

The Men's Study Group will meet next on Friday, September 16, and continue until May 2023, meeting on the first and third Friday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room (and on Zoom), for coffee, study, and conversation. A number of group members have suggested books for the fall and we will select a book soon. If you have an idea for a book, please send it to Jay Sanderford. All men are welcome! Books will soon be available for sale in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

Presbyterian Women's Fall Kick Off is this Thursday, September 8. Join us at 10:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room as we begin our Horizons Bible study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel. Not comfortable attending in person? Join us on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82929008064>. Questions? Contact Moderator Meg Brown at lmegbrown@gmail.com.

Mature Ministries Kick-Off is September 15, at 11 a.m., in the Social Hall. Sign up here! <https://www.cognitoforms.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfAnnArbor/MatureMinistriesLunchAndLearn20222023>



A Mosaic of Hope Fall 2022 at First Pres

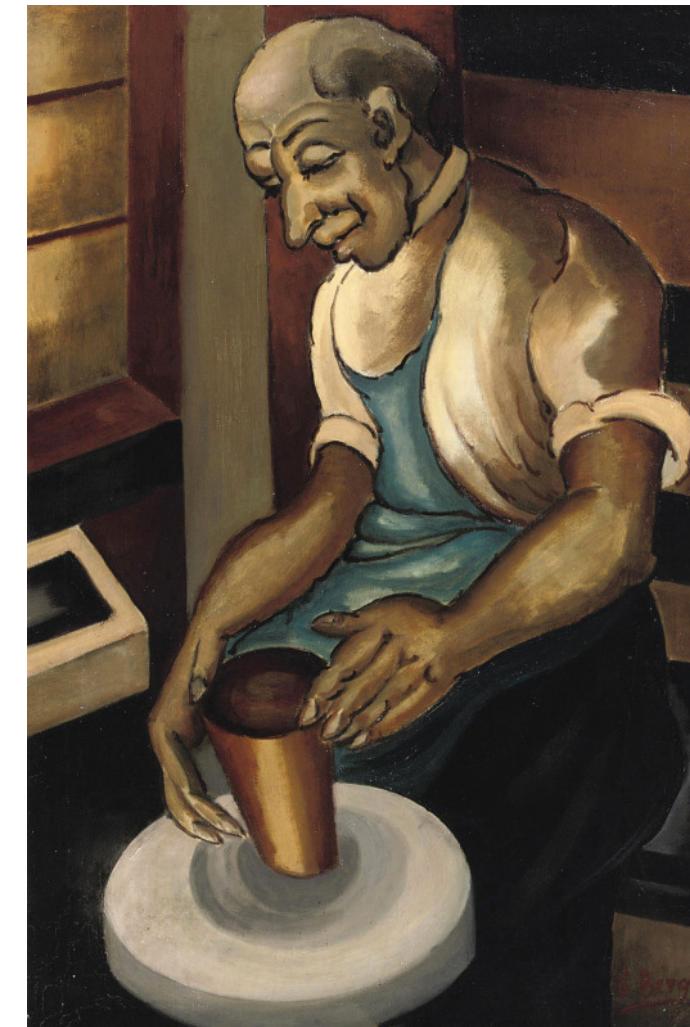
Join us for Kickoff Sunday, September 11!

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| 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
<i>Exploring the Faith, First Friends, and The Bible @ 11 o'clock</i>

The 9:30 Service is available via Dial-A-Podcast (734) 808-3099 beginning at 11a.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 |

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 • 8:00 A.M.



Potter
Elsa Berg

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

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the presence of God:

**Who knows us when we wake up and when we go to sleep,
and in all the moments in between.**

We gather in the house of God:

**who has created a family for us, here as well as in Mexico City,
in Belfast, and in Nairobi.**

We gather to be the people of God:

who appeals to us to follow in love, in faith, in service.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we come confessing. You have taught what is good,
and what it is that you require of us –

to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

But we have not been doers of your word.

You have taught us to love you with our whole hearts,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

But we have not been doers of Your word.

You have taught us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in your name,
and teaching them to follow your law.

But we have not been doers of Your word...

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 September donations and financial contributions support Food Gatherers.

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 T2A2/Young Adult group.

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 today at 11 a.m., at the picnic tables on the front lawn! Next week, join us at 7 p.m. offsite for a small group Bible study. Contact Hannah Lundberg at hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org for more details.

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.

"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 itself up to all people, but particularly Black Americans. Dr. Jelks will refer to the suggested reading:

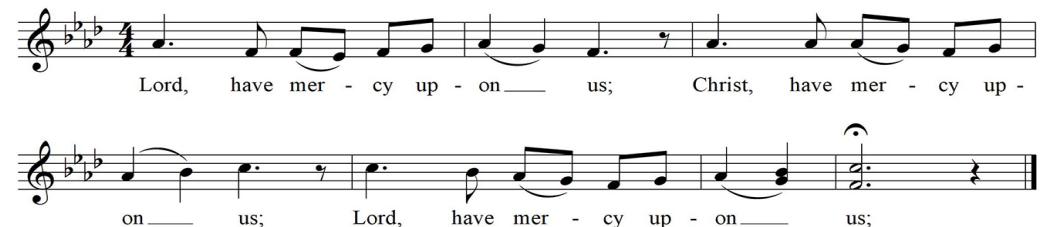
<https://justiceunbound.org/waters-of-babylon-to-be-an-african-american-presbyterian/>

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

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

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

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 UNS ERFREUEN).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1–6

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* 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 E Major

J. S. Bach

SENDING

* HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Prelude in B flat Major

J. S. Bach

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 – Hannah Lundberg; Scripture Reader – Diane Knibbs; Preacher – Mark Mares; Communion Servers – Jeanette Kibler and Diane Knibbs; Pianist – Josh Marzan; Usher – Marty Reineman

Thank you to Christopher MacKethan, potter for participating in today's worship service.

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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. You can also find our table at Pride Outside on Palmer Field TODAY from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., along with other LGBTQ+ affirming organizations! Join us tomorrow, September 5, at 2 p.m. to float down the Argo Cascades, or Tuesday at 8 p.m. for a scavenger hunt and ice cream social with other progressive campus ministry groups. Next week, on Sunday, September 11, we'll kick off our Sunday night small group at 7:30 pm. Contact Hannah at campus@firstpresbyterian.org for more details!

Mature Ministries Fall Field Trips! 60 and up? Learn more and sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-mature1>