

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 17, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Martha and Mary
JESUS MAFA

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 Prayer of Confession is from *Spill the Beans*.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on "Slane"*

Healey Willan

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Joining today are Robin Agnew, David Chapel, Ellen (Elle) Chapel, Barbara Concannon, Bill King, Cathy King, Melody Ku, Ashley Marentette, Brian Marentette, Doug Menzies, Leslie Menzies, Sally Richardson, Ankie Schuiteman, Mikaela Trowbridge, and Liina Wallin.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leave duty behind, come and sit,
be still and listen for the word of God.
Leave busyness, anxiety and worry at the door,
enter this peaceful place,
allow yourself to relax and prepare for worship.
Let go and come to the quiet centre,
here is a place and time to focus on God
and to allow ourselves to hear God's voice
and ponder God's word.

**Come and worship,
brothers, sisters, siblings all.**

* HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

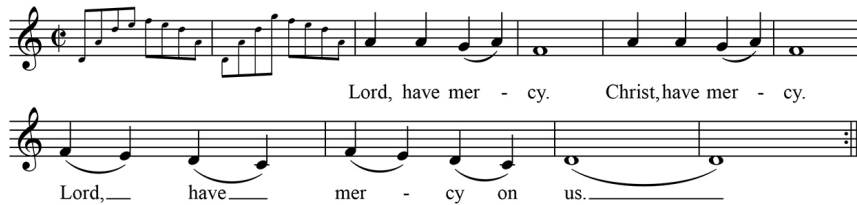
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, you welcome us, whoever we are, whatever we bring. We who are weary, we who are joyful, we who are enthusiastic, we who are resentful, we who are bold, we who are timid, we who are all of these things in different times and seasons, you, God, welcome us all.

All: **Forgive us when the welcome we have given others has been less than warm, when it's been half-hearted or downright off-putting. May the measure we receive from you be the measure we pour out on others, an overflowing of love and acceptance, rooted in divine love. As we give of ourselves, may we know you replenishing our love, blessing us to be a blessing to others, today and every day...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



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

This is Hymn 576 *Lord, Have Mercy* (SINGAPURA).

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

**Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.**

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 396, *Brethern, We Have Met to Worship* (HOLY MANNA).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 15

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 10:38–42

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story*, *Mary & Martha*, is found on page 232.

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>

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Bob Chilcott

Abby Peterson Kasenow, soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

* Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* 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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

* 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

Allegro maestoso e vivace, Sonata No. 2 for Organ

Felix Mendelssohn

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 in a basket just outside the entrances to the Sanctuary. 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, [click here](#) to sign the pad.

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

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Mark Mares; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers and Megan Berry; Scripture Reader – Ann Ringia; Children’s Message – Mark Mares and Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Musicians: Soloist – Abby Peterson Kasenow; Pianist – Shayla Powell; Organist – David Hufford; Ushers – Joe Schmidt (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, and Barb Dobson

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Anna Marie Omans by Debra Omans.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. "A prayer for self is not by any means necessarily a selfish prayer." – R. A. Torrey

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

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 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!

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/>.

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 wear fun sneakers in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J. was an avid sneakerhead and even wore sparkly shoes during his ordination service. Join us and wear your favorite sneakers to worship this summer!

Our July donations and financial contributions support Hope Clinic. 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 Mature Ministries.

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is this week, Thursday, July 21 through Saturday, July 23. Please support our youth ministries by parking at First Pres and encouraging your friends to also park here! Money raised will be used for youth mission and formation opportunities. Volunteers are needed to assist with parking. Contact Rev. Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to volunteer.

Did you know we have a Lost and Found at First Pres? If you think you might have lost an item at church, please stop by the Welcome Center during the month of July. The first week in August items not claimed that have been with us for at least three months will be discarded appropriately.

Refugee Resettlement Update. In mid-June the First Pres refugee resettlement team welcomed a family of four from Afghanistan. Join us in prayer and warm-hearted welcome for this family. First Pres will be in relationship with them for one year. Financial gifts to support this effort may be made by check or online. For more information, or to support the effort further, contact Rev. Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org).

College Students! Are you a student (or know of a student) who will be studying at a local college or university this fall? Rev. Lundberg would love to meet you! We're planning more activities for UKirk@UMich, the First Pres college group, for the upcoming year and want to know what interests you! Contact Hannah at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more.

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 Youth and Family Ministries, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

Tell Me More about This Church at Wolverine Brewing on Stadium Blvd., **TODAY**, July 17, 4 p.m. Sit outside with us and learn more about First Pres! Come for a laid-back time to meet with staff and other who are interested in learning more and possibly joining -- and enjoy a cool beverage on us while we chat. The location is family-friendly and dog-friendly! Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Labyrinth Walk Invitation. As a meditative worship experience this summer, you are invited on Saturday morning, July 23, and Thursday morning, August 11, to the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor) to walk the labyrinth they have made on their property. Come anytime from 10 a.m. to noon. It takes about 30 minutes to go from your car to the labyrinth and back. Anytime in that two-hour block works! Signs will guide you from the parking area to the labyrinth. Note that tick season is in full gear so please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Bug spray is recommended, as well. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@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?

The Annual Giving Workgroup has been working for the last several months on the 2023 Annual Giving Campaign to be kicked off in September.

This Campaign will provide the critical support needed to continue and enhance the many and varied opportunities at FPC. Among the long list are a vibrant and dedicated staff, a great music program, rich mission and outreach opportunities, transformative Christian education, and maintenance of our beautiful building and physical spaces.

In an effort to keep the pledging process as simple as possible and to keep mailing costs at a minimum, we will be offering each member the opportunity to receive their 2023 pledge packet by email. You may elect email delivery by (1) mailing the postcard included with your July quarterly statement or dropping the card into the Sunday offering plate or (2) emailing Anna Miller indicating your preference to receive the pledge packet electronically.

Thank you for all that you do to support FPC. Your contributions of your finances, time, and talents are crucial to the ongoing life and ministry of our beloved community of faith! If you have any questions, please contact [Anna Miller](#) by email or at (734) 662-4466.