

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 21, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Old Woman Dancing
Ernst Barlach

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.

The liturgy is adapted and shortened from *Spill the Beans*, 2022.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Lobe den Herren, BWV 650*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Alpha House

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Above us,
beneath us,
God our maker,

All: Help us be attentive to you.

One: Among us,
beside us,
Jesus, our friend.

All: Help us be attentive to each other.

One: Within us,
between us,
God's breath of life
As we worship you:

All: Help us be attentive to our own souls.

* **HYMN 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Parenting God,
we gather as brothers, sisters, and siblings,
bound by our love for you
and for the wonderful universe
you have created.**

**We come to sing and share
of your love.**

**We come to listen and learn
of your call.**

**Created in your image,
we each have a part to play
in bringing your kingdom close.**

**We come into your presence
aware of our faults and failings.**

**We come and offer our apologies
for all we have done
or failed to do this past week.**

We ask your forgiveness
and seek to be transformed again
Into the shape of your love.

We know we have work to do
to bring peace and justice
Help us to do the work for our siblings near and far.
Give us strength and courage
to step out in your name.
Help us take your love to all in need.
Amen, which simply means may it be so.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

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

This is Hymn 575, *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us* (PARDINI).

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, A - men. World with - out
Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
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* (VASILE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:9b–14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:10–17

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 795

Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Lord of the Dance

arr. Dan Hart

Benton DeGroot, Baritone

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on.

(Refrain)

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance,
Said he, And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
And they left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. *(Refrain)*

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story*, *Jesus Heals a Woman on the Sabbath*, is found on page 256.

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

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* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **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 797** *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* YE BANKS AND BRAES

* **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 *Praise to the Lord* setting by Paul Manz

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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 in a basket. Wearing this button helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. If you are with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website.

The 9:30 worship service may be accessed in two ways throughout the week. Those who do not attend in person and those who do but would like to experience worship again are invited to:

- **Listen via Dial-a-Podcast.** Simply dial (734) 808-3099. The weekly worship service will be available at 11 a.m. each Sunday and may be accessed through the following Saturday.
- **Watch via First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor's YouTube channel located at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi4UFJ0Spvowsk7EnVXs6CQ>.** Livestreaming begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. The service is recorded and will be available on YouTube beyond Sunday morning.

While our radio broadcast has been discontinued, we want to assist those who are unable to attend worship in person and who had previously relied on the radio, in joining us for worship via Dial-a-Podcast, Livestream, or recorded service. Please contact the Church Office at (734) 662-4466 if we could be of assistance.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Hannah Lundberg; Liturgists – Jay Sanderford and Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Reader – Christian Vercler; Children's Message – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Soloist – Benton DeGroot, Baritone; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Cyndy Colton, Hugh Daly, Linda Lampman, and Angela Yang; Welcome Center – Prue Heikkinen; Greeters – Deborah MacVey

Chancel Choir is on recess until late August. During this time, soloists will provide musical leadership. We thank Chancel Choir members for their ongoing musical leadership throughout the program year. Please consider joining the choir on their retreat this Friday and Saturday, August 26–27, here at the church. If you are interested in joining Chancel Choir (High School – Adults), contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts (dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Susan Rose Reynolds by her family, who will always miss and cherish her; and in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife Julie on their 40th wedding anniversary.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Michele Derr and Felicity Williams. "Prayer is a silent surrendering of everything to God." – Soren Kierkegaard

Join us for a time of fellowship today on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Our August donations and financial contributions support the Hunger Ministries 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 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by Presbyterian Women.

Fast-Track this Summer! Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. Prentice-Hyers at 11 a.m. on select Sundays. There is a fast-track opportunity **TODAY**, Sunday, August 21. 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 on October 2. 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!

