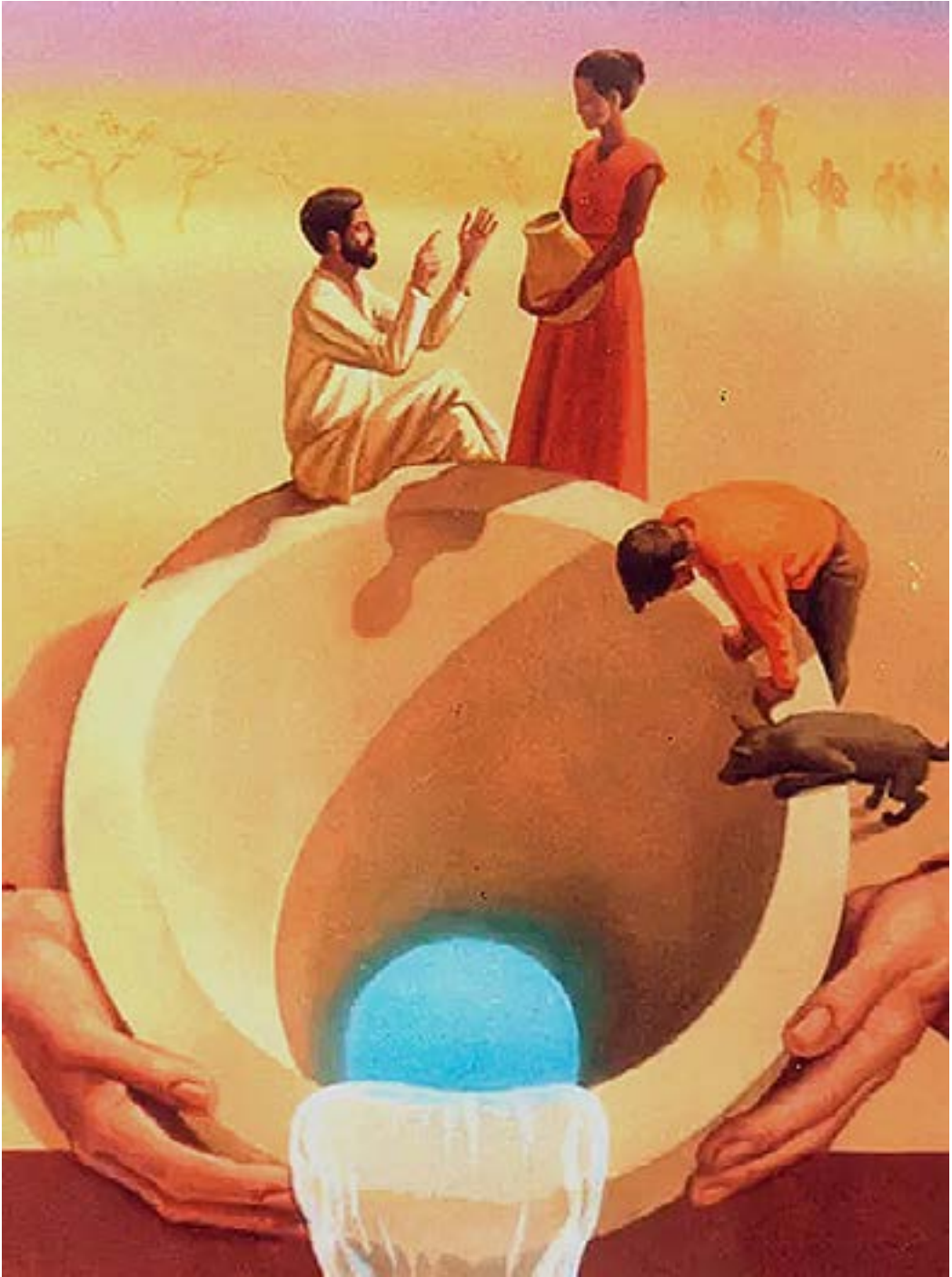


# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021 • 9:30 a.m.



*Christ at the Well*  
Peter Koenig



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.

**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. On this date, people around the globe are encouraged to participate in acts of peace. And in addition, these peace cranes support our annual giving campaign, *Peace by Piece*.

# GATHERING

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

## WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION      Presbyterian Women

### \* 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 RHONNDA

*Please sing stanzas 3 and 5. This hymn is on your bulletin insert.*

## 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...**

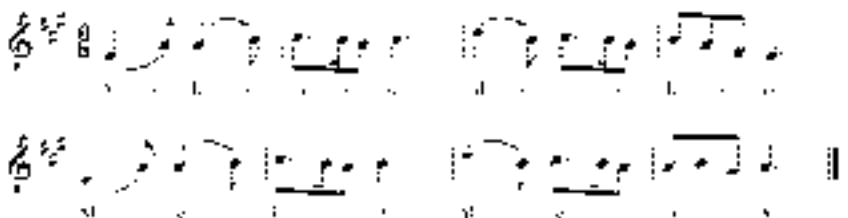
## SILENT PRAYER

## 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."*

### \* 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.**

## A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

The grass withers, the flower fades;

**the word of the Lord endures forever.**

## SERMON

## RESPONDING

\* HYMN 324

*For All the Faithful Women*

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## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND HOPE

One: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we give thanks for 175 years of Presbyterian Women!...

One: For all who have led Presbyterian Women over these 175 years, we give thanks! For moderators and vice moderators, for coordinating teams at the presbytery, synod and church-wide levels, for staff, we give thanks!

