

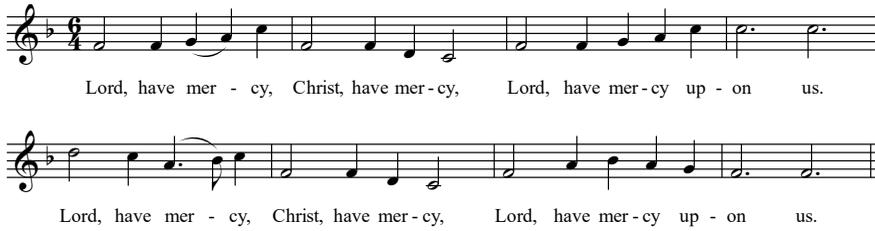


A Choice

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KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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

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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

CWM RHONDDA

**Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-79

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing Hymn 336, We Gather Together, as the children come forward.

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 23:1-4

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

SERMON

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, A Prophet is Born, is found on page 188.

The musical transition following the first scripture reading invites all ages to be active participants while signaling to children an important moment in worship focused towards them.

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week. This week's LAB focuses on scripture reading.

**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



Please sign and
pass the **Friendship
Pad**. First-time-
guests, we especially
appreciate your
contact information,
legibly written, so we
can give you a fuller
welcome this week.

RESPONDING

* HYMN 187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Christus Paradox
Chancel Choir

arr. Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggared by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach away that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.
Alleluia! Praise to you,
who are our death and our life.

* **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 149 *All Hail to God's Anointed* ROCKPORT

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY J.S. Bach/arr. V. Fox
Now Thank We All Our God



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Welcome

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.

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.

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.



ONLINE
FRIENDSHIP PAD

WORSHIP LEADERS

Welcome

Mark Mares

Liturgists

Jay Sanderford

Mark Mares

Lector

Lucy Grabowski

Children's Message

Beca Torres-Davenport

Preacher

Hannah Lundberg

Faith in Action

Julie Morrison

Conductor

Dave VanderMeer

Organist

David Hufford

Chancel Choir

Sanctus Ringers

Ushers

Dick Carlisle (captain)

Keith Bilby

Sheila Bilby

Jim Cameron

Carol Carter

Spaulding Clark

Joe Schmidt

Connie Swindle

Marty Swindle

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them. (Check the order of worship for dismissal instructions.) Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is a time to speak with God and share gratitude and concerns. 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 partners are Carol Fletcher and Jeanette Kibler.

Today at First

NEW MEMBER CLASS

11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall (Level 1)

Join us for a new member class today at 11:00 in Monteith Hall. All of you belong, now let's make it official! No registration required! Come to learn about First Pres and help us get to know you.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Childcare

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Level 1

Ages 5 and young

Children's Choir

10:45 a.m. | Lemon Chapel (Level 3)

Children's Classes

11:15 a.m. | Levels 1 and 3

Youth Classes

11:00 a.m. | LL4, LL1 (Lower Level)

Youth Group

6:00 p.m. | Youth Room (Lower Level)

ADULTS

First Friends

11:00 a.m. | Curtis Room (Level 2)

Great Courses: Understanding the New Testament. Ch.5 "Romans on God, Faith, and Israel." Video and discussion

The Bible at 11 o'clock

11:00 a.m. | French Room (Level 1)

A discussion-based class focused on biblical texts. The class is currently reading 2 Corinthians.

UKirk@UMich College Ministry

12:00 p.m. | Off site

We meet for lunch and conversation after worship. For location, contact Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

T2A2 Young Adult Group

7:00 p.m. | Off site

Bible study on the Gospel of Luke

Announcements

STEWARDSHIP

A special word of thanks goes out to the more than 280 individuals or families who have already made a 2023 commitment to our Mosaic of Hope Annual Giving Campaign. We continue to make progress; yet we still have ground to cover. As of November 18, we give thanks for the 288 pledges totaling \$1,234,446 that have been received. This represents 78.3% of our \$1,575,723 goal. Know that your pledges and contributions will make possible an exciting year of ministry in 2023 with our new Lead Pastor, Rev. David Prentice-Hyers.

All are invited to consider a gift, a financial commitment, a pledge of giving for 2023. You can contribute weekly, monthly or with a planned gift. You can make a commitment, a pledge, knowing that from time to time, circumstances can change, and an adjustment is needed. A portion of our faith is expressed in deliberate practices of giving—and we invite everyone to consider a gift or commitment for 2023.

To fully support our 2023 ministry plans, programs, and worship life, and to align our work with the Strategic Plan, a level of funding beyond the \$1.5 million goal is required to bring our budget into balance. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge - or increasing your pledge to make this possible. To make a pledge online, visit www.firstpresbyterian.org

ADULTS

Presbyterian Women— Study, delve into history, and make the Bible personal! Come to the William Barclay Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Vance Room. Join us as we dig deeper into Corinthians. For more information, contact Meg at lmegbrown@gmail.com

Members of the DIAA (Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Accountability) group are beginning to work toward understanding and acknowledging the role of Native American communities in the history of the church and the land we occupy. If you would like to be part of a small group studying and crafting a way forward, contact Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

CHILDREN

Nativity Service Sign Up —The Nativity Service is a favorite holiday tradition at First Presbyterian. This service will take place on Sunday, December 18, at 11:15 a.m. and is wonderful for all ages to enjoy as the mystery of the story comes to life. We would love to have your children serve as leaders in this special Advent service. To view the rehearsal schedule and to register your child, please visit: <https://bit.ly/FPCPageant>

MISSION

November Food Collection — Each month we collect food donations and special financial contributions to support a local hunger ministry partner. This month our partners are Community Action Network (C.A.N.) and Washtenaw Community College's Emergency Food Bank. 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 our Campus Ministry.

Family to Family and Fostering Futures —The holiday season can be a challenging time for families and individuals in need. You can join First Pres in making God's love visible by helping local children and families during the Christmas season. This year, First Pres will provide gifts to 40 to 50 families referred by the Washtenaw County Department of Health and Human Services through Family to Family Christmas and 40 children through local non-profit Fostering Futures. To learn how you can help, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

Rotating Shelter at First Pres January 2 - 16, 2023—For two weeks, our church will become the overnight home for up to 20 men who have housing challenges. Volunteer opportunities are available to host, donate food or clothing, and drive men to breakfast. Sign up now to volunteer: bit.ly/FPCRotatingShelter. Questions: Contact Jim Peggs (734-646-9412) or Marcey Terrien (480-833-7019)

ADVENT

Advent - Epiphany Devotional — The 2022 Advent through Epiphany Devotional *Hope is Born* follows our Advent lectionary text and is written by members of the congregation. Each devotion includes a photo meditation on signs of hope. The devotional is available by email only. If you received the Advent devotional last year, you will automatically receive this year's devotional. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, please email mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or update your email preferences at firstpresbyterian.org/signups-forms



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