



Jacob and The Angel

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 *Impressions on an Irish Folk Tune* Douglas Wagner
FPC Orchestra

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God transforms us.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in our lives.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

* **HYMN 694** *Great God of Every Blessing* AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess we have strayed away from your Word.

We cry out to you, O God.

We confess that we have allowed the worries of this world
to drive us away from your vision for our lives.

We cry out to you, O God.

We confess that there is strife and contention all around us.

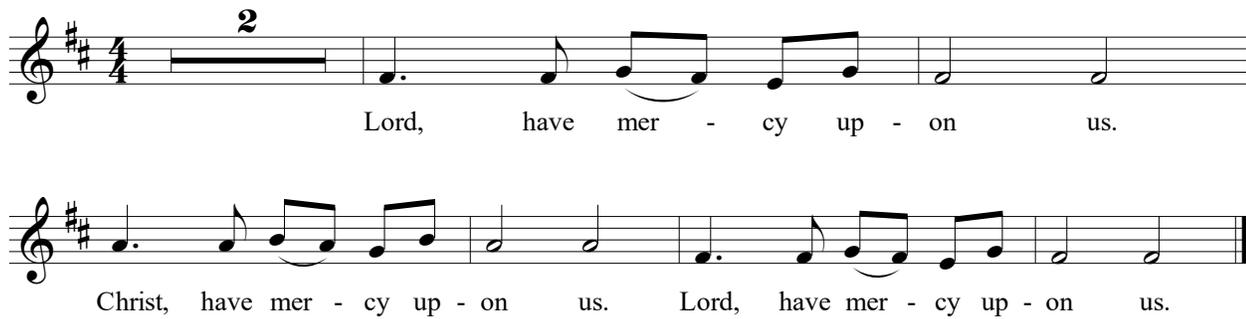
We cry out to you, O God.

**We are powerless
and have taken our focus off your Word.
We have not allowed your Word to work in our lives,
yet we continue to cry out to you in times of trouble and need.
Grant understanding and wisdom
that we may see your vision and apply it in our lives.
Hear our prayer, O God, and
Call us back to you...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



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

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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:97-105

God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God!

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES and THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

People of the church, at the baptism of children we promise to tell them of God's love, to help them understand Christ's commands, and to strengthen family ties within the household of God. Are we willing to renew this promise?

We renew our baptismal promise to children and their families to tell them the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God.

PRAYER

God of love and care, thank you for your word in the Bible and actively lived-in human lives through ages past and in the world today. Through reading and studying the Bible, through praying and worshiping, help us to know you and to know what we are to do to be your faithful people, following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may not be taken during the service.

Charlotte and Reid Sawtell present their daughter,
Clara Anne Ewels Sawtell, born June 14, 2022, for baptism.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

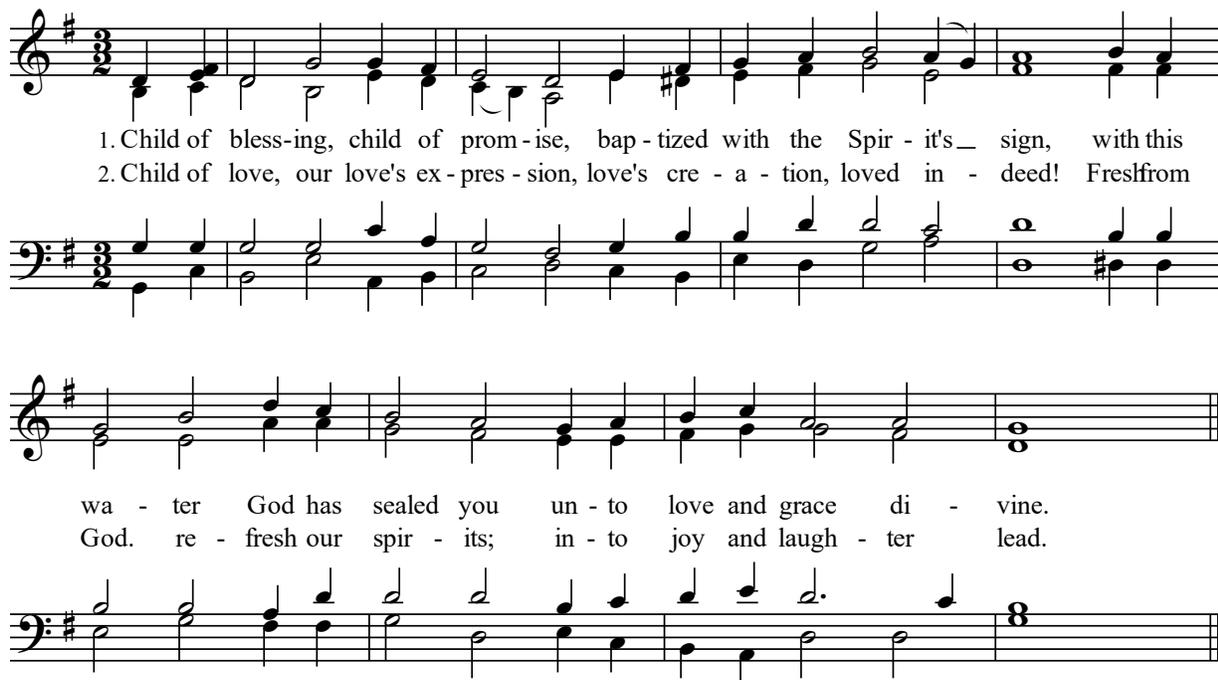
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's sign, with this
2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed! Fresh from
wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.
God. re-fresh our spir-its; in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

