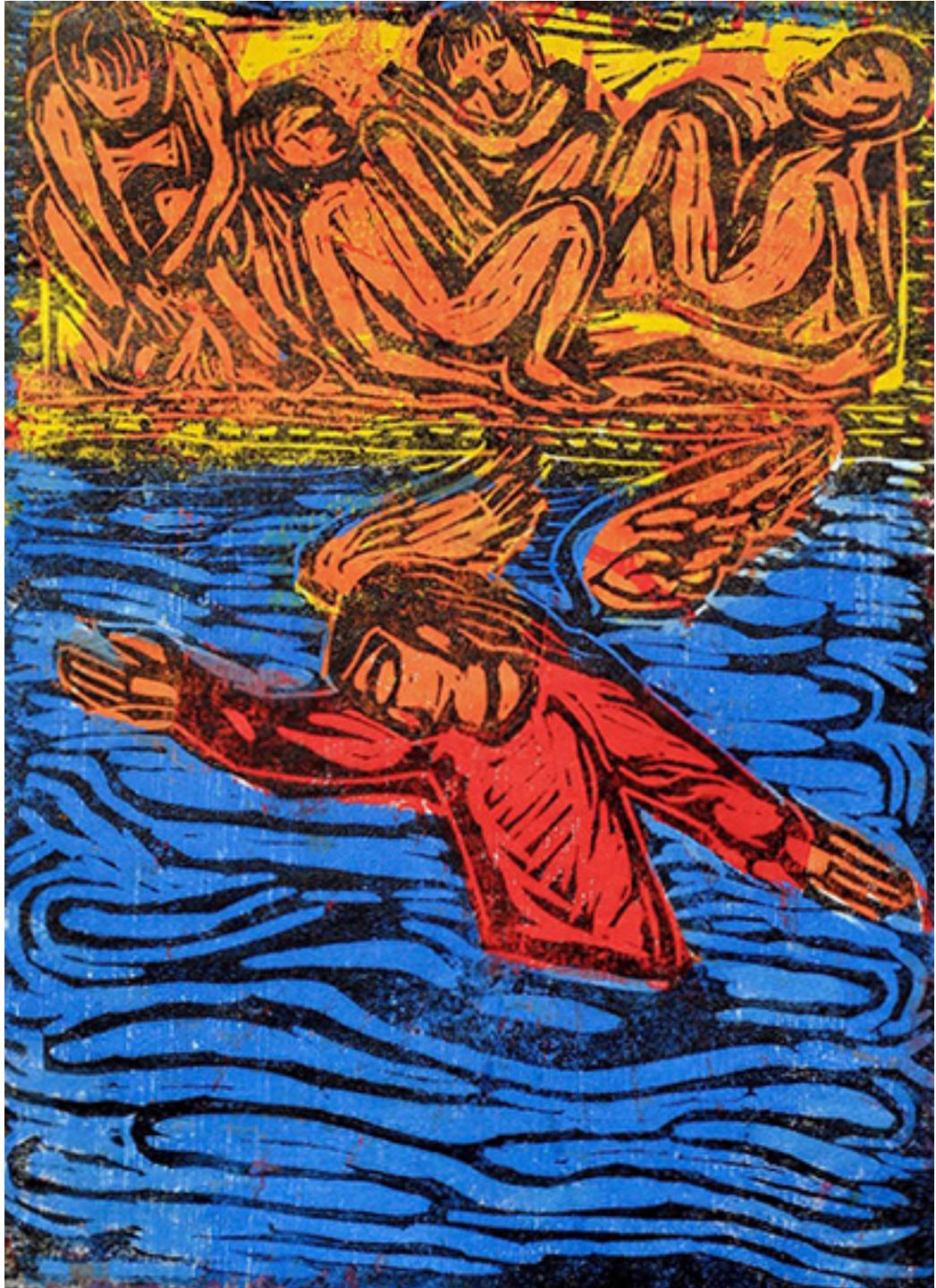


18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



The Healing Pond
P. Solomon Raj

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.

Our new paper-lace Baptism banner was made by the Liturgical/ Visual Arts Team.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninov
arr. Patricia Bird

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gathered, in a community of shared faith and feelings,
**we are united in the presence of the One
who bids us come and who does not hold back love.**

We come to worship the One who offers mercy,
**who teaches unity,
and who promises peace.
Come let us worship the Lord.**

* **HYMN** (*see insert*)

When a Single Word Is Spoken

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

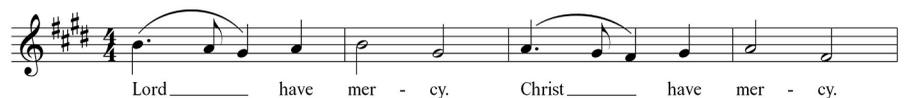
**God our creator,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and against our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and blurred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your creation,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

UKRAINE

The Children's Choir will sing the Kyrie first and then the congregation will join them.



