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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



Jesus, the Gerasene, and the Unclean Spirits

Joyfully welcoming our new Lead Pastor, the Rev. David Prentice-Hyers!

The Rev. David Prentice-Hyers was unanimously elected to be Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church by a vote of the congregation on Sunday, May 1. His ministry with us begins **TODAY!**

Dave was born in North Carolina and grew up in east Tennessee. He received his BA from Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, in 1994, and his M. Div. from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2001. Dave was ordained in 2003 and also holds a certification in Clinical Pastoral Education.



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.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *A New Hidin' Place* H. T. Burleigh

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the presence of God, who loves us one and all.

All: We come, those who seem perfect, those who are at peace.

One: We come, those who feel tarnished, those who are discomforted.

All: We come together to worship God,

One: all of us,
all loved,
all called,
all forgiven,

All: for all our hope is in God.

* HYMN 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of earthquake, wind, and fire,
God of healing touch and uniting love,
God of our ancestors, neighbors, and grandchildren,
We are drawn by Your Spirit
calling out to our own souls,
for You are the source of all life,
the home to which we will return.
We are crafted in Your divine image: we rejoice;
we fall short of Your perfect love: we lament;
we contribute to the pain of others: we confess;
we fear what we do not understand: we repent.**

Two more Summer Jazz Vespers will take place on Saturdays, July 16 and August 13, at 5 p.m. on the Front Lawn. The Paul Keller Jazz Quintet will lead these services. If the weather is inclement, the services will move inside to the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join us as we worship.

Local Mission Grant Program is gearing up. Every year First Pres supports our neighbors in need through grants to local community agencies. In 2021, we distributed \$73,000 through 12 grants each worth between \$5,000–10,000. Some grants go to long-time partners while others go to new applicants. During January we will review our funding priorities and update the application process. Contact Martha Kershaw at mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net if you would like to participate. Visit our web page at <https://www.firstpres-byterian.org/mission/local-missions/local-mission-grant-program> for more information.

The Chancel Choir is grateful to Imani Mchunu, soprano section leader, and Catherine Moore, alto section leader, for sharing their gifts and talents with the choir while studying at UM. Below is what each of them will be doing in their next life chapter.

Imani has accepted a position with the US Army Chorus to be among the first wave of female singers enlisted into an historically all male ensemble. After basic training this summer, she will relocate to the DC area and sing for government-related events around the city. "How wonderful and pleasant it is when the people of God live together in harmony! (Psalm 133:1) Friends, I am truly blessed to have lived and grown in Christ at First Presbyterian since the Fall of 2020. Thank you for your outpouring of love and support over the last two years. God Bless You!"

Catherine will be moving back home to New Jersey, where she was recently appointed as the new Choir Director at Mendham Township Middle School. She also looks forward to building her own private studio of piano students, and finding a new choir to join in the greater New York City area. "May God continue to bless you in your vibrant ministry here at First Pres."

Robin Agnew retired from her position as Administrative Assistant June 9. She worked for First Pres for six years, enjoying the many interactions with members of the congregation as well as working with the amazingly wonderful admin staff. She leaves to have more time with her husband and extended family in Ann Arbor. We are grateful for Robin's excellent work and numerous contributions for six years. She will be deeply missed.

Ukrainian Appeal: Our Presbyterian response to the situation in Ukraine will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead. The needs for the response are great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give | Act | Pray: **Give:** Gifts may be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through First Pres. Checks marked "Ukraine" may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to First Pres. Give online here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/campaign/C-115MR>. **Act:** Send gifts. **Pray** for peace.

Our June donations and financial contributions support the Hunger Ministry Program of the Presbytery of Detroit. Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by Presbyterian Women.

The Pentecost Offering 2022 will be received through the month of June. 60% of your Pentecost gift goes to exciting national Presbyterian ministries helping children, youth ministries and young adults develop their faith. 40% will support Growing Hope of Ypsilanti, Michigan, a local Washtenaw program that supports people to grow, prepare, and eat nourishing food through hands-on educational opportunities at their urban farm, education events, and community activism. Through workshops, trainings, and field trips, Growing Hope educates youth, adults, and seniors to enhance gardening experience and skills. Please give to the Pentecost Special Offering by clicking on the Donate to First Presbyterian Link on our website, or send a donation to the church office noting Pentecost Offering in the memo line.

Fast-Track this Summer! Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. David Prentice-Hyers at 11 a.m. on select Sundays. The next opportunity to join is **TODAY**, June 19, at 11 a.m. The process takes about half an hour as we get to know you, and you get to know us! Following the joining, there will be a new member class for you to attend to complete the process (date to be determined). You don't need to register ahead of time. We'll be there and ready to receive you if the Holy Spirit leads you to join on one of those Sundays! There are more fast-track opportunities on July 10 and 24, and August 7 and 21. Speak to a Pastor or call the Church Office with questions! Come on in and join the First Pres party!

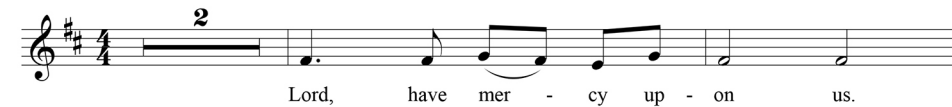
You already belong – now join! A new member class will be held on Sunday, June 26, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the home of Marti and Tim Wendler, just off Liberty Road on Ann Arbor's west side. If you've fast-tracked to membership, we hope you will complete the process with this class. If you are still thinking about membership, please join us to learn about First Pres, so that you can discern whether joining First Pres is what God is calling you to do. You can join as a full member or an affiliate member. Whoever you are, you already belong! We hope you will find a deeper connection with our whole congregation, and a vibrant, life-giving faith here at First Pres.

**In our return to You who never leave
we seek Your transforming and renewing spirit,
knowing You do not withhold yourself from us,
not now, not ever: praise be to You, O God!...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



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

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;

eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies (LASST UNSERFREUEN)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 22:19–28

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 8:26–39
The grass withers, the flower fades; **the word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *I Know the Lord* Alice Parker
Chancel Choir Section Leaders and Abby Peterson Kasenow, soloist
Oh, I know the Lord's laid his hands on me. Did ever you see the like before?
King Jesus preaching to the poor. He always knows the sinner's need.
Makes the deaf to hear and the blind to see. Did ever you feel his healing hand?
He touched, and made the cripple stand. I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.
My Lord's done just what he said, My Lord healed the sick and he raised the dead.
I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

COMMUNION MUSIC *On Bended Knees* H. T. Burleigh

SENDING

* HYMN 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

* 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!**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *A Jubilee* H. T. Burleigh

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside the Sanctuary (or Monteith Hall) in a basket. Wearing this helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website to let us know you are here.

The 9:30 worship service is broadcast on WAAM 1600 radio at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Liturgists – Jay Sanderford and Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Reader – Nancy Fox; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Communion Server – Nancy Fox; Dave VanderMeer, conductor; Pianist – Josh Marzan; and Chancel Choir Section leaders

When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief. This summer, our First Pres staff will endeavor to wear fun sneakers in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J. was an avid sneaker head and even wore sparkly shoes during his ordination service. His shoes not only brought him joy, but were another way for him to express his personality. Join us and wear your favorite sneakers to worship this summer!

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, and 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.



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The adult faith formation work group is looking for your input to inform our planning for the fall and beyond. Whether you have been involved in the past or not, we'd love to hear your opinions! Fill out the survey here: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/w12n5nt51mfhbm0/>.