O Lord, Increase My Faith

David Schelat

Chancel Choir

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in Thy true faith. O Lord, endue me with wisdom, with charity, and patience. In all my adversity, teach me to say Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

* 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

When A Single Word Is Spoken
(see insert)

NETTLETON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sinfonia in F Major from Cantata No. 79

J.S. Bach/England

FPC Orchestra



Welcome

FIRST-TIME VISITORS AND MEMBERS

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship or use this QR code to sign our online Friendship Pad.



We are glad you are here! First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

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.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the Social Hall.

WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Welcome</i>	<i>Children's Message</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	Joe Schmidt
Jay Sanderford	Beca Torres-Davenport	Barbara Concannon	Linda Lampman
<i>Faith in Action</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Welcome Center</i>	Angela Yang
Charlotte Sawtell	Mark Mares	Pam Wood	Marolin Bellefleur
Jim Anderson	<i>Conductor</i>	Karen & Brian Hutcheon	Omer Bellfi
<i>Liturgists</i>	Dave VanderMeer	<i>Ushers</i>	
Jay Sanderford	<i>Organist</i>	Len Rezmierski (captain)	
Megan Berry	David Hufford	Keith Molin	
<i>Lector</i>	Chancel Choir	Clem Gill	
Selena Slosberg	FPC Orchestra	Cynthia Colton	

FLOWERS

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Don and Carnation Breckle on their anniversary by Diane and Randy Knibbs.

The two yellow rosebuds celebrate the births of

Charlotte Susan Armstrong, daughter of Katie and Drew Armstrong, born September 28, 2022.

Grandparents are Jamie Reynolds and the late Susan Rose Reynolds.

Ruairi Matthew Teucke, son of Ashley and Brian Teuke, born September 30, 2022.

Grandparents are Carol and Jeff Teucke.

BIBLES

As part of our Faith Formation Milestones, our third graders are presented Bibles from their church family. The following students will receive a Bible this morning:

Daniel Forger	Charlotte Gehrke	Meris Hoskins	Micah Johnson	Griffin Nale
Louise Evans	Levi Gehrke	Finlay Hyers	Allison Martin	Mira Tayter

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayer ministry meets in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service each Sunday. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer team members are Anne Andrus and Katie Parker. To sign up to serve as a member of the team, contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Faith Formation this Sunday

CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Children's Choir rehearsal today.

Children's Classes

11:15 am | Levels 1 & 3 Classrooms

Youth Classes

11:00 am | Youth Room

Confirmation Class

11:30 am | Off site

8th graders (or older who haven't taken confirmation) are invited to join this class as we ask questions of scripture, theology, history, and faith.

ADULTS

The Bible at 11 o'clock

11:00 am | French Room

A discussion-based class focused on biblical texts.

First Friends & Exploring the Faith

11:00 am | Monteith Hall & Zoom

Lecture-based class with guest speakers.

Julie Neuhauser and Renee Roedere will help us understand the issues that face the LGBTQ+ community and explore simple ways we can be more affirming in our thoughts and actions.