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 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may not be taken during the service.

Lisa and Joe Ruggeberg present their son, Jesse Thomas Ruggeberg, born November 19, 2018, for baptism.

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *The Widow and the Judge*, is found on page 220.

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 Hymn 175, *Seek Ye First*, 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. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week. This week's LAB focuses on prayer.

It is important to remember that baptism is not so much something we do, but rather something that God does. In Baptism God claims us and names us as one of God's own children. Baptism is both God's gift and our acceptance of the gift of God's saving grace. We baptize in response to the God who first loved us, and we remember that we did not choose God, but God chose us.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless- ing, child of prom- ise, bap- tized with the Spir - it's_ sign, with this
2. Child of love, our love's ex- pres- sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from

wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

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.



OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

If I Forget, Yet God Remembers

Daniel Pederson

Chancel Choir

If I forget, yet God remembers!
If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
Yet the hands divine hold me so firmly that I cannot fall.
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for him to help me,
Then he reads the prayer unspoken in my heart,
And lifts my care.

* **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 351**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Allegro con brio, Sonata IV for Organ*
Felix Mendelssohn

EVACUATION DRILL

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A Note About Today's Evacuation Drill:

As a good Boy Scout would say: Be Prepared! In that spirit, we will perform a short evacuation drill at the end of today's service. While we do not want to scare anyone, we do want this drill to be taken seriously, just as we had to when we participated in fire drills at school. Following the voluntary you will hear an alarm, and ushers will move into place to direct people down the aisles to an exit. Once outside, **move quickly away from the building**, so others are not trapped inside, waiting to get out. Move quickly and quietly.

And, while this is an evacuation drill, those with mobility issues **will be helped out of the Sanctuary, but for safety's sake, we will not carry them outside as part of this drill.** We do ask everyone else to evacuate completely to the outdoors; Fellowship Hour will be starting on the Circle Terrace.

Parents of children in classrooms should meet their children in the white sorority building's parking lot, next door. Their teachers will remain with them, until you arrive. This too is part of our evacuation drill, and what you can expect should the need to evacuate ever arise.

For those with mobility issues, we will ask you to remain seated until the sanctuary has emptied. Two reasons for this: first, we can move people more quickly and safely, from inside to outside, if the flow moves at a steady pace. And secondly, while the majority of people exit, others trained to help, will be able to move into a place near you, to help you exit quickly and safely as well.

We thank you for your attention in this exercise, and also for any feedback you can offer. Our goal is to keep our members safe in a variety of circumstances. Today's exercise should help us in achieving that goal.

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 – Hannah Lundberg; Faith in Action – Brent Ivey; Liturgists – Mark Mares and Melissa Anne Rogers; Lector – Michele Derr; Children's Message – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Chancel Choir; Children's Choir, Shayla Powell, Director; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Len Rezmierski (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Karla and Omer Bellfi, Clem Gill, Linda Lampman, Keith Molin, Joe Schmidt, Elsa and Dick Stuber, and Angela Yang; Greeters – Barbara Concannon and Karen and Brian Hutcheon; Welcome Center Volunteer – Debbie Swartz

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jack Caldwell by his family; and by Marion Silbert in celebration of the wedding of Kate Silbert and Joe Ciadella yesterday.

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Desmond John Whatley, son of Kelly Granito and Alex Whatley, born September 20, 2022. Grandparents are Kim Byers-Granito and Harry Granito.

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Kalayah Lemaster, daughter of Quraun Lemaster and Monica Arnold. Grandparents are Nancy Melzer and Phil Lemaster. Kalayah was born August 31, 2022.

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

Prayer team volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Anne Andrus and Katie Parker. "The spirit of prayer should rule our spirits and our conduct." – E. M. Bounds

Join us for a time of fellowship on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Evacuation Drill.

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?

First Sunday Faith Formation Opportunities

Children's Choir Rehearsal	Lemon Chapel	10:45 a.m.
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Classes for Youth and Adults		11 a.m.
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Youth	Youth Room
First Friends	Lewis Room
The Bible at 11 o'clock.	French Room
Exploring the Faith	Monteith Hall

The Tulsa massacre of 1921 was the worst single incident of racial violence in American history. But for more than a half century, its story was actively covered up. Writer, Tulsa-native, and FPC member Scott Ellsworth will walk us through this difficult chapter in our history, and update us on the search for the unmarked graves of massacre victims and the ongoing fight for reparations.

Classes for Children	Levels 1 and 3	11 a.m.
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Youth Group	Off-site	6 p.m.
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T2A2 Young Adult Group	Off-site	7 p.m.
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UKirk@UMich College Ministry	French Room	7:30 p.m.
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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@firstpresbyterian.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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.**

Requiem by Maurice Duruflé and Five Variants of "Dives and Lazarus" by Ralph Vaughan Williams will be presented by FPC's Chancel Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Organ on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A Love Offering will be received in support of the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund. All are invited.

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, we will hear stories of how our 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.

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