

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 18, 2021



The Good Shepherd
Kelly Latimore



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Ann Arbor | Michigan

Making God's Love Visible

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.

Call to worship:

The worship of God is the central purpose of the church. The primary focus of worship is not to inspire or motivate us (although we may be inspired and motivated) but to love God for God's sake. The call to worship, then, grabs our attention and beckons us to focus on God. It reminds us why God is praiseworthy and deserving of our worship.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

Habitat for Humanity

Marty Reineman

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on "Brother James' Air"*

Searle Wright

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 23)

One: In the darkest valley,

All: at the banquet table;

One: in the hard work of life,

All: at the moments of ease;

One: in our day-to-day reality,

All: at times set aside—

One: like this time, now—

All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

One: with every step we take:

**All: goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.**

* **HYMN 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord our Shepherd, maker of heaven and earth,
we lift up our eyes to the hills,
looking for your mercy and forgiveness.**

**You watch over us night and day,
and yet our feet go astray;
we slip, stumble, and fall into sin.**

**We confess that we do not watch for your guidance,
trust in your protection,
or offer your comfort to others.**

Forgive us.

We need you to save us from the evil we bring on ourselves.

**We need you to guide us as we go out into the world
and come back into your presence.**

Restore us, we pray in Jesus' name...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever**

This is Stanza 6 of Hymn 802, The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ST. COLUMBA).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 23:1–6

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Trisha Trumble presents her son, Zekiah Maurice Trumble, born October 12, 2018, for baptism. Meghan and Zachary Bugosh present their son, Theodore Jamieson Bugosh, born January 3, 2021, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

Please sign our virtual Friendship Pad.

If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, either click below to let us know that you joined us for worship today or sign the pad on our website at <https://bit.ly/2Rliq2l>

It is important to remember that baptism is not so much something we do, but rather something that God does. In Baptism God claims us and names us as one of God's own children. Baptism is both God's gift and our acceptance of the gift of God's saving grace. We baptize in response to the God who first loved us, and we remember that we did not choose God, but God chose us.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



STAYING CONNECTED, our theme for this summer, invites us all to be linked together in a broad community of people, joined by the energy of a holy curiosity and an indefatigable courage. As the coronavirus lessens its grip, and we emerge into a new hybrid existence, it is vital that we re-connect, stay connected, or connect afresh. It takes curiosity and courage to remain connected to each other. Curiosity to see how we can creatively connect to one another, and courage to do it safely amidst a changing viral situation. This summer, we will explore ways we stay connected to the things that matter most. For some, it will be getting out for some fresh air and a brisk walk. For many, it will mean staying in touch virtually via livestream, Zoom, or even phone conversations. For others, it will mean traveling and reconnecting with family and friends whom we haven't seen in the flesh in a long time. All the while, First Pres will be an active community, vibrant and alive, connecting all to the power and grace of the God of all creation.

Today's Call to Worship was written by Joanna Harader and posted on "Spacious Faith" (<https://spaciousfaith.com/>). **The Prayer of Confession** was written by Rev. Nathan Williams, Covenant Presbyterian Church, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Leaders of Worship: Welcome – Evans McGowan; Liturgists – Mark Mares and Jay Sanderford; Scripture Reader – Jenna Mares; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Melissa Anne Rogers; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Video Production – Bill Hall; Sound Production – Rol Kibler; Ushers – Omer Bellfi, Keith Molin, Joe Schmidt, and Angela Yang

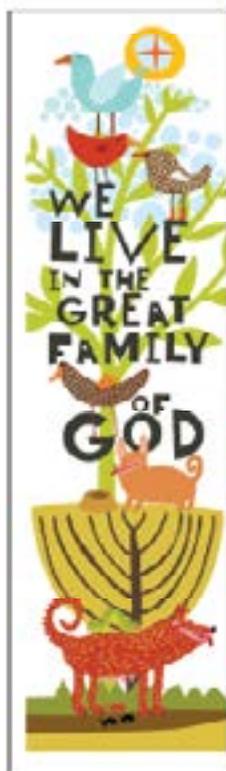
Chancel flowers are given in honor of the First Pres Staff by Angie Miller.

A pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Aurora Violet Johnson, born July 2, 2021. Rory is the daughter of Lexy and Aaron Johnson and the great-granddaughter of Pat Gilbreath.

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

Summer Festival of Worship

Stay Connected!



Life is busy in the Great Family of God!

We know that most members of our First Pres family have lots of obligations in the summer. Perhaps you have little time to think about your faith, and how it can grow. We hope you can find an hour or so weekly to join us for an alternative worship offering. Crisis strengthens your faith in the company of old friends – and friends you've yet to meet!

Tuesdays @ First Pres

August 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

Telev worship is livestreamed from the Sanctuary on YouTube and Facebook.

Wednesdays @ First Pres

July 21 and August 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Worship around the fire on the First Pres lawn.

Thursdays @ First Pres

July 29 and August 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

Guided outdoor meditation at the Hilltop's labyrinth.

Saturdays @ First Pres

August 14 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jazz vesper service on the First Pres lawn.

THIS WEEK

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org), Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministry, for information about opportunities to connect and resources for children and families.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Please contact Rev. Mark Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org), Minister of Youth & Families, for information about the numerous ways youth are connecting at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite everyone in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, please email t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org.

Greetings, College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. We will gather virtually and in person at various times over the summer. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Women: Stay Connected! PW Moderator Ginny Bell sends out timely information in email blasts. Contact Ginny (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

Mature Singles enjoy gathering for dinner in restaurants on Friday evenings. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. We have over 20 people who come together online to start the week and pray for the needs shared in worship, on the virtual friendship pad, and using the prayer request form. Would you like prayer for yourself or others? Use this form by Sunday evening: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-request/>. If you would like, you can come to our meeting and pray for others or share your request directly. Email Rev. Rogers for information and the link. (mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. We meet weekly and can be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>

We're at it again—sorting and packing school supplies and books for the Philippines. The need persists and the Filipino children and teachers wait eagerly for the boxes to arrive. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us in this mini-mission for part or all of Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21, 9:00 – 5:00 at 3102 Fairhaven Ct., Ann Arbor. There are jobs for all. *Salamat.*

Habitat for Humanity needs four to six volunteers daily on July 16 and 31, August 7 and 13, and September 11, 17, and 25. The house is located at 1217 Davis Street, Ypsilanti. Contact Don Redding (734-276-8426; dredding58@yahoo.com) with questions and to volunteer. Volunteer registration will close the Tuesday evening before each of our build days so Habitat can prepare the work tasks.

The family of Jim Lombard invites you to a Memorial Service in Witness to the Resurrection to Eternal Life and celebration of Jim's life on Saturday, July 24, at 11:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary. The service will also be livestreamed on the First Pres YouTube page.

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Robin Agnew, Administrative Assistant

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J. P. DiMaggio, Interim Bridge Administrator

Pat Gilbreath, Welcome Center Coordinator

Almer Harris, Maintenance Specialist

David Hufford, Organist

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