellow,** to symbolize the Holy Spirit.

When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief. Whether it is doing something they loved, going to a favorite place of theirs, or cherishing something they owned, we find ways to lean into the unexpressed love we have for them. This summer, our First Pres staff will endeavor to wear fun sneakers in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J. was an avid sneaker head and even wore sparkly shoes during his ordination service. His shoes not only brought him joy, but were another way for him to express his personality. Join us and wear your favorite sneakers to worship this summer!

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.

The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Friday mornings through June, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings and via Zoom. All men are welcome! Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

Mature Singles will hold their annual Memorial Day picnic tomorrow, Monday, May 30, 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.

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.

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. 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/>

Fast-Track this Summer! Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. David Prentice-Hyers at 11 a.m. on select Sundays. The next opportunities to join are June 5 and 19, at 11 a.m. The process takes about half an hour as we get to know you, and you get to know us! Following the joining, there will be a new member class for you to attend to complete the process (date to be determined). You don't need to register ahead of time. We'll be there and ready to receive you if the Holy Spirit leads you to join on one of those Sundays! There are more fast-track opportunities on July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 21. Speak to a Pastor or call the Church Office with questions! Come on in and join the First Pres party!

Twenties and Thirties (T2A2) will attend "Taste of Ann Arbor" downtown next Sunday, June 5. All in their twenties and thirties are invited to meet in the Narthex after the 9:30 worship service. Email Rev. Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information about T2A2.

Jazz Vespers will take place on Saturdays, June 11, July 16, and August 13, at 5 p.m. on the Front Lawn. The Paul Keller Jazz Quintet will lead these services. If the weather is inclement, the services will move inside to the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join us as we worship and welcome Rev. David Prentice-Hyers! And then plan to stay for the all-church BBQ Picnic at 6 p.m.!

The Social Justice Action Group invites you to join them on the Circle Terrace next Sunday, June 5, at 12:30 p.m., for lunch and updates from our three teams working on Climate Justice, Dismantling Racism, and Gun Violence Prevention. RSVP to Diane Hockett, via hockett@umich.edu. Remember that it's *Wear Orange Weekend* (for gun violence prevention), so wear that color if you can.

All-Church BBQ Picnic is June 11. Celebrate Summer with us on the Front Lawn with Jazz Vespers at 5 p.m., followed by the all-church BBQ Picnic at 6 p.m. Or bring your own picnic from home and eat with us! Drinks and dessert will be provided. Our meal will be catered by Smokehouse 52 BBQ. **Your food must be pre-ordered and paid for by June 6, at 12 noon.** There will be a bounce house for kids, an inflatable mega-slide, yard games, and so much more! The cost of dinner is \$12 per person; kids under 5 eat free. (Contact Rev. Rogers if we can help you with the cost of the meal. We want all to be able to attend.) Sign up here at: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/all-church-picnic-reservation-2022/>

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.

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.

Most recently, Rev. Prentice-Hyers 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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David Hufford
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Rev. Hannah Lundberg
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