

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 2022 • 9:30 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.

The Call to Worship comes from *Illustrated Ministry*.

Cover art: *The Poor Invited to the Feast*, a project of JESUS MAFA, a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings. This art is available through *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

GATHERING

HYMN SING

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...

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

**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 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.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Blessing of the Backpacks

God of fresh starts and new beginnings...
... We join our voices to together praying:

**God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.
Be with us as we ride the bus.
Be with us as we walk.
Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.
However we get there, and whatever we wear,
bless this journey into something new.
For the grown-ups going back to school, or to a new season at work,
be with them, God who is with us.**

**Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers,
colleagues, and leaders,
and for all they do to help us learn and grow.
God, our friend who's full of wonder,
fill their hearts and bless their hands.
Amen.**

The Blessing of the Backpacks litany comes from *Illustrated Ministry*.

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, A Loving Heart Helps Others, is found on page 314.

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

Ways to give:

click here:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>
or give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* **HYMN 509** *All Who Hunger; Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Non Nobis, Domine* Rosephanye Powell
Chancel Choir
Non Nobis, Domine, non nobis Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
Sed nomini tuo da gloriam. But to your name be the glory.

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

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro maestoso e vivace, Sonata IV for Organ Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Hannah Lundberg; Liturgists – Hannah Lundberg and Megan Berry; Scripture Reader – Levi Gehrke; Children's Message – Mark Mares and Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Hugh Daly, Rosanne Emanuele, Jeanette Middleton, Joe Schmidt, and Angela Yang; Greeters – Barbara Concannon and Nancy Tena; Welcome Center – Barbara Mueller and Lorna Prescott

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife Julie on their 39th wedding anniversary.

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Ronald Joseph Shunia III, born on August 7, 2021, to Carrie and Ron Shunia. RJ's grandparents are Jim and Patty Kennedy.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Michele Derr and Carol Gottliebsen. "We can do more than pray after we have prayed, but we cannot do more than pray before we have prayed." – John Bunyan

Join us for a time of fellowship at our annual Ice Cream Social today on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary. 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!

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. after worship on Sunday, September 4, at the picnic tables on the Front Lawn! Contact Hannah Lundberg at hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org for more details.

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

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>.

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 & 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.

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.

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>.

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>

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. She writes, "Many of us want to let go of the pain of the past and to forgive others, but we don't know how or where to start. We may also wish to forgive ourselves to untether from regret. 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.

Are you able to help in a small but meaningful way on Sunday? We need greeters for worship! Anyone can help. Can you volunteer? Show up and wear your name tag and welcome people to worship! Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-greeting>.

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.

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.

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.cognitofirms.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfAnnArbor/dinnerwithrevrandaljelks>

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.



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 YouTube
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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