



“Balancing the Peaceable Kingdom in Palestine”  
Joel Schoon Tanis

# 22ND SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

October 29, 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 *Toccata on HYFRYDOL* Thomas M. Kuras

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

CHORAL INTROIT *Hine Ma Tov* Allan E. Naplan

Lemon Chapel Singers, Shayla Powell, Director

**Hine ma tov uma nayim shevet achim gam yachad.**

**How good it is for all of us to join together in song!**

**Let our voices raise with songs of praise that we'll sing the whole day long.**

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

A love that never ceases,

**A creativity that designed the universe,**

A hope that cannot be quenched,

**A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:**

These are the things that are of God,

**Then let us worship God.**

\* HYMN 63

*The Lord Is God*

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of Love,**

**You know our hearts.**

**Our ways of loving and caring for one another.**

**But also, the ways we betray and hurt others.**

**You know our minds.**

**The times when we focus on sharing your abundance, of love, of grace, of compassion, of hope. But also, the ways we've focused just on our own ambitions and desires.**

**Forgive us for the ways we have not lived as you call us. Renew within us our commitment to live lives marked by your grace....**

SILENT PRAYER

The Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good.' Used with permission.

**The cover art** is a photo of an installation the artist painted on the Separation Wall in Palestine, in 2016. He believes that artists have a prophetic voice to tell the truth through their art: "Making good art means taking risks."

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy 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

HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1

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 22:34–46

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

SERMON

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

\* HYMN 717

*For the Life That You Have Given*

PLEADING SAVIOR

**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>

**Vanco Mobile App**



Our **Prayers of the People** today will be layered over the sounds of the song, *Abana in Heaven*, written by Laila Constantine. It is an arrangement of the Arabic Lord's prayer, and captures the powerful feeling of the Lord's prayer through an intense medley. The inclusive nature of the text in both English and Arabic helps us cross the borders of difference in culture and faith.

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*If Ye Love Me*  
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may bide with you forever,  
Even the spirit of truth.

\* 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 302 *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace* O WALY WALY  
*During the final hymn, please bring your pledge card forward and place it in the basket in front of the communion table. Children will be in the aisles if you'd like to have them deliver it for you.*

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Processional in E-flat*

David Johnson



*The Chancel Flowers are given in appreciation of the work of the 2023 Annual Giving Work Group led by Kurt Boeve. Other work group members are Steve McKenny, Bob Peterson, David Prentice-Hyers, Anna Miller, Esther Patrick, and Linda Robinson. We also thank those who presented a Faith in Action during annual giving season – Kurt Boeve, Caryn Gehrke, Cathy King, Mel Kesterson, and David Prentice-Hyers.*

*The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Rory James Kaercher on October 18, 2023. Rory is the daughter of Kelsey and Tommy Kaercher and the granddaughter of Cindy and Chris King.*

# 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, please 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. This is only a 3-minute walk to church, and 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. Mark Mares  
Rev. David Prentice-Hyers  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Nathaniel Fryer

### Lay Reader

Cael Finnane

### Musicians

Chancel Choir  
Lemon Chapel Singers

### Organist

David Hufford

### Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

### Ushers

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

### Welcome Center

Anne Kloack

### Hillegonds Chapel

### Prayer Partners

Cyndy Colton  
Linda Lampman

## 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**  
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Lemon Chapel  
Singers**  
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith  
Formation**  
Classrooms

11:15 AM

**Worship**  
Monteith Hall

6:00 PM

**Youth Group**  
Offsite

## 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  
Hosts: Stacey Pakela and Barb DeLancey, Parish Nurses

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

#### New Testament Epistles:

##### James; 1, 2, & 3 John

French Room & Zoom  
Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

#### Faith Journeys

Curtis Room & Zoom  
Host: Carol Pawloski  
Speaker: David Prentice-Hyers

Childcare (5 & under) is available from 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in First Level Classrooms.

For a full listing of offerings and upcoming events, please visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

## MISSION

### Alpha House Week of Caring

Monday, November 6 through  
Sunday, November 12

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 is now available. Questions? Please contact Diane Knibbs at [dbreckle@umich.edu](mailto:dbreckle@umich.edu). Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### Hope Clinic Thanksgiving Bags

Help us make Thanksgiving Bags for Hope Clinic! Once you have filled your bag and decorated the outside of it - if you wish - please drop it off at the Welcome Center between October 29 and November 15 at 6:30pm. Find more information about what is needed on page 7 of this bulletin.

### 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, Chamber Orchestra, Soloists, 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 & Fine Arts Fund.

## 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.

## Hope Clinic Thanksgiving Bags

### Contents for Thanksgiving Fixings Baskets

- 1 can of gravy (or packet dry mix)
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can french-fried onions
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can pumpkin pie filling
- 1 crust/bake mix
- 2 cans vegetable (carrots, corn, yam, peas, etc).



All items must be shelf-stable (no refrigeration needed) and please avoid glass containers. Make sure your bag has all of the items listed, and no extras.



*when hands*

# 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.

**TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY!**  
**OCTOBER 29**

During Worship and Fellowship Hour today we celebrate the commitment and faithfulness of this congregation.

As of Tuesday, October 24, we have received 188 pledges totalling \$962,639. This is 48.3% of our goal.

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