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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



Christ at the Well
Peter Koenig



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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Deep River

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 55)

One: All of you who are thirsty, come to the water.

All: Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat.

One: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

All: And your labor for that which does not satisfy?

One: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

All: Whoever seeks the Lord, know that God is always near.

One: Come, let us worship God.

* HYMN

Peace by Piece

CWM RHONDDA

Please sing stanzas 3 and 5. This hymn is found on the back of your Communion Card.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that when we feel our peace unraveling, we try to work harder, achieve more, and cover up our fears with selfish ambition. Your wisdom calls us instead to pause, seek your strong peace, and drink deeply from the well of living water. When we stray toward our own paths, guide us back to your center. When we doubt our value, remind us who we truly are. When we seek our own glory, call us to a more faithful way forward...

SILENT PRAYER

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."

"How the World Has Changed: Cannabis," a bonus Mature Ministries online meeting, is October 21, at Noon. Mark Osbeck, who teaches in the UM Law School's Legal Practice Program and is a leading authority on marijuana law, is our speaker. Contact Rev. Rogers for the Zoom link.

Tell Me More About This Church! Are you a prospective member, regular attender, frequent guest, or someone new who really wants to know more? Join us Sunday, October 24, at 4:30 p.m., at the Session Room (3685 Jackson Road) for a cool beverage, snacks, and good conversation on the patio. We'll answer any questions you have and surely hear a few we didn't expect! It's a lively hour together for all ages. Contact Rev. Rogers so we know to look for you! (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 734-355-2351)

All-Church Bonfire is October 24! Families, members, couples, students, youth, kiddos — ALL are welcome for S'mores! Meet at White Oaks Farm, 6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Everything will be provided. Come enjoy a nice fall evening with fire, marshmallows, chocolate, and more. There is ample parking. RSVP to the Church Office or to Rev. Rogers so we know to plan for you!

Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert is Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at <https://www.whiffenpoofs.com/ann-arbor> or at the door.

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. This fall, we will read *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

Journeys Bible Study meets every second and fourth Thursday. This year we are studying the book of Acts. We meet in-person in the Curtis Room and there is a Zoom link for all who desire to participate online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. 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 to join this group, email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link. For those in worship today, to share a prayer today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our October Communion Food Collection supports the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit. Non-perishable food may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Presbyterian Women Celebrates 175 Years of Service today during Coffee Hour following the 9:30 service. PW has been a part of the fabric of First Pres for 175 years. Come and help us celebrate! See displays on PW's involvement in the life of First Pres over the years and learn about the book and Bible studies, the mission activities, the peace and justice initiatives and more that PW has to offer women in our church.

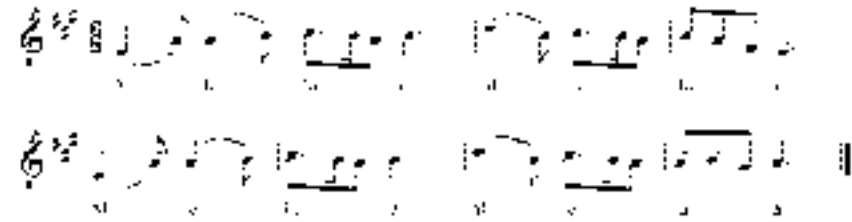
Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece. Did you know there are a myriad of ways to contribute financially to First Pres? Our finance office can process the traditional ways of giving such as cash and checks, but also we can accept direct payment from bank accounts, credit cards, stock donations, IRA contributions, Donor Advised funds, online payments through our website (<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>), text the amount to give to 855-904-1523, and with Vanco Mobile by VANCO. Contact Anna Miller, Finance Manager, 662-4466 Ex 344, if you have questions. Please submit your stewardship pledge and opportunity to serve forms by October 31 either by mail or online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022. Thank you.

Welcoming Refugees. As we continue to look prayerfully toward the crisis in Afghanistan, we are assembling a team of people who may be interested in supporting refugees seeking resettlement and welcome in our area. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org.

Visit the New Virtual Art Exhibit, "The Peace of the Earth" by local Ann Arbor Artist, Joan Cohen Jones. The exhibit is found at www.fpca2art.org.

Mature Ministries October 28 Trip! We'll travel by bus to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw. Lunch will follow the museum visit at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth. Depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church and return by 4:30 p.m. The price is \$50 and includes lunch and bus travel.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING James 3:13–18

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5–15, 27–30

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* arr. David Music

Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it,
Protect it like a candleflame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands like bread we break for sharing;
Look people warmly in the eye; our life is meant for caring.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Communion Card.

Communion Music

Slumber Song

Howard Hanson

SENDING

* **HYMN 324**

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

* **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!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sentimental Melody

Aaron Copland

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Michele Derr; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Joshua Marzan; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Michele Derr; Communion Server – Nancy Fox

Use the offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include on-line on our First Pres website, via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code on the right.



Join us for Coffee Hour on the Monteith Terrace following the Closing Voluntary. Cookie bakers are Diane Knibbs and Linda Lampman.

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The PCUSA Peace and Global Witness offering, received throughout October, is intended to help people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere—regardless of boundaries or the walls that separate us. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. First Presbyterian will forward 25% of this offering in 2021 to A Brighter Way (ABW). In our community, ABW is dedicated to reducing recidivism rates in Washtenaw county by providing programs, resources, and advocacy for friends and family returning home from incarceration. They also provide education and a restorative space for the community. **Gifts may be made through First Pres, with checks marked "Peace and Global Witness."**

Have you been in the Sanctuary lately? Soaring overhead in our sanctuary is a brilliantly hued representation of the prayers of the people. Each flash of color is an origami crane. And inside each bird is written the name of a church member who was prayed for as the bird was folded. Yet the focus of this artwork is larger than any individual or congregation. The work – made up of over 3500 cranes – also marks International Day of Peace, September 21. And in addition, these peace cranes support our annual giving campaign, *Peace by Piece*.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

The Bible at 11 o'clock (Curtis Room)

Join us for our study of Isaiah either in-person or via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117387186>).

Exploring the Faith (Social Hall)

Meg Brown, moderator of PW at First Pres, will share highlights of the work of Presbyterian Women nationally and locally. This will be an opportunity for us to celebrate the great contributions women have made to the church and the world through their work in Presbyterian Women.

First Friends (Lewis Room)

Today's discussion is based on Adam Hamilton's DVD "Why? Making Sense of God's Will. Why God's Love Prevails."

T2A2 Small Group (Founders Room)

All in their twenties and thirties are welcome to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together.