Kerygma

11:00 | Vance Room

EVENING GATHERINGS

Youth Group

6:00 pm | Youth Room

T2A2 Young Adult Group

7:00 pm | Off site

NEXT SUNDAY

Family Retreat

11:00 am Lecture | Monteith Hall

12:00 - 4:00 pm Retreat

Families are invited to our first Family Retreat next Sunday with guest speaker Dr. Karen-Marie Yust, Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary. The day will include lunch, Q & A with Dr. Yust, games, family spiritual practices, and a s'mores roast! Cost is \$10 per family; scholarships are available. For more information, contact btd@firstpresbyterian.org.

Ways to Give

Cash/Check

Place in the offering plate or in the mail

Text-to-Give

Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

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Scan the QR code



Announcements

ARTS

“Dancing Up the Walls: Paintings in Motion” by Peter Sparling —Plan to visit our new Art Exhibit in the Social Hall. “Dancing Up the Walls: Paintings in Motion” by Peter Sparling, will be available for viewing through December. All are invited to attend an Artist Reception and Talk on Friday, October 28, 7–9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a Silent Auction of nine of Peter’s paintings to benefit the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund.

***Requiem* by Maurice Duruflé and *Five Variants of “Dives and Lazarus”* by Ralph Vaughan Williams** will be presented by FPC’s Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Organ on All Saints’ Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A Love Offering will be received in support of the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund.

CONNECT

Welcome, College Students! Our college community, UKirk@UMich, typically meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm. This week we will not meet due to UM fall break. See you next week! Contact Hannah Lundberg at campus@firstpresbyterian.org for more information, and follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for regular updates.

Presbyterian Women (PW) hosts the Circles dinner on Tuesday, October 18. Volunteers are needed to prepare food and serve! Sign up by contacting Carole Hendrickson at hmcst42@gmail.com. InGathering, PW’s annual collection of donated items and money, supports Second Mile Center in Detroit this year. Donations of new towels, queen and king size sheets, clothing for children and teens, and \$25 gift cards to Kroger, Walmart, or Target are needed. Drop them off at the Welcome Center during October. Monetary donations are also welcome! Contact Joyce Himebaugh, joycehimebaugh@gmail.com.

The Men’s Study Group meets 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. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org. **Zoom Meeting ID:** 878 003 793

All women are invited to join Journeys Bible Study. This First Pres women’s study group meets on the first and third Thursdays, 11:30–1:00 pm, in the Curtis Room, facilitated by Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg. All meetings are hybrid. Questions? Contact Beth Gerwig, bgerwig@comcast.net.
Zoom Meeting ID: 295 007 173

CARE

Are you called to Stephen Ministry? A new class of Stephen Ministers will begin training in January. Is God calling you? Apply for the program, which includes 50 hours of training (on Zoom and in person) from January through May, and be commissioned to the most meaningful ministry of compassion you can imagine. For more info, see Rev. Rogers or any Stephen Minister at First Pres.

All Saints' Sunday is November 6. We hope you will worship with us. Names of members and family and friends of members who have died in the last year will be read during worship. Names may be submitted online at <https://bit.ly/3rdmtgc> or by contacting the Church Office by **Monday, October 24** at noon.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Advent is coming! If are willing to write a brief devotional to help guide this holy season, please let Rev. Rogers know (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). Once you sign up, you'll be given the theme and scriptures to reflect upon, and asked to write a short reflection. Scriptures and themes will be sent out in early November, and you'll have a few weeks to submit your devotional, along with a brief bio and picture. First-time authors especially encouraged, and our pastoral staff is there to provide lots of help!

MISSION

Our October food donations and special financial contributions support the hunger ministry 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 and delivered by Presbyterian Women.

STEWARDSHIP: ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Mosaic of Hope celebrates the vibrancy of our church and the incredible gifts that each one of us brings to our community. Each commitment pledge allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

As part of the First Pres community, you are invited to make a generous pledge to our church out of your financial resources and individual talents. The costs of ministry are increasing; we all know the impact of inflation. Please consider increasing your pledge or contribution for 2023, remembering that every amount helps. After you make your pledge or commitment, you are invited to place an individual tile on the large Mosaic of Hope display in the Sanctuary.

If you have any questions, please contact **Anna Miller, Finance Manager, 734-662-4466**. To make a pledge online, visit bit.ly/FPC2023

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