



All Saints' Sunday is November 7. On this day we will remember those who have died in the last twelve months and now rest eternal with the Lord. We will read the names of our loved ones during the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you have lost a loved one since November 1, 2020, please submit their name using the form on our website, or call the Church Office.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



And Open Our Eyes to Behold Love's Peace
Jan Richardson



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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude No.11 Op.11* Alexander Scriabin

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of uncertainty,

All: God calls us to dwell in peace.

One: When our paths are long, frightening, and tiresome,

All: The Spirit offers restoration and wholeness.

One: In the company of the Holy,

All: Troubled hearts find rest.

* HYMN 37 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, you welcome us with gentleness, love, and steadfastness in every aspect of our lives. Still, distracted by the worries of our day-to-day, we forget your long-running peace. Looking only for the gifts of the world, we miss the promises of God. Ever-loving God, forgive us when we are caught up in our small view of the world and fail to extend your peace to others around us. Empower us to see others as you see them, and help us to delight in the goodness of the world you have created...

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."

Tell Me More About This Church! Are you a prospective member, regular attendee, frequent guest, or someone new who really wants to know more? Join us today, 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 tonight! 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.

Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert is this 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.

Journeys Bible Study meets via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>) on the first and third Thursdays of the month through December from 11:30 to 1:00. The schedule is October 21, November 4, November 18, December 2, and December 16. We're studying the book of Acts and incorporating art and poetry to tease out fresh modern perspectives about the authority and power of the Holy Spirit. For more details contact Resident Minister and facilitator, Matthew Warfield, at mwarfield@firstpresbyterian.org or Coordinator, Beth Gerwig at bgerwig@comcast.net.

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.

First Friends (Lewis Room)

Today's discussion is based on the documentary "Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution." In the early 1970s, teenagers with disabilities faced a future shaped by isolation, discrimination and institutionalization. This 2020 documentary tells of a summer camp for teenagers with disabilities that transformed their lives and ignited a landmark movement. Zoom option: <https://emich.zoom.us/j/87604338825>

Adult/Parent Confirmation Class (Vance Room)

This class will follow the main themes the youth are learning in their confirmation class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament next Saturday, October 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. All are welcome to join us in worship as we celebrate this joyous occasion within the Presbytery of Detroit.

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.

Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece. Henri Nouwen writes about stewardship in the Church, "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you: your energy, your prayers and your money, in this work to which God has called us." Please support the 195 years of *Making God's Love Visible* at First Pres by filling out your pledge and opportunity to serve forms and returning them, either by mail or online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022.

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. 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.fpc2art.org.

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* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
World with - out end, with - out end, A - men. World with - out
Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
end, with - out end, A - men. World with - out
Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
end, with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

This is Hymn 582, Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (GLORY TO GOD).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 1:1-12

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 14:27

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 *Peace I Leave with You* Perti/arr. Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir Section Leaders
Peace I leave with you. My peace I leave with you.
Let not your heart be troubled; do not be afraid.
I am the way, the truth, the life. Let not your heart be troubled.
My peace I give to you.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Communion Card.

Communion Music *Be Still and Know* arr. Fred Bock

SENDING

* **HYMN** *Peace by Piece* CWM RHONDDA
Please sing stanzas 4 and 5. This hymn is on the back of your Communion Card.

* 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 *Sing To The Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Megan Berry and Jay Sanderford; Faith in Action – Dan Mitas;
Scripture Reader – Catherine Kendall; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Musicians – Chancel Choir
Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Brian Rubel;
Communion Server – Kathy Hillig

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 online 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 Margie Van Tuyl, Marilyn Gibson, and Kathy Wirstrom.

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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)

Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts presents "Art + Faith."