

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."

† Duane Locke died on August 12. No services are planned at this time.

† Virginia Patton Moss died on August 18. No local services are planned at this time.

† June Bixler died on August 18. A memorial service will be in Monteith Hall on Wednesday, September 14, at 2 p.m.



A Mosaic of Hope Fall 2022 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
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- 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
- The 9:30 Service is available via Dial-A-Podcast (734) 808-3099 beginning at 11 a.m., and available throughout the week.
- 6 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. T2A2 Twenties and Thirties Group
- 7:30 p.m. UKirk@Umich College Ministry

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 28, 2022 • 8:00 a.m.



The Poor Invited to the Feast
JESUS MAFA

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 la manière de Chabrier* Maurice Ravel

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

All: Let us worship together, the young and the old.

One: We come together with different abilities and disabilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

All: Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

One: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed,
“Let the children come!”

All: Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.

* **HYMN 645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts
so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good,
and that which is hurtful and hateful.
We confess that we do not follow you in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to you as the source of our healing.
Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin,
and empower us to learn from Christ in love and service...**

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



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.

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 and meal ministries, children, youth, and family ministries, and programs that lift our neighbors out of poverty. For information, visit our Local Community Mission website, or contact Rev. Jay Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

T2A2 Kickoff Lunch and Lawn Games. T2A2 is the young adult (twenties and thirties) group of First Presbyterian Church. Interested in getting involved? Join us for a kickoff luncheon at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 4, at the picnic tables on the Front Lawn! Contact Hannah Lundberg at hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org for more details.

“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>.

All are invited to attend “Letting Go of Past Hurts: Forgiveness as a Path to Peace,” a lecture presented by Stephen Ministry on September 12, at 7 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Our speaker is Dr. Jennifer Griggs, MD, a UM breast oncologist, certified leadership coach, and First Pres member. This presentation will describe an evidence-based, trauma-informed approach to forgiveness using a framework of dignity, empathy for self and others, and will help us become more forgiving people. No registration is required. The lecture will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

Visit our new art exhibit in the Social Hall: *A Sanctity of Color*, by artist Fulvia Prundeanu. Fulvia is the wife of Adrian Prundeanu, our Facilities Manager. The artwork is for sale. Contact Dave VanderMeer for pricing.

Sign up to Meet Dave! this fall. We are asking folks who have not already attended to sign up for one of the fall *Meet Dave!* opportunities to be held in homes. You may register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-meet1>

End Gun Violence Virtual Interfaith Service. Southwest Michigan Interfaith Action and End Gun Violence Michigan are hosting an interfaith service on Thursday, September 8, 7–8 p.m. on Zoom. The event will include prayer, interfaith perspectives on the issue of gun violence, and a call to action. Register here to receive a link to the event: <https://migunsafety.civicrm.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=5>. To learn more about social justice activities at First Pres, contact SJAG@firstpresbyterian.org.

Democracy, Race, Social Class, and Black Spirituality

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Dr. Randal Maurice Jelks to First Presbyterian on September 11, for a time of discussion on democracy, race, social class, and Black spirituality. Randal Maurice Jelks is a professor, a documentary producer, and award-winning author. He was an executive producer of the documentary *I, Too, Sing America: Langston Hughes Unfurled* and he currently teaches American Studies, African Studies, and African American Studies at the University of Kansas. His writings have appeared in the *Boston Review* and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and he serves as co-editor of the academic journal *American Studies*.

Please join us for two sessions:

**Discussion of Dr. Jelks' latest book,
Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America
Montieth Hall at 11 a.m.**

Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy is an exploration of democracy through the lens of the histories of Black Protestants in their efforts to build a more inclusive society. Dr. Jelks believes that all persons should explore the spiritual roots of democracy through the experience of Black freedom struggles, which birthed persons from Sojourner Truth to Martin Luther King, Jr. Books will be available for purchase and Dr. Jelks will be available to sign them.

**Race, Social Class, and Presbyterians
Social Hall at 4 p.m.**

This talk explores why Presbyterian Churches are often not inclusive places of community, and the ways that the church can open themselves up to all people, but particularly Black Americans. Dr. Jelks will refer to the suggested reading:

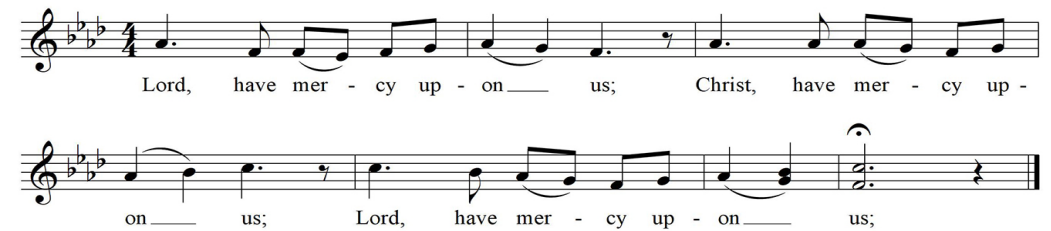
<https://justiceunbound.org/waters-of-babylon-to-be-an-african-american-presbyterian/>

This session will be followed by dinner. Please reserve your spot here:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfAnnArbor/dinnerwithrevrandaljelks>

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



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

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee.
Spring thou up within my heart.
Rise to all eternity.**

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 440, *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (ABERYSTWYTH).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 25:6–7
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7–14
The grass withers, the flower fades; **The word of the Lord endures forever.**

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Sonatine, M. 40: II. Mouvement de menuet* Maurice Ravel

* Doxology

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Please refer to the Communion Card.

Communion Music *Prelude in A Minor* Maurice Ravel

SENDING

* **HYMN 372** *O for a World* AZMON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *A la manière de Borodin* Maurice Ravel

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are a guest with us, please wear a rose window button so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome.

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Megan Berry; Scripture Reader – Nancy Fox; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Communion Servers – Jean Song and Anne Carney; Pianist – Josh Marzan; Usher – Brian Rubel

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Join us for a time of fellowship at our annual Ice Cream Social today following the 9:30 worship service, on the Circle Terrace. We will be dazzled by the incredible sounds of the Kerrytown Vocal Jazz Quintet.

Welcome Back, College Students! We'd love to get to know you! Meet Hannah Lundberg at the back of the Sanctuary after worship to learn more about upcoming activities and get connected with UKirk@UMich. Then at 12:15, join us for lunch downtown (talk to Hannah for details!). Later in the week, we'll gather for ice cream at Washtenaw Dairy on Wednesday, August 31, at 8 p.m. There are many more activities planned over the next two weeks before our weekly college small group kicks off at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. Contact Hannah at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more!