



“The Tribute Money”
Jacek Malczewski

21ST SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

October 22, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Mist Over the Lake* Jan Freidlin
Yuki Harding, oboe and MaryLou Roberts, guitar

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in devotion to the One who is Justice, Mercy, and
Compassion.

We turn our hearts toward the One who delivers us from evil.

Attuned to imbalances of power, God draws near to those in struggle.

Empowering the people, God's love is manifest in action.

Challenging our complicity.

Championing our capability.

May the Spirit come and align our lives with God.

* HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Strengthening One, this morning we remember all those who are
putting their bodies and resources on the line for good. There are so
many ways to rise up for each other. As we find ourselves inspired
by the actions of others, may we access the strength and wisdom you
have given each of us. That we may all bring our gifts to the move-
ment of your kindom....**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



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

ABERYSTWYTH

**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.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON *A Fistful of Dollars and a Pocketful of Blasphemy*

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from class at the end of worship.

RESPONDING

ANTHEM

Show Me Thy Ways

Walter L. Pelz

Chancel Choir, Yuki Harding, Oboe, MaryLou Roberts, Guitar

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths;
Lead me in thy truth and teach me;
For thou art the God of my salvation.
And on thee do I wait all the day.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Reverie

Judy Phillips

Sanctus Ringers and Sonia Lee, Violin

* 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 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Un Dia de Noviembre* Leo Brouwer
Yuki Harding, Oboe and MaryLou Roberts, Guitar

*The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Joan Phister by her
daughter Cathy and husband Bill King.*

**Ways to give:
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plate or in the mail

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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

- 1. Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
- 2. Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. Parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

Worship Resources Online

A replay of today's service and select adult faith formation classes are available on our YouTube channel, [youtube.com/FirstPresA2](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresA2).

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level during the worship service. Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children in 2nd grade and older will be independently dismissed from their classrooms at the conclusion of worship. Children in 1st grade or younger will remain in their classrooms and must be picked up by an adult. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Tommy Langejans
Nathaniel Fryer

Lay Reader

Zach Monsma

Musicians

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
Yuki Harding, oboe
MaryLou Roberts, guitar

Guest Organist

Brent Ivey

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Bob Andrus
Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Jim Cameron
Dick Carlisle
Carol Carter
Spaulding Clark
Joe Schmidt

Welcome Center
Kristi Lin

Hillegonds Chapel

Prayer Partners

Beth Gerwig
Michele Derr

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

9:30 AM

**Children &
Youth Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

10:30 AM

Social Hour
Circle Terrace

10:45 AM

**Lemon Chapel
Singers**
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

5:30 PM

Youth Group
Youth Room

FAITH FORMATION @ FIRST

9:30
AM

Children's Formation

Children will move to their classrooms with their teachers after the Conversations with Young Disciples

4 Years Old - 5th Grade
K-1st - Room 302
2-3rd - Room 303
4-5th - Room 304

Youth Formation

Middle School
6-8 Grade
Youth Room

11:00
AM

Adult Formation

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Health and Body Wellness

Lewis Room
Speaker: Janet Neice,
Co-Founder of Bold Fit

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament Epistles:

James; 1, 2, & 3 John
French Room & Zoom
Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Simon Peter:

Flawed but Faithful
Curtis Room & Zoom
Host: Carol Pawloski

Childcare (5 & under) is available from 8:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in First Level Classrooms

For a full listing of offerings and upcoming events, please visit firstpresbyterian.org

MISSION

Alpha House Week of Caring

Monday, November 6 through
Sunday, November 12

The Alpha House provides temporary housing and food and support services for homeless families in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. The shelter is always at capacity (6 families), and is located at 4290 Jackson Road. We are seeking volunteers to provide main dishes, side dishes, weekend brunch, as well as your time to provide childcare after dinner. The pantry list will be available in a couple of weeks. Questions? Please contact Diane Knibbs at dbreckle@umich.edu. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Rotating Shelter

Rotating Shelter returns to First Pres in January! Save the date: January 1-15, 2024! Please consider volunteering to donate food/snacks/warm clothing/hospitality when we turn our church home into an overnight home for a select group of 18-20 un-housed men. Watch for sign-up opportunities in November.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

All Saints' Sunday Concert

Sunday, November 5
3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

W.A. Mozart's *Requiem* will be presented by FPC's Chancel Choir, Soloists, Orchestra, and Organ on All Saints' Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A Love Offering will be received in support of the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thank Offering

The Presbyterian Women Thank Offering (presbyterianwomen.org/thank) encourages women to make donations in gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Contributions are sent to national Presbyterian Women, where they are dispersed as grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the those grants fund projects serving health ministries. Donate at firstpresbyterian.org or write a check to "Presbyterian Women" with "Thank Offering" on the memo line.

WORSHIP

All Saints' Sunday Remembrance

All Saints' Sunday is November 5. Names of members and family and friends of members who have died in the last year will be read during worship. To submit a name to be read, please complete the online form at firstpresbyterian.org/signups-forms or by contacting the Church Office by Monday, October 23.



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REACH OUT

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Every gift matters as we reach out together to make God's love visible in our community and our world. Your generous pledge will help us to reach our goal of \$1,993,000 in 2024.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
October 29

Join us for worship and Fellowship Hour on Sunday, October 29, as we celebrate the commitment and faithfulness of this congregation on Commitment Sunday.

firstpresbyterian.org/contribute

As of Wednesday, October 18, we have received 132 pledges for \$654,081 which represents 32.8% of our \$1,993,000 goal



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