

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Helping, Sharing, Caring, Harmony, and Peace

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.

Today's liturgy is adapted from the *Wee Worship Book*, WGRG.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Improvisation

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the beginning before time,
before people,
before the world began,
GOD WAS.

Here and now
among us, beside us,
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,
GOD IS.

In the future,
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfilment.
GOD WILL BE.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
GOD WAS, GOD IS, GOD WILL BE.

* **HYMN 432** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

REPTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**In you, gracious God, the widowed find a carer,
the orphaned find a parent,
the fearful find a friend.**

**In you, the wounded find a healer,
the burdened find a counsellor.**

**In you, the despondent find a laughter-maker,
the legalists find a rule-breaker.**

**In you, Jesus Christ,
we meet our Maker, and our match.**

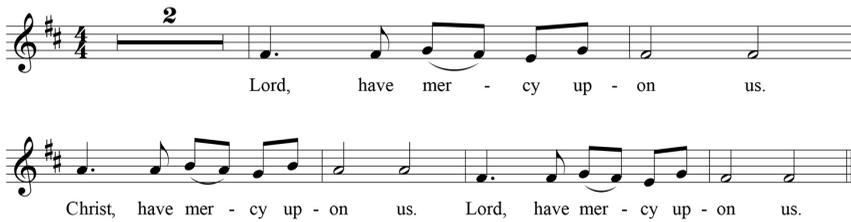
**And if some need to say, 'Help me'
and if some need to say, 'Save me'
and if some need to say, 'Hold me'
and if some need to say, 'Forgive me'
then let these be said now
in confidence by us.**

(Silence)

**O Christ, in whose heart is both welcome and warning, say to us, do to us,
reveal within us the things that will make us whole. And we will wait; and
we will praise you. Amen.**

KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 720 *Jesus Calls Us* (GALILEE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 16

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:51–62

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story, I Will Not Leave You*, is found on page 136.

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.



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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Followers of the Lamb

Philip R. Dietterich

Chancel Choir

O brethren, ain't you happy?
O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb?

(Refrain)

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters, ain't you happy?
O sisters, ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb? *(Refrain)*

Oh, I'm glad I am a Christian,
I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. *(Refrain)*

* 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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

* 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 *Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here! 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.

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

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Melissa Anne Rogers; Liturgists – Megan Berry and Hannah Lundberg; Scripture Reader – Ankie Schuitema; Children's Message – Jay Sanderford; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Guest Organist – Carol Muehlig; Guest Conductor – Rick Ingram; Ushers – Marolin Bellefleur, Spaulding Clark, Cyndy Colton, Catherine Kendall, Linda Lampman, and Joe Schmidt (captain); Welcome Center volunteers – Barb Carlisle and Beth Gerwig

Thank you to Rick Ingram for conducting the Chancel Choir while Dave VanderMeer is Co-conference artist at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, NC.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Hugh C. Higley, Jr., by his wife Marge; and in honor of the marriage of Catherine and Christopher Lelli yesterday in the Sanctuary.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. "Habits of prayer need careful cultivation." – F. B. Meyer

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief. 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!

The adult faith formation work group is looking for your input to inform our planning for the fall and beyond. Whether you have been involved in the past or not, we'd love to hear your opinions! Fill out the survey here: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w12n5nt51mfhbm0/>.

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, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Youth and Families, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

Our June donations and financial contributions support the Hunger Ministry Program of the Presbytery of Detroit. Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center 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 Presbyterian Women.

The Pentecost Offering 2022 will be received through the month of June. 60% of your Pentecost gift goes to exciting national Presbyterian ministries helping children, youth ministries, and young adults develop their faith. 40% will support Growing Hope of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a local Washtenaw program that supports people to grow, prepare, and eat nourishing food through hands-on educational opportunities at their urban farm, education events, and community activism. Through workshops, trainings, and field trips, Growing Hope educates youth, adults, and seniors to enhance gardening experience and skills. Please give to the Pentecost Special Offering by clicking on the "Donate to First Presbyterian" Link on our website, or send a donation to the church office noting Pentecost Offering in the memo line.

We celebrate another recent college graduate from our church family. Savannah Sewell Conley graduated from The Ohio State University with honors. Her degree is from the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Congratulations to Savannah and her family, including her grandparents Henry and Billie Johnson!

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.

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. There are fast-track opportunities on July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 21. 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! Speak to a Pastor or call the Church Office with questions! Come on in and join the First Pres party!

You already belong – now join! A new member class will be held **TODAY**, Sunday, June 26, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the home of Marti and Tim Wendler, just off Liberty Road on Ann Arbor's west side. If you've fast-tracked to membership, we hope you will complete the process with this class. If you are still thinking about membership, please join us to learn about First Pres, so that you can discern whether joining First Pres is what God is calling you to do. You can join as a full member or an affiliate member. Whoever you are, you already belong! We hope you will find a deeper connection with our whole congregation, and a vibrant, life-giving faith here at First Pres.

Local Mission Grant Program is gearing up for a new season. Every year First Pres supports our neighbors in need through grants to local community agencies. In 2021, we distributed \$73,000 through 12 grants each worth between \$5,000 –10,000. Some grants go to long-time partners while others go to new applicants. During January we will review our funding priorities and update the application process. Contact Martha Kershaw at mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net if you would like to participate. For more information, visit our web page: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/mission/local-missions/local-mission-grant-program>.

Summer Jazz Vespers will take place on Saturdays, 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.

Hymn Sing! This summer, on two Sundays each month, the Opening Voluntary will serve as a Hymn Sing. Bring your favorite hymn suggestions to worship and we will sing together.

All men of the church are invited to join Rev. Sanderford on a Scottish Walking Pilgrimage. There are two openings for this West Highland Way Pilgrimage October 2–14. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

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EMERGE

SUMMER 2022

emerge:

Out of the burning bush, God staggers Moses with cagey answers to terrifying questions. "I am who I am" is the famous reply. Other translations include "I will be who I will be" or the even more cryptic "I am becoming who I am becoming." The eternity of God does not preclude the dynamic unfolding of God. Entering this new season of life at FPCA2, what will the unfolding spirit of God reveal to you? Who will we become? How are we embraced by the constant unfolding grace within and around us? How are we being addressed by that call to a deeper discipleship to Christ and one another? What new flames will emerge as we exit this dry and bitter season?

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