

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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*On the Seventh Day*  
Jan Richardson



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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.

**Call to worship:**

The worship of God is the central purpose of the church. The primary focus of worship is not to inspire or motivate us (although we may be inspired and motivated) but to love God for God's sake. The call to worship, then, grabs our attention and beckons us to focus on God. It reminds us why God is praiseworthy and deserving of our worship.

Christian worship is more than a passive response to God's revelation. It is in itself — proclamation. Worship both announces the good news of God's love for all the world and invites all people to share God's saving embrace.

This active response would not be possible without the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who endows the community of faith and individual Christians with the gifts that are necessary for God's service.

# GATHERING

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*My Lord, What a Morning*  
Sanctus Ringers

arr. Sandra Eithun

## 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*

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## 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...**

## SILENT PRAYER

## KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



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

## 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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*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.**

#### ANTHEM

*From the End of the Earth*

Alan Hovhaness

Chancel Choir

Hear me cry, O God; from the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee,  
When my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
For Thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.  
I will trust in the covert of Thy wings. Alleluia.

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:32-39

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

#### SERMON

*Sabbath Sensibility*

**This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, "Widow of Zarephath,"** is found on page 84.

**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.



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

**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.

**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.

**Worship Leaders:** Welcome – Melissa Anne Rogers; Liturgists – Jay Sanderford, Evans McGowan, and Matthew Warfield; Scripture Readers – Meribeth Gandy, Melissa Anne Rogers, and Amy Morrison Heinrich; Children's Message – Megan Berry; Preacher – Amy Morrison Heinrich; Musicians – Sanctus Ringers and Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Greeters – Victor and Marlene Stoeffler and Carol Fletcher; Ushers – Len Rezmierski (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Clem Gill, Keith Molin, Beth Sanderford, and Joe Schmidt

**Chancel flowers** are given in honor of Debbie Ternes and Robin Agnew in gratitude for their work with the Stephen Ministry Grief Book Ministry.

**A red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Warner Robert Paine, born October 28, 2021, son of Lindsley and Andrew Paine.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Anne Kloack and Bruce Thomson. "A day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power." — Edwin Harvey

**Join us for Coffee Hour** immediately following the Closing Voluntary. The weather-dependent location will be announced in church. Cookie bakers are Betty Anderson and Diane Knibbs.

## 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** (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** joins everyone at the All-Church Bonfire tonight! Contact Rev. Mares for more information ([mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto:t2a2@firstpresbyterian.org).

# 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. There is ample parking.

**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 this Friday, November 19, at 3:00 p.m. If you want to learn more about this opportunity, check out this page on Hope Clinic's webpage: <https://thehopeclinic.org/thanksgiving-2021>.

**Elizabeth (Essie) Koenig-Reinke will be ordained** as a Minister of Word and Sacrament today Sunday, November 14, 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 in worship today via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89028752320?pwd=SG5hc2RmeGhKUHRBcmdMNVDZUIMUT09>.

**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, 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](http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022).

**Coffee Hour** with coffee and sweets returns to our Social Hall on November 21! Please continue to wear your mask when not actively eating and drinking while remaining in the Social Hall.

**Please help support First Pres as we host the Rotating Shelter, January 3–16, 2022.** Up to 25 men will be directed here by the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County for overnight shelter. Following Covid guidelines, volunteers are needed as evening hosts (6:30–9:00 p.m.), overnight hosts (8:30 p.m.–7:00 a.m.), and for awake watch-duty shifts from 10:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m.). Sign up for the shift(s) that best fit your calendar at this site address: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4aa8a62ea3fe3-first>. Donations of new warm clothing or pre-packaged food snacks/juice boxes may be dropped off in the Welcome Center. Financial donations are also welcome by using the following link: [Designated Donation](#). For more information, contact Jim Peggs (734-646-9412) or Marcey Terrien (480-833-7019).

**Circles, a relationship-based program designed to permanently break the cycle of poverty,** is actively recruiting for volunteers. Allies training will begin in January of 2022. Allies are volunteers who will accompany a low-income participant and their family on their journey out of poverty and into economic security. Learn more about this Friends In Deed program at <https://www.friendsindeedmi.org/circles/>.

**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.

**Our annual Nativity Service has a new date and time this year. It will be on Sunday, December 19, at 11:15 a.m.** All children ages 3 and older are invited to participate. Children who are comfortable reading are encouraged to sign up as scripture readers. There are also non-speaking parts for a multitude of children: Star Bearers, Angels, Shepherds and Magi. The parent information meeting is Sunday, December 5, at 10:45 a.m., in our Family Space (room 301). Please sign up to participate using this link: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/nativity-worship-pageant-registration/>.

**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! Sign up either online at <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w1w3mdbe1sxyhze/> or in the Main Office. The deadline is Sunday, December 12, at midnight.

**Advent Mission Event: Save the Date! Sunday, December 5, from 6:00 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](mailto:emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org)) for more information and to sign up.

**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.

**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!

**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. We are reading *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, a Bible Study for women,** meets via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>) this Thursday, November 18 from 11:30 to 1:00. Remaining dates this fall are December 2 and December 16. For more details contact Resident Minister and facilitator, Matthew Warfield, at [mwarfield@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mwarfield@firstpresbyterian.org) or Coordinator, Beth Gerwig at [bgerwig@comcast.net](mailto:bgerwig@comcast.net).

**Expand Your Faith with Presbyterian Women.** There are several monthly Bible studies that all women of the church are welcome to attend. Contact Meg Brown ([lmegbrown@gmail.com](mailto:lmegbrown@gmail.com)) for more information. PW sends out timely information in email blasts so that all women of the church may stay connected. Let Meg know if you would like to be added to the email list.

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

**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>.

**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](mailto: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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