**All: Holy One, God of our mothers and grandmothers, we give you thanks and praise for what you have done through us thus far!  
Open us to see your work anew, fill us with your imagination and breathe into us the breath of life, until the celebration of our next 175 years . . . and beyond. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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

Chancel Choir and Flute

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.

Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure;  
In love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

**This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible* story is "The Very Thirsty Woman."** It can be found on page 236.

**Worship Lab**, a hands-on experience for our youngest disciples, is a place where children can ask questions and dig deeper into the various parts of Presbyterian Worship. Children will learn what they have to offer to worship as they discover and understand their place in the Body of Christ on Sunday mornings. Worship Lab immediately follows A Conversation with Young Disciples.

**The Litany of Thanksgiving and Hope** was adapted from the work of Meagan Manas, a teaching elder ordained to validated ministry as justice and peace specialist for Presbyterian Women.

**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 [online at our First Pres website](#) . . . via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) . . . use the Vanco Mobile app . . . put a check in the mail . . . or scan the QR code below.



**We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad.** If you are worshiping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, either click <https://bit.ly/2Rlig2l> to let us know that you joined us for worship today or sign the pad on our website.

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**Children's Choir** will rehearse today at 10:30. Please meet Ms. Powell at the pulpit door.

\* **Doxology**

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**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 772**

*Live into Hope*

TRURO

\* **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**

*Please remain seated until the conclusion of the closing voluntary.*

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**Worship Leaders:** Welcome – Melissa Anne Rogers; Faith in Action – Meg Brown; Liturgists – Megan Berry, Lynne Gulick, Joyce Himbaugh, and Felicity Williams; Scripture Reader – Katrine Weismantle; Children's Message – Matthew Warfield; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Brandon LePage, flute; Greeters – Anne and Robert Andrus; Welcome Center Volunteer – Sara VanderVoort; Ushers – Dick Carlisle (captain), Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Spaulding Clark, Joe Schmidt, Connie Swindle, and Martin Swindle

**Chancel flowers** are given in honor of the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Presbyterian Women, and in loving memory of Mary Layher by her husband Thomas.

**A pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Addison Louise Kaercher, daughter of Tommy and Kelsey Kaercher and granddaughter of Cindy and Chris King. Addison was born on October 3, 2021.

**A pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Winifred Frances Wolf, daughter of Spencer and Holly Wolf, and great-grandchild of Pat Gilbreath. Winifred was born on October 6, 2021.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Jeanette Kibler and Michele Madden. "We don't pray to get God's attention. We pray to turn our attention toward God." — Christopher Knippers

**Join us for in-person Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the Closing Voluntary. Our hosts are **Presbyterian Women**, in celebration of 175 Years of Service! Presbyterian Women 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES 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. We'll begin a study of the book of Romans around 11:00 a.m. A light lunch (eaten outside) will be provided.

## FAITH FORMATION LATER TODAY

**Youth Group** meets 6:00–7:30 p.m., on the Front Lawn or, in case of rain, under the Canopy on the Hill Street Lawn. All Middle School and High School students are invited to attend.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fast Track to First Pres Membership!** Become a member in as little as twenty minutes today. Meet with Rev. Rogers and two Elders at 11:00 a.m., in the Lead Pastor's Office across from the Vance Room or connect via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84143125355>. We look forward to you joining as a full or affiliate member. Contact Rev. Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)) if you have questions, or see any pastor after a worship service.

**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](http://www.fpca2art.org).

**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. First Pres will forward 25% of this offering to A Brighter Way (ABW). ABW is dedicated to reducing recidivism rates in Washtenaw County by providing programs, resources, and advocacy for friends and family returning home from incarceration. **Give:** gifts may be made through First Pres with checks marked "Peace and Global Witness" and may also be made by clicking here: [online at our First Pres website](#).

**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](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org).

**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.

**Greetings, College Students!** We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. Contact Rev. McGowan ([campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org)) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

**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 either by mail or online at [firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022](http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022) by October 31. Thank you.

**"How the World Has Changed: Cannabis," a bonus Mature Ministries online meeting, is this Thursday, 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 next 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](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org); 734-355-2351)

**All-Church Bonfire is next Sunday, 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.

**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. Museum admission is free; on-site donations are welcome.

**Chancel Choir** invites all high school and college students as well as adults to sing. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts, at [dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

**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](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org) or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

**Journeys Bible Study** meets every second and fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. This year we are studying the book of Acts. We meet via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

**For information on opportunities to connect and resources for children and families,** contact Beca Torres-Davenport ([btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org)), Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministry.

**For information about the numerous opportunities to connect for youth and families,** contact Rev. Mares ([mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org)), Minister of Youth & Families.

**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](mailto: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.

**Campus Ministries Update.** Each Sunday, students will have a special small group meeting during our new 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation hour before breaking for lunch. If you are interested in helping plan ministry events as part of our Campus Ministry Work Group, or would like to be directly involved in supporting a small group or service event, please contact Rev. McGowan ([campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@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](mailto:pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org). Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>.

**We have an opportunity for ministry at Alpha House!** During the week of November 8–14, First Pres will support guests at Alpha House, a shelter for children and their families experiencing homelessness. Sign up is available online and a sign-up board is available during Coffee Hour. Direct questions to Ruth Jensen ([ruthannjensen@gmail.com](mailto:ruthannjensen@gmail.com)), Gail Einhaus ([gail.einhaus@gmail.com](mailto:gail.einhaus@gmail.com)), or Anne Gere ([argere@umich.edu](mailto:argere@umich.edu)).

**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.



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