

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Motherhood

Nelly Romeo Alves

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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

King's Weston

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 107:1–3)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,

All: For God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let the redeemed of the Lord celebrate God's goodness,

All: Those God redeemed from trouble, and gathered in from the lands,

One: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: From every place, both near and far, let us worship God.

* **HYMN 154**

Jesus Entered Egypt

KING'S WESTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Steadfast God, we confess that often when we are fearful, we try to build bigger barns, turning away from you to put our trust in the security and familiarity of human systems. Help us to cherish the goodness of those comforts, while trusting more fully in your grace. Guide us beyond our sinfulness with bands of love, and lead us to consider new perspectives with humility...

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

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

Lord, have mer - cy on us.

This is Hymn 576 *Lord, Have Mercy* (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

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 435, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (IN BABILONE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13–21

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Hosea 11:1–11

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

SERMON *Led by Cords of Kindness*

RESPONDING

* HYMN 44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* AUSTIN

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Only What You Do for Christ Will Last

LASTING TREASURES

Phillip Morgan, Soloist and Pianist

You may build great cathedrals large or small,
You can build skyscrapers grand and tall,
You may conquer all the failures of the past,
But only what you do for Christ will last.

(Refrain)

Remember only what you do for Christ will last.
Only what you do for Christ will be counted at the end;
Only what you do for Christ will last!

You may seek earthly power and fame,
The world might be impressed by your great name,
Soon the glories of this life will all be past,
But only what you do for Christ will last. *(Refrain)*

Though your armies may control each hemisphere,
And your orbits out in space cause us to cheer,
Your scientific knowledge may be vast,
But only what you do for Christ will last. *(Refrain)*

Though your songs and prayers are heard and praised by all,
They've no meaning unless you've been born again,
Sinner, heed these words, don't let this harvest pass,
For only what you do for Christ will last. *(Refrain)*

* 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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...**with Open Hearts!**

Let us Learn...**with Open Minds!**

Let us Serve...**with Open Arms!**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacobs

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 in a basket just outside the entrances to the Sanctuary. Wearing this helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, [click here](#) to sign the pad.

The 9:30 worship service is broadcast on WAAM 1600 radio at 11:00 a.m. Our final radio broadcast is TODAY, Sunday, July 31. Our radio ministry will be replaced with "Dial-a-Podcast." All may access this podcast by simply dialing (734) 808-3099. The podcast will be available Sundays at 11 a.m., and may be accessed at one's convenience through the following Saturday weekly.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Megan Berry; Liturgists – Megan Berry and Mark Mares; Scripture Reader – Beth Gerwig; Children's Message – Melissa Anne Rogers; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Musicians: Soloist and Pianist – Phillip Morgan; Guest Organist – Brent Ivey; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Joe Schmidt (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, and Pam Ehrhart

Chancel flowers are given with grateful appreciation for Robert and Jeannine Buchanan, who have served as our primary memorial service ushers for the past decade. Enjoy your retirement, dear friends!

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Graham Meklir-Newton on July 20, 2022. Graham is the child of Ben and Tess Meklir-Newton and the grandchild of Mark and Patty Newton.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team members are Barbara Eichmuller and Ginny Rezmierski. "Prayer is the open admission that without Christ we can do nothing." – John Piper

Join us for Fellowship today on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Fast-Track this Summer! Fast-Track to Membership by joining with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. David Prentice-Hyers at 11 a.m. on select Sundays. There are fast-track opportunities on August 7 and 21. The process takes about half an hour as we get to know you, and you get to know us! Following the joining, there will be a new member class for you to attend to complete the process (date to be determined). You don't need to register ahead of time. We'll be there and ready to receive you if the Holy Spirit leads you to join on one of those Sundays!

When a friend, loved one, or colleague passes away, we remember them in unique ways — it's how we process our grief. This summer, our First Pres staff will wear fun sneakers in honor of Rev. Matthew J. Warfield. Pastor Matthew J. was an avid sneakerhead and even wore sparkly shoes during his ordination service. Join us and wear your favorite sneakers to worship this summer!

Our July donations and financial contributions support Hope Clinic.

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 Mature Ministries.

Did you know we have a Lost and Found at First Pres? If you think you might have lost an item at church, please stop by the Welcome Center TODAY. By the end of the first week in August, items not claimed that have been with us for at least three months will be discarded appropriately.

Refugee Resettlement Update. In mid-June the First Pres refugee resettlement team welcomed a family of four from Afghanistan. Join us in prayer and warm-hearted welcome for this family. First Pres will be in relationship with them for one year. Financial gifts to support this effort may be made by check or online. For more information, or to support the effort further, contact Rev. Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org).

College Students! Are you a student (or know of a student) who will be studying at a local college or university this fall? Rev. Lundberg would love to meet you! We're planning more activities for UKirk@UMich, the First Pres college group, for the upcoming year and want to know what interests you! Contact Hannah at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more.

For information about children's ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries. Remember the Backyard BBQ TODAY at the Forger home! Contact Beca for the address and details.

For information about youth ministry, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries.

Labyrinth Walk Invitation. As a meditative worship experience this summer, you are invited on Thursday morning, August 11, to the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor) to walk their labyrinth. Come anytime from 10 a.m. to noon. It takes about 30 minutes to go from your car to the labyrinth and back. Anytime in that two-hour block works! Signs will guide you from the parking area to the labyrinth. Note that tick season is in full gear so please wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. Bug spray is also recommended. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, August 5, at 2 p.m., for Carter Hodgson. Carter was an Elder on Session, and the Chair of the Personnel Committee, when he died on January 9. Our prayers are with his family, and our Session, as we gather to grieve and celebrate together.

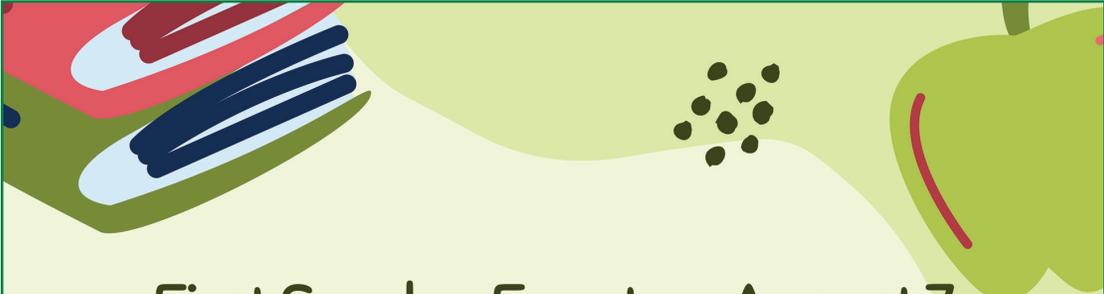
Ways to give to First Presbyterian Church:

- give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523)
- use the Vanco Mobile app
- put a check in the mail
- scan the QR code on the right



Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style.
- request a baptism.
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information.
- let us know if you are hospitalized.
- purchase Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home to support the PC(USA) Coffee Project.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$75.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.



First Sunday Event on August 7

Sponsored by Faith Formation & Mission Committees



School supplies and backpack packing!

OPTION #1

Please consider purchasing and donating new school supplies for the Ozone House Education Project. New materials may be dropped off at the First Pres Welcome Center.

We will pack backpacks after 9:30am worship on August 7!

OPTION #2

Purchase directly from Peace Neighborhood Center's Amazon wish list, [amzn.to/3PIOHRu](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/ref=wl_cr_text). An option to ship directly to Peace Neighborhood Center by changing the shipping address to "Bonnie Billups" under "Other Addresses" will appear during your check out.



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