

Today is Legacy Partner Sunday. Today carnations are offered to our 113 current Legacy Partners as a sign of our gratitude. Additional information about the First Pres Legacy Partner Program may be found online at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/legacy-partnerendowment>.

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.**

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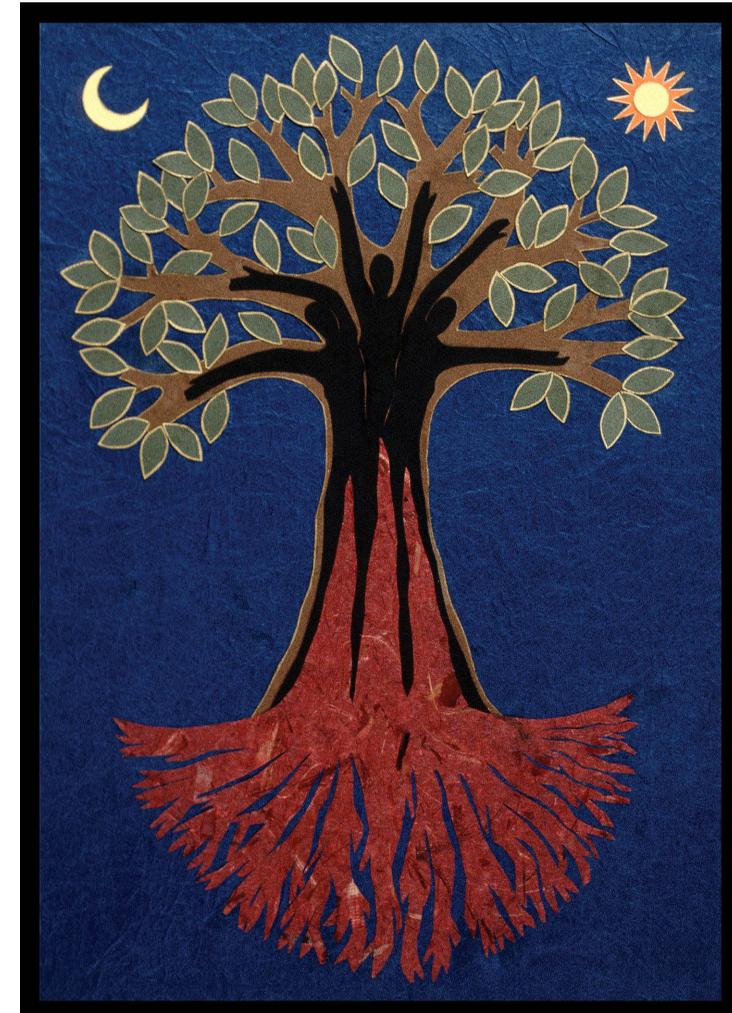
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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9, 2022 • 8:00 A.M.



Mother Root
Jan Richardson

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 *Galante - Minueto* Enrique Granados

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION *Annual Giving* Brent Ivey

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the Spirit of the Living God be welcome in this place!

Come, O God, and be with us!

Though we stumble,

God lifts us.

Though we doubt,

God remains.

Though we grow weary,

God revives.

Come, O God, and let this new day begin.

(Adapted from *enfleshed*, a liturgy resource.)

* HYMN (*see next page*) *When a Single Word Is Spoken* NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, you know that our own fragility makes us fearful. We confess that in the midst of uncertainty, we are all too eager to pursue power, comfort, or security before we pursue God. Remind us of who we are and who we are called to be. Forgive us when we run from conversations, relationships, and callings that make us uncomfortable, and grant us the strength to build goodness and love exactly where we find ourselves...

SILENT PRAYER

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.

The Legacy Partner Workgroup invites you to attend an educational session on estate planning and will preparation today at 10:45 a.m., in the Curtis Room.

Importantly, there will be no 'ask to give' at this event! The goal is to provide information to help ease the often-stressful responsibility of facing one's own mortality, so that loved ones are cared for, and affairs are properly settled. Our presenter is Michael Crowley from Conlin, McKenney & Philbrick, P.C. This session will help answer questions such as:

- Do I need a will?
- Do I need to revise my will?
- When can I just use an online will vs needing professional assistance?

Plan to visit our new Art Exhibit in the Social Hall beginning Tuesday, October 11.

"Dance Up the Wall: Paintings in Motion" by Peter Sparling, will be available for viewing through December. All are invited to attend an Artist Reception and Talk on Friday, October 28, 7–9:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a Silent Auction of nine of Peter's paintings to benefit the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund.

Advent is coming! If are willing to write a brief devotional to help guide this holy season, please let Rev. Rogers know (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). Once you sign up, you'll be given the theme and scriptures to reflect upon, and asked to write a short reflection. Scriptures and themes will be sent out in early November, and you'll have a few weeks to submit your devotional, along with a brief bio and picture. First-time authors especially encouraged, and our pastoral staff is there to provide lots of help!