First Pres offers a host of opportunities for being engaged in the ministry of service in our Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw communities. The Local Mission Committee can connect you and your family with ministries in housing/homeless, refugee resettlement, food & meal ministries, children, youth, and family ministries, and programs that lift our neighbors out of poverty. We strive to be a church that cares and is engaged with compassionate service in our community. For information, visit our Local Community Mission website, or contact Rev. Jay Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

Feeding Our Neighbors 2022

This summer, our neighbors in Washtenaw County and Detroit are spending 11% more on groceries, meaning that an even higher percentage of their budgets goes to providing food for their families. So, our neighbors need all of us now more than ever. One important local source of high-quality food comes from University of Michigan home football games, when First Pres volunteers collect unsold food from 40 concession stands, store the food in large walk-in freezers overnight and then on Monday, deliver the food to Cass Community Social Services and the Detroit Rescue Mission. It's fun, easy, important and eye-opening work as our volunteers witness the inner workings of Michigan Stadium after all the fans have gone home. Each year we save more than 8,000 lbs. of high-value food that supports our neighbors, individuals, and families. Our volunteer project reduces the food insecurity felt by our Detroit neighbors in a positive and visible way. The UM football season starts Saturday, September 3, with a 12:00 p.m. game. Easy parking is available outside the north gate (Gate 9) with free access during the fourth quarter. Sign up online (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FAAAF2DAA8-food>) or contact Don Redding at (734) 669-2976 to volunteer to feed our neighbors.

For information about children's ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org. Please use this link to sign up to join us for our last Summer Backyard BBQ on August 27: <https://forms.gle/11T2cMyeEk49tKES7>.

For information about youth ministry, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Youth, and Families, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief. This summer, First Pres staff will wear fun sneakers in memory of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J., who was an avid sneakerhead. Join us and wear your favorite sneakers to worship!

College Students! Are you a student (or know of a student) who will be studying at a local college or university this fall? Rev. Lundberg would love to meet you! We're planning more activities for UKirk@UMich, the First Pres college group, for the upcoming year and want to know what interests you! Contact Hannah at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more.

Serving at the Lord's Table. Have you been ordained in the past to serve as an Elder or Deacon? Would you be willing to serve communion occasionally in the future? As we continue to serve communion to our growing and "returning" congregation in both traditional and new ways, we would welcome your service. Stephen Ministers are also welcome to serve (per approval of the Session.) If you have been ordained, or have been commissioned as a Stephen Minister and would be willing to add your name to occasionally serve at the Lord's Table, please contact Michele Madden at michelemadden0@gmail.com.

"Grief Conversations", our monthly conversation for those who are coping with loss, was on hiatus for the summer has returned and will be every 2nd Tuesday on Zoom at 11 a.m. Join us for one hour together to learn about grief and share with one another some of the challenges. Rev. Rogers is the facilitator. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87990641051>.

Pastoral Care Notes

We celebrate the lives and grieve the deaths of our members who have recently joined the Church Triumphant, giving thanks for the words of Jesus, who said, "Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

† Bob Ellis died on August 11. No services are planned at this time.

† Rev. Bill Polkowski died on August 1. He was a Presbyterian minister, and was a member of the Presbytery of Detroit. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on August 31, at 3 p.m.



A Mosaic of Hope Sundays at First Pres

Join us for Kickoff Sunday, September 11!

- 8 a.m. Worship with Communion in Monteith Hall
A time of fellowship follows the service
- 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Service livestreamed on our YouTube page and Facebook
A time of fellowship follows the service
- 10:45–11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 11–11:50 a.m. Faith Formation for Youth and Adults,
including *Exploring the Faith*, *First Friends*, and *The Bible @ 11 o'clock*
- 11:00 a.m. The 9:30 Service is available via Dial-A-Podcast (734) 808-3099.
- 11:15–11:50 a.m. Faith Formation for Children
- 6 p.m. Youth Group
- 7 p.m. T2A2 Twenties and Thirties Group
- 7:30 p.m. UKirk@Umich College Ministry

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Parish Nurse

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Rev. Hannah Lundberg
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Rev. Mark Mares
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