

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Communion
Christina Saj

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.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. It is now celebrated in many denominations throughout the world on the first Sunday in October. Gathered around the table in cities and towns, in countries near and far, we affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church in every time and place. Although this unity is integral to each celebration of the Lord's Supper, today we place special emphasis on it through our use of global music, fabrics from around the world, and communion bread.

Thanks to the many FPC members who provided fabrics for the communion table, pulpit, and lectern.

"Welcome Home, Children of God!" will be spoken during the pouring of water by:
Sheryl Powell
in French
Victor Stoeffler
in German
Cheong-He Chang
in Korean

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Medley on:

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (Caribbean)

Let Us Our Talents And Tongues Employ (Jamaican)

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (South African)

Cary Kocher, Steel Drum; Paul Keller, String Bass; Cliff Monear, Piano

POURING OF THE WATER

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...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

UKRAINE

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

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

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.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:5–10

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

SERMON

"The peace of Christ be with you" will be spoken at the closing of the Confession sequence by:

Zane Yntema
in Spanish
Anne Andrus
in Italian
Linda Speck
in Russian
Anna Gehrke
in ASL
(American Sign Language)

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. Please join in singing as the children come forward for *A Conversation with Young Disciples*.

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Today's LAB explores World Communion. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week.

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

Ways to give:

click here:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>
or give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

Offertory

Sweet Hallelujah

Mark Miller

Chancel Choir and John Dorsey, Djembe

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, Hallelujah!
Oh, won't you sing to the Lord!
Come on and sing to the Lord!
Praise God above, ye heavenly Host.
Sing Hallelu! Praise to God, the Living Water.
Praise the Alpha and Omega. Sing sweet hallelujahs.
Praise God the Loving Shepherd.
Sing your praises all you children.
Let us sing praise to God! Praise to God in the highest!
Hallelujah!

* 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

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is _____ the one who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -



heaven and earth _____ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.
san - na in _____ the high - est. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.

...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

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

* HYMN (*see insert*) *When A Single Word Is Spoken* NETTLETON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Medley on:

Hear, My Cry, Oh Lord, Carlene Davis (Jamaican)

It's Raining, Marvia Providence (Canadian)

We've Got The Vict'ry, (American gospel)

Cary Kocher, Steel Drum; Paul Keller, String Bass; Cliff Monear, Piano

Peace and Global Witness Offering 2022

Beginning October 2, World Communion Sunday, we all come home to gather at the communion table. We remember that we are offered all we need to continue the work of building the household of God, with active peacemakers here at home and around the world. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the

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."

A gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice at home in Ann Arbor and across the world. First Presbyterian will forward 25% of this offering in 2022 to the Dispute Resolution Center, an Ann Arbor based not-for-profit organization that offers affordable, constructive, restorative, and healing approaches to conflict resolution for all people in Washtenaw County.

Please come forward to receive the elements and return to your seat before partaking. The wafers are gluten-free. Those who prefer not to come forward will be served in place.

Today we begin a new practice for collecting food items donated for Local Mission on Communion Sundays.

Prior to the last hymn please pass your donated items to the center aisle and place them on the floor. Children from our congregation will come down the aisle with a shopping cart and collect the items during the last hymn. Thank you to Busch's Fresh Food Market on S. Main St. and Mike Vanwormer, Store Manager for donating the shopping cart to FPC!

"Go into the world in peace" will be spoken at the

Charge by:

Jeanette Kibler
in Japanese
Angela Yang
in Chinese
Ankie Schuitema
in Dutch

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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.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Mark Mares; Liturgists – Melissa Anne Rogers and Hannah Lundberg; Children's Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Len Rezmierski (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Cyndy Colton, Clem Gill, Linda Lampman, Keith Molin, Joe Schmidt, Elsa and Dick Stuber, and Angela Yang; Greeter – Marilyn Gibson; Welcome Center Volunteer – Barbara Mueller

