

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022 • 9:30 A.M.



Potter
Else 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

Meditation from Thais

Jules Massenet

David Hufford, organ, and Daniel Winnick, violin

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...

SILENT PRAYER

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.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me
Chancel Choir and Daniel Winnick, violin

Howard Helvey

Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know where'er I rest,
Where'er I go; Thou knowest all that I have planned,
And all my ways are in thy hand.

My words from thee I cannot hide; I feel thy power on every side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might, unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from thee, or whither from thy presence flee?
In heaven? It is thy dwelling fair; in death's abode? Lo, thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take, and far away my dwelling make,
The hand that leadeth me is thine, and my support thy power divine.

If deepest darkness cover me, the darkness hideth not from thee;
To thee both night and day are bright, the darkness shineth as the light.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.


One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.


One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.


... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Remembering your mighty acts of mercy, we celebrate this feast with our Risen Lord, offering our lives in thanksgiving and praise. Great is the mystery of faith:



... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.



And now let us pray the words our Lord taught us praying...

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music

The Peace May Be Exchanged
David Hufford, organ, and Daniel Winnick, violin

Dan Locklair

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

* HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCELSIA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

J. S. Bach

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 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. If you are with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website.

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

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Liturgists – Dave Prentice-Hyers and Hannah Lundberg; Scripture Reader – Lynne Lande; Children's Message – Hannah Lundberg; Preacher – Mark Mares; Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Paul Smith (captain), Beth Gerwig, Greta Krapohl, Holly Majorprice, Carol Smith, Ken Westfall, and Angela Yang; Greeters – Barbara Concannon, Carol Fletcher, and Marilyn Gibson

Chancel flowers are given by Lisa Danielson in honor of our Resident Ministers, Hannah and Megan, whom we welcomed one year ago, and in loving memory of Matthew J.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteer is Ginny Rezmierski. "In prayer, ask for what only God can do." – Jay Harris

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for Sunday, September 18, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2025.

Join us for a time of fellowship today on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Join us for our First Sunday September community event during fellowship hour on the Circle Terrace this week! As we enter into a new season, we invite you to join our spiritual prayer practice and leave your finger print on our First Pres family Mosaic set up on a table near the coffee.

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.

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

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>. Our 11:00 speaker is Linda Rexer, presenting "The Stratford Adventure!" Linda Rexer is a member of the Board of Governors of the Stratford Festival of Canada. She is also Chair of the Stratford Festival of America and previously served as Treasurer and Vice Chair of that Board of Trustees. After a hot lunch (\$8) at noon, stay for our 1:00 conversation between David Prentice-Hyers and Rev. Gary Noonan – two friends in Dialogue about the Church today! Rev. David Prentice-Hyers was called in May to be the Lead Pastor of First Pres. He will be formally installed on the Sunday following this presentation, September 18, at 2:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Rev. Gary Noonan, who is the minister of Houston and Killellan Kirk in Renfrewshire. He swapped being in the police for being in the pulpit. Get to know Gary before he preaches at our church on Sunday, September 18, and at David's installation at 2 p.m. Sign up online or call the Church Office today!

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>

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



Our September food donations and special 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 Adults group.

For information about children's ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org. Our combined Milestone event for 4 year olds and young 5s, "Learning Together" and Kindergartener's "Worshiping Together" is on Friday, September 9 from 5:30–7 p.m. Families are invited to join us for their individual events followed by a bring-your-own dinner at the picnic grove on the front lawn (Social hall for rain, distanced at individual tables). Drinks and dessert will be provided by the church. Contact Beca Torres-Davenport for additional information.

For information about youth ministry, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Youth and Families, at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

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

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.

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!

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.

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.

"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>.

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A Mosaic of Hope Sundays at First Pres

Join us for Kickoff Sunday, September 11!

- 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 YouTube
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 *Exploring the Faith*, *First Friends*, and *The Bible @ 11o'clock*
- 11:00 a.m. The 9:30 Service is available via Dial-A-Podcast (734) 808-3099.
- 11:15–11:50 a.m. Faith Formation for Children
- 6 p.m. Youth Group
- 7 p.m. T2A2 Twenties and Thirties Group
- 7:30 p.m. UKirk@Umich College Ministry

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