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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



On the Seventh Day
Jan Richardson



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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *How Great Thou Art* arr. Paul A. Tate

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION *Family to Family Christmas* Julie Morrison

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the harvest season, let us learn from the wisdom of the earth,
How to rest in the ground of our being;
In the fertile soil of God's creation, until the fruit ripens on the vine.
Come and worship, everyone on earth.

**All: Let us be rooted in God's word,
Patiently growing in the light of God's love,
Bearing the fruit of mature faith and courageous witness!**

One: This is the season of harvest, let us learn the rhythms of creation,
There is a time for action and a time for contemplation,
A time for protest and a time for prayer
Come and worship, everyone on earth,

**All: Let us be rooted in God's word,
Patiently growing in the light of God's love.
Let us honor the Sabbath and worship our God!**

* HYMN 393 *O Day of Rest and Gladness* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we know that you do not merely suggest that it's a good idea to rest but you have commanded that we honor the Sabbath and keep it holy. We have broken this commandment. Forgive our incessant busyness as if everything depends on our efforts and achievements.

God, we know that you have given a Sabbath to the land that it too might rest, lay fallow and regenerate. Forgive our relentless press of the land that has heated our planet to an unsustainable level. Slow us down so that we might listen, cool us down so that we might survive, and teach us again that BE-ing is more important than always DO-ing...

Elizabeth (Essie) Koenig-Reinke will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament today, at 4:00 p.m., at Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Essie served as Interim Director of Youth Ministry at First Pres from 2017 to 2019. She is now serving Dickey Memorial Pres as Director of Outreach and Mission. Essie's husband, Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke, a former First Pres Resident Minister, is currently serving as Associate Pastor of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. All are invited to join today via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028752320?pwd=SG5hc2RmeGhKUHRBcmdMNvJDZUIMUT09>.

Visit the 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 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.

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.

Get Ready... ADVENT IS HAPPENING! Our annual Advent Happening craft event is this Saturday, November 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This year we're back, and better than ever. We will fill the building with Advent preparations on each floor! All of your favorite crafts plus new and exciting options will be spread out from the Social Hall and 1st floor to the 3rd floor children's wing. Join us for candle making, ornament making, cookie decorating (to go), as well as paper lace banner cutting and a communal art project.

Poinsettias for Christmas. If you wish to donate a poinsettia to beautify our December 19 and December 24 worship services, the cost is \$20. You can donate in memory or honor of a loved one. Poinsettias will be delivered to those in need by our Deacons following those services. Thank you for your donation! The deadline is Sunday, December 12, at midnight. Sign up either online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w1w3mdbe1sxyhze/> or in the Main Office.

Advent Mission Event: Save the Date! Sunday, December 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Join us for a First Sunday special intergenerational mission event in our Social Hall with Rise Against Hunger as we pack 10,000+ meals for those in need. Donations are also welcomed to help fund the cost of the meals. Contact Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to sign up.

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. We look forward to you joining as a full or affiliate member.

All-Church Bonfire is TONIGHT! Everyone is 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.

Our November Communion Food Donations and Financial Contributions will be overseen by Campus Ministry. Monetary donations will be sent to Washtenaw Community College Student Emergency Fund which provides food cards to needy students. Donated food will be given to Community Action Network (C.A.N.).

A Hope Clinic and First Pres Thanksgiving. This year for Thanksgiving we are donating bags of food to Hope Clinic. Please visit the Social Hall to get a list of the food that goes into the bags. Your bag is due back to the Social Hall by 3:00 p.m. on November 19.

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. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466.

Journeys, a Bible Study for women, meets virtually this Thursday, November 18. For more details contact Resident Minister and facilitator, Matthew Warfield, at mwarfield@firstpresbyterian.org or Coordinator, Beth Gerwig at bgerwig@comcast.net.

Expand Your Faith with Presbyterian Women (PW). There are several monthly Bible studies that all women of the church are welcome to attend. These include two Horizons Bible Studies on the second Thursday of each month and a weekly study of Paul's "Letters to the Ephesians & Galatians" hosted by Meg Brown in her home on Wednesdays. Contact Meg (lmegbrown@gmail.com) for more information and to request to be added to an email list to receive timely updates on other matters of interest to PW.

Mature Singles meet on Friday nights. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

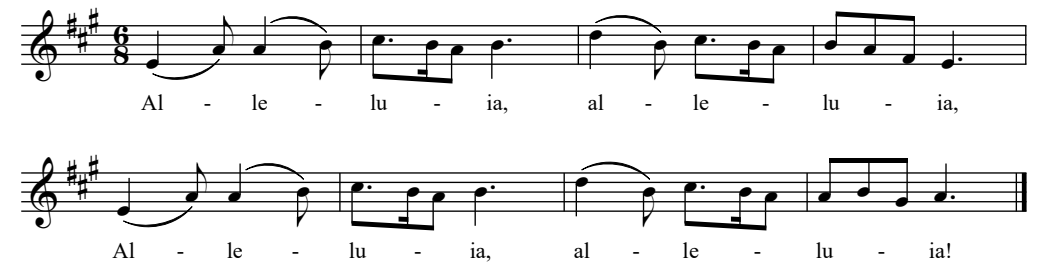
Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece Stewardship Update. Thank you to all who have returned your pledge and Opportunity to Serve forms. As of October 8, we have 287 pledges for \$1,101,427, representing 66.8% of our goal. Every pledge counts. We do expect expenses to rise in unpredictable ways next year. It's not too late to pledge so we can continue to grow the worship, mission and programs of First Pres. Pledge forms are available in the Church Office or online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



This is Hymn 587, Alleluia (CELTIC ALLELUIA).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:2–3
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:32–39
The grass withers, the flower fades; **the word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON *Sabbath Sensibility*

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *From the End of the Earth* Alan Hovhaness
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Communion Card.

SENDING

* HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

* 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

Canticle of the Sun

arr. Paul A. Tate

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Reader – David Zelisse; Preacher – Amy Morrison Heinrich; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Marty Reineman; Communion Servers – Cheryl and Ron Gulbranson

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.



We welcome back Rev. Amy Morrison Heinrich as our preacher today. Amy currently serves as the Associate Pastor for Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, Ill. She previously served at First Pres, Ann Arbor, as Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry, in partnership with the Ecumenical Center and International Residence. Amy received her Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City and served as Chaplain at Colorado College and Austin College, and as Campus Pastor at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

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

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

The Bible at 11 o'clock (Curtis Room; Zoom option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117387186>). Join us for our study of Isaiah.

Exploring the Faith (Sanctuary)

"Julian of Norwich: A Mystic for Our Times" will be presented by Amy Morrison Heinrich, former Campus Minister at First Pres. She is current president and chair of the Harold M. and Adeline S. Morrison Family Foundation. Amy, an ordained Presbyterian pastor, calls herself a "theologian" because of her passion for stewardship of creation and Celtic spirituality. Her church is an "Earth Care Congregation" with an organic garden serving food pantry guests.

First Friends (Lewis Room; Zoom option: <https://emich.zoom.us/j/87604338825>)

Discussion of *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. (Video is available on Netflix.)

FAITH FORMATION LATER TODAY

Youth Group meets this evening at the All Church Bonfire. Contact Rev. Mares for more information (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. 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. For more information, email t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org.