Are you called to Stephen Ministry? A new class of Stephen Ministers will begin training in January. Is God calling you? Apply for the program, which includes 50 hours of training (on zoom and in person) from January through May, and be commissioned to the most meaningful ministry of compassion you can imagine. For more info, see Rev. Rogers or any Stephen Minister at First Pres.

Fast-Track to membership today! Meet with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. Prentice-Hyers at 11 am. 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 on November 20. 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!

Meet Dave! Today's opportunity to meet our Lead Pastor, Rev. Dave Prentice-Hyers, is at 1 p.m., via Zoom only. The meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83460988783>.

Welcome, College Students! Our college community, UKirk@UMich, meets on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm, here at First Pres. We welcome undergraduates from any school for weekly discussion, community, grounding rituals, and dessert! Contact Hannah Lundberg at campus@first-presbyterian.org for more information, and follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for regular updates.

The All-Church Bonfire is today! Fall is s'more fun around the bonfire! Meet us at 5 p.m. at White Oaks Farm (6641 Zeeb Rd Dexter, MI 48130) for the All-Church Bonfire. Families, couples, students, youth, kiddos — ALL are welcome! Come enjoy a nice fall evening with fire, marshmallows, chocolate, and more.

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.

Presbyterian Women (PW) upcoming opportunities include Bible Study and mission activities. There are two opportunities to join PW Horizons monthly Bible study on Thursday, October 13. Please join us at 10:30 a.m., in Curtis Room, or at 7:00 p.m., in the Founders Room. The evening study is hosted by Jenna Mares (jenna.harms66@gmail.com). Books are available! Contact Kyle Hall at jim.kylehall@comcast.net to reserve your copy. **PW hosts the Circles dinner** on Tuesday, October 18. Volunteers are needed to prepare food and serve! Sign up by contacting Carole Hendrickson at hmcst42@gmail.com. Help support this wonderful program that moves families out of poverty into economic security. **InGathering, PW's annual collection of donated items and money, supports Second Mile Center in Detroit this year.** Donations of new towels, queen and king size sheets, clothing for children and teens, and \$25 gift cards to Kroger, Walmart or Target are needed. Drop them off at the Welcome Center during October. Monetary donations are also welcome! Questions? Contact Joyce Himebaugh at joycehimebaugh@gmail.com.

When a Single Word Is Spoken

Psalms 100
Romans 5:1-11
Mk 12:41-44; Lk 21:1-4

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1. When a sin - gle word is spo - ken or a sin - gle voice is
2. When a sin - gle mite is ten - dered in re - sponse to grace out -
3. When a sin - gle hope is ven - tured or a sin - gle dream is
4. Praise to God, Mo - sa - ic Mak - er; praise to Christ, cre - a - tive

raised, it can spur a shout of pro - test, or in - spire an act of
poured, joy and glad - ness greet such giv - ing in the house - hold of the
dared, we ad - vance a bright - er vis - ion in a world prone to de -
Word; praise to Wis - dom's rous - ing Spir - it, by whose breath our lives are

praise. Then, as oth - ers join the chor - us, lend - ing voice - es to the
Lord. And as each new pledge is of - fered, how the reach of mer - cy
spair. Bits of cour - age build en - dur - ance, strength for bod - y, mind, and
stirred. All our rain - bow shapes and col - ors spring from your ex - pan - sive

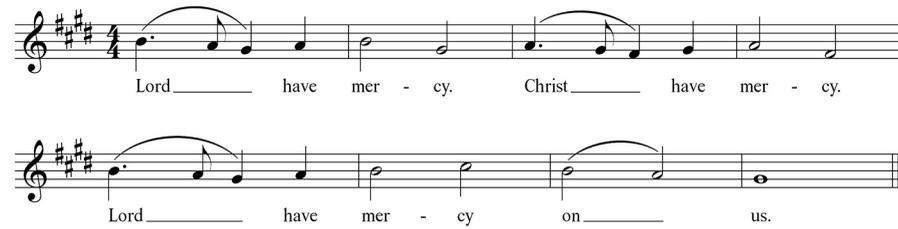
through, O how great is our thanks - giv - ing as we fill God's courts with song!
grows, spread - ing wide to serve our neigh - bors as God's good - ness o - ver - flows.
soul, as God joins the shards we prof - fer in - to one mo - sa - ic whole.
art. Ho - ly Pat - tern, take and seal us in the wel - come of your heart.

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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

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

*This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 475, *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (NETTLETON).*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 111

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

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

SERMON

Gardening in Troubled Soil

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Andaluza

Enrique Granados

* 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

SENDING

* HYMN 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Villanesca

Enrique Granados

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 – Melissa Anne Rogers; Lector – Diane Knibbs; Preacher – Hannah Lundberg; Pianist – Josh Marzan; Communion Server – Diane Knibbs; Usher – Deanne Woodruff

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