

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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And Open Our Eyes to Behold Love's Peace
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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*.

The Call to Worship was adapted during a recent Worship Lab by our children from work by Carol Penner, leadinginworship.com.

The Prayer of Confession, adapted from Isaiah 35:1–10, is by Kimberly Bracken Long, *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Peace – I've Got Peace Like a River arr. Fred Gramann
Sanctus Ringers

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Together we meet you here, Lord,

All: at the intersection of love and faithfulness.

One: Here prayer and praise join hands, scripture is embraced,

All: and our voices unite in hymns to you.

Children: Welcome, hello! Make a joyful sound!

All: Welcome, hello! God loves you!

Children: Praise God with instruments.

All: Come to God in peace.

* HYMN 4

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of majesty and glory,
we are thirsty for your grace.**

**You made a way for us in the wilderness,
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.**

We hide our eyes from your presence.

We do not listen to your word.

**We are lifeless when we ought to dance,
and speechless when we ought to sing.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

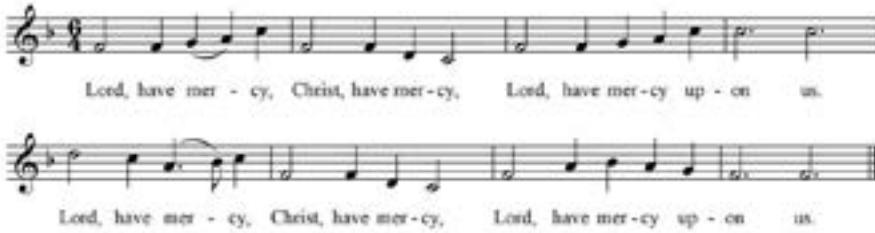
**Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands,**

and make firm our feeble knees

as we seek to follow in your holy way...

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



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

This is Hymn 551, Lord, Have Mercy (LAND OF REST).

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



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 1:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 14:27

The grass withers, the flower fades;

the word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Kingdom Hearts

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are worshipping 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.

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story is "What Does God Want." It can be found on page 144.

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.

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.



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

RESPONDING

* HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Peace I Leave with You

Perti/arr. Hal Hopson

Chancel Choir

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.

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

Peace by Piece

CWM RHONDDA

Please sing stanzas 4 and 5. This hymn is on your bulletin insert.

* 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 *Trumpet Tune in G*

David Johnson

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the closing voluntary.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Mark Mares; Faith in Action – Dan Mitas; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers, Evans McGowan, and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Gavin Phillips; Children's Message – Jay Sanderford; Preacher – Evans McGowan; Musicians – Sanctus Ringers; Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Greeters – Rebecca Gaffney and Carol Fletcher; Welcome Center Volunteer – Debbie Swartz; Ushers – Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Carol Carter, Spaulding Clark, Len Rezmierzski, Joe Schmidt, Connie Swindle, and Martin Swindle

Chancel flowers are given by Prue Heikkinen in appreciation of the work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Anne Kloack and Nicole Jolliet. "There is a mighty lot of difference between saying prayers and praying." — John G. Lake

Join us for in-person Coffee Hour on the Front Lawn immediately following the Closing Voluntary. Cookie bakers are Margie Van Tuyl, Marilyn Gibson, and Kathy Wirstrom.

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)

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

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. Whether you have been here your whole life and remember everything from your confirmation class or you were confirmed in another church or you simply want a reminder of what you learned and what our youth are learning, please come to this class! This class meets on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. It will be led by Resident Minister Megan Berry and Rev. Jay Sanderford.

FAITH FORMATION LATER TODAY

Youth Group meets at 6:00 p.m., at White Oaks Farm (6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter), for a bonfire. Come enjoy a nice fall evening with fire, marshmallows, chocolate, and more. There is ample parking.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m., at White Oaks Farm (6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter), following the all-church bonfire which begins at 6:00 p.m. Come for the bonfire; stay for Small Group! Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Bonfire is TODAY 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.

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.

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 **TODAY**, 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)

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.

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.

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](#).

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) 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. 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 the forms by October 31, either by mail or online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022 by October 31. Thank you.

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.

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 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.

For information on opportunities to connect and resources for children and families, contact Beca Torres-Davenport (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), Minister of Youth & Families.

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.

First Sundays: All Saints Community Celebration is November 7. Please join us immediately following the Closing Voluntary of the 9:30 worship service for an extended Social Hour where we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday with two community events! We invite congregation members to add a name to our wall of Saints, and light a candle in remembrance and prayer. Looking for an extra name to lift up? Choose from the list printed in your November 7 bulletin.

Campus Ministries. Each Sunday, students have a special small group meeting during our 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).

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 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), Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com), or Anne Gere (argere@umich.edu).

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 (mr Rogers@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.

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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