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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 2, 2022 • 8:00 A.M.



Communion
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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 *Three-fours, Op. 71, I. Allegro molto*
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION *Annual Giving*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and bow before the One
who gives the seed and scatters it.
The One who is the provider of sunshine and rain.

Come and bow before the One
who calls us by name,
and who gives us enough—
that we might serve God and the world.
Let us worship our God who gives life.

* HYMN 317 *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
Still we see sin looming and feel death's sting:
around us in the earth, sea, and sky,
beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor,
and a striving against your Spirit deep within us.

O Trinity of life, forgive us that we may forgive one another,
heal us that we may be people of healing,
and renew us that we may be makers of peace...

Use the offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love and to consider your own response in loving service. Your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, and members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code.



Our October donations and 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 Adult group.

First Pres offers a host of opportunities for being engaged in the ministry of service in our Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw communities. The Local Mission Committee can connect you and your family with ministries in housing/homeless, refugee resettlement, food and meal ministries, children, youth, and family ministries, and programs that lift our neighbors out of poverty. For information, visit our Local Community Mission website, or contact Rev. Jay Sanderford at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

Help pack hygiene kits today! As our First Sunday Faith Formation Event, we are packing hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These kits are sent out to places that have been hit by natural disasters or are otherwise in a time of crisis. Our goal is to pack 65 hygiene kits together. Join us in the Social Hall following the 9:30 a.m. service.

All are invited to join us for a Simple Supper followed by Taizé worship this Tuesday, October 1. The free soup supper begins at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. Taizé begins at 7 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

William Barclay Bible Study meets every Wednesday, starting this Wednesday, October 5, at 10:30 a.m., in the Vance Room. Study, delve into history, and make the Bible personal. Join us as we dig deeper into Corinthians. For more information, contact Meg at lmegbrown@gmail.com.

Spiritual Writing Group meets the first Thursday of the month, starting this Thursday, October 6, 10:30 – Noon, in the Vance Room. Participants are given a one-word prompt, write for the next 45 minutes, then share and discuss their work. The group meets October through May. Questions? Contact Meg Brown at lmegbrown@gmail.com.

The church building will be closed Friday afternoon, October 7, from noon to 5 pm for staff training.

Annual Giving. The coming six weeks will celebrate the vibrancy of our church and the incredible gifts that each one of us brings to our community. From late September through October, you will hear stories of how your financial contributions form a mosaic of hope at First Pres. Out of the gifts of a variety of individual members, friends and families, God is at work, creating a colorful mosaic portrait of our congregation in action. Each commitment allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community with confidence, knowing that as we come together, we will deepen our faith and expand the impact of our worship, Christian education and community care. As part of the First Pres community, you are invited to make a generous pledge commitment to our church out of your financial resources and individual talents. Your 2023 Mosaic of Hope Annual Giving packet will arrive soon in the mail or, if you requested, through email. The costs of ministry are increasing; we all know the impact of inflation. Please consider increasing your pledge or contribution for 2023, remembering that every amount helps.

T2A2 Twenties and Thirties Group meets tonight at 7 p.m. off-site for a small group Bible study of the Gospel of Luke. T2A2 will also gather this Thursday, October 6, at 7 p.m., for a board game night. Contact Hannah Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) for more details and location info for both gatherings.

For information about children's ministry, contact Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries at btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org.

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

The Men's Study Group meets 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. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org.

All women are invited to join Journeys Bible Study. This First Pres women's study group meets on the first and third Thursdays, 11:30–1:00 pm, in the Curtis Room, facilitated by Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg. All meetings are hybrid. More details? Contact Beth Gerwig bgerwig@comcast.net.

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Lord _____ have mer - cy. Christ _____ have mer - cy.
Lord _____ have mer - cy on _____ us.

Ukraine

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

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
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This is *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* (HALLE, HALLE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5–10

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Margaret Bonds

* 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

SENDING

* HYMN (see insert)

When a Single Word Is Spoken

NETTLETON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Three-fours, Op. 71, II. Andante

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are a guest with us, please wear a rose window button so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome.

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Hannah Lundberg; Lector – Cheryl Gulbranson; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Pianist – Josh Marzan; Soloist – Nick Byrd; Communion Server – Brian Schneidewind; Usher – Jean Song

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Visit our latest art installation of sculptures by FPC member, Malcolm Powers.

The exhibit is now through October 7, in the Lewis Room. The sculptures are available for purchase. Prices available upon request.

Tell Me More About This Church! Join Rev. Dave Prentice-Hyers and our Congregational Life Committee leaders in the Vance Room at 11 a.m. today for an hour together to ask anything you'd like to know about our church, our staff, our theology, and more! For prospective members and guests, we'll have light refreshments. Grab coffee at Fellowship Hour and meet us in the Vance Room!

Our New Member Class is today at 4 p.m.! Interested in joining? Have you fast-tracked but still need to take the class? Our staff will lead a 90-minute session at the home of Dave VanderMeer and Brent Ivey. Join us for food, fellowship, and learning about our congregation. Contact Rev. Rogers (734-904-0049) for more info or to attend.

Join us for Candlelight Ann Arbor: A Haunted Evening of Halloween Classics with the Listeso String Quartet. There will be two concerts in our Sanctuary on Friday, October 14, at 6:00 and 8:30. This is a ticketed event. To purchase tickets for these concerts, see the link on our website.

All Saints' Sunday is November 6. We hope you will worship with us. Names of members and family and friends of members who have died in the last year will be read during worship. Names may be submitted online at <https://bit.ly/3rdmtgc> or by contacting the Church Office by **Monday, October 24 at noon.**

When a Single Word Is Spoken

NETTLETON

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Church, together. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is spreading Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, "May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways."

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