Chancel flowers are given by Georgia Goodman in honor of the October birthday boys: Dave, Paul, John, Jim, Steve, and Tim. **Our flowers are also in loving memory** of our dear friend and member Doug Gottlieb, current chair of Annual Giving, and past Deacon co-moderator, who died on September 25. Our prayers are with his wife Carol, and their children Amy and Mike, and their families. Doug spear-headed much of First Pres's pandemic-related compassionate care to our members and friends. He created the "Birthday Team," which recruited members to call First Pres folks to sing *Happy Birthday* to them over the phone. This beautiful offering of care continues. Doug will be so deeply missed. Heaven rejoices in his presence and we grieve his absence from us. He lives on in the beautiful care we give one another and the positive spirit with which we move through the world serving others in Christ's name.

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Katherine Anne Pipe, born June 21. She is the daughter of Kevin Pipe and Kathleen Sienko.

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteer is Callie Feyen. "Prayer is faith in action." – Reinhard Bonnke

Join us for a time of fellowship in the Social Hall immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

Bags of Fair Trade Coffee will be sold during Fellowship Hour on Sunday! Why buy Fair Trade Coffee at First Pres? First Pres has been serving Fair Trade coffee at all of our functions for over five years and the way we are able to do that is because YOU, the coffee drinkers, purchase bags of Fair Trade Coffee to take home. The coffee we serve is better for farmers, better for the environment and better for those who appreciate high-quality, organically grown coffee. Choosing fairly traded, organic coffee has a real and meaningful impact in all three areas. First Pres wants to promote social justice, environmental sustainability and fair trading relationships, and this is an affordable way to do that. Fair Trade is a way of doing business that aims to keep small farmers an active part of the world marketplace without being at the mercy of unstable market prices. It's not charity – it's a sustainable and alternative trading model that helps producers make a viable living and stay on their own land while advancing many economic, social and environmental goals. Long-term trading relationships mean income that farmers can count on, year after year. When you buy any fairly traded product it means that a stable price was paid to farmers, significantly higher than the fluctuating market price. Join in this mission effort by buying a bag of coffee (or more) at Social Hour on the Sunday we have communion. On a day you are fed at the table, we help put food on the table for others (while we commune together with coffee!)

Join us for our First Sunday October community event during fellowship hour in the Social Hall today. 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 October food donations and special financial contributions support the hunger ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit. 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 Presbyterian Women.

Today is the final Sunday to view the art installation of sculptures by FPC member, Malcolm Powers. The exhibit is in the Lewis Room until this Friday, October 7.

First Sunday Faith Formation Opportunities

Children's Choir Rehearsal	Lemon Chapel	10:45 a.m.
Classes for Youth and Adults		11 a.m.
Youth	Social Hall (First Sunday Event)	
First Friends	Lewis Room	
The Bible at 11 o'clock.	Curtis Room	
Classes for Children	Social Hall (First Sunday Event)	11 a.m.
Youth Group	Youth Room	6 p.m.
T2A2 Young Adult Group	Off-site	7 p.m.
UKirk@UMich College Ministry	French Room	7:30 p.m.

Tell Me More about This Church! Join us today, 11am to noon, in the Vance Room. This is a time to gather with Rev. Dave Prentice-Hyers and other staff, a time for open conversation about who we are, where we've been, where we are headed, and our vision for getting there. This session is specifically geared toward those exploring a connection with First Pres.

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.

T2A2 Twenties and Thirties Group will gather this Thursday, October 6, at 7 p.m., for a board game night. Contact Hannah Lundberg (hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) for more details.

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.

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

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.**

Annual Giving: Mosaic of Hope celebrates 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.



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. Please fill out both the pledge and opportunity to serve forms and return via email, online, mail or drop them in the offering plate on Sunday. After you make your pledge or commitment, you are invited to place an individual tile on the large Mosaic of Hope display in the Sanctuary. Please contact Anna Miller, First Pres Finance Manager, with questions, 734-662-4466.

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 or 734-623-4323.

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.



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