



FIRST
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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
February 11, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.



“Transfiguration” from Jesus Mafa

Join us in welcoming members of Boy Scout Troop 7 and their leaders this morning. First Presbyterian Church and Troop 7 have a long history of partnership together. If you have questions about the scouting program, please contact Marty Gehrke at martin@teamgehrke.com or Scott Strodtman at scott.strodtman@comcast.net.

The Choral Introit is from the musical Moses and the Freedom Fanatics by Hal H. Hopson which will be the musical for the summer Music & Fine Arts Camp, July 29 - August 4. Scholarships are available. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

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* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on DEO GRACIAS

Healey Willan

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

CHORAL INTROIT

Hal H. Hopson

Sing Unto the Lord from Moses and the Freedom Fanatics
Lemon Chapel Singers

Sing unto the Lord, O sing a joyful song;
Freedom comes at last to Israel.

Strike the harp, sound the cymbal;
Join the celebration.

Sing and dance; pipe and play;
God has found a way.

God has triumphed over Pharaoh;
We can march to freedom.

Sing and dance' pipe and play;
God has found a way.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In beauty, in connection, in wonder.
We seek Holy Love.

In anger, in sorrow, in fatigue.
We seek Holy Love.

In questions, in upheaval, in uncertainty.
We seek Holy Love.

Pausing, notice where you are today.
May you seek Holy Love.

God accompanies us tenderly, boldly. Together—
We Seek Holy Love.

* HYMN 193 *Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain* UNSER HERRSCHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As Jesus dazzled before his friends on the mountainside,
reveal your hope to us, Oh God.

Life is often difficult and tiring.
There is much grief, we are pulled in many directions,
systems of violence leave us sick, anxious, and struggling.
As Jesus dazzled before his friends on the mountainside,
reveal your hope to us, Oh God.

We often protect ourselves by tuning out.
Forgive us; renew us; awaken us
to the wonder that we can bear in this moment.
As Jesus dazzled before his friends on the mountainside,
reveal your hope to us, Oh God.

Shift our faces to the dazzling possibility of a new day,
of new chances for meaning and connection.
Shine upon those co-creating compassionate systems.
Glow your warmth upon our aching spirits....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Afdahl

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Throughout the month of February, worship will include more pieces of art, liturgy, and music from Black artists and theologians in honor of Black History Month. We encourage you to learn something new this month, and check out resources from the anti-racism library collection in the French Room.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 190

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

GENEVA

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Transfiguration

Craig Phillips

Chancel Choir

O burning mountain, O chosen sun,
O perfect moon, O fathomless well,
O unattainable height, O unattainable light,
O clearness beyond all measure,
O wisdom without end, O mercy without all limit,
O strength resistance, O crown of all majesty,
All creation humbly sings your praise;
Bright stars, high mountains,
Depths of the seas, rushing waters,
All these break into song at heaven's proclamation;
This is my Son, my believe, My chosen One.
Alleluia!

* 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!

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

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* 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 189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* DEO GRACIAS

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* Kenneth Leighton

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*The chancel flowers are given by Keith Molin to the glory of God and
in loving memory of his wife, Peg Molin; and*

*by Lisa Danielson to the glory of God and
in honor of Millie Danielson celebrating her 101st birthday.*

Cover: Jesus Mafa was an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in northern Cameroon. Mafa Christian communities created an enormous catalogue of paintings depicting the life of Jesus. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people to teach from the Bible in a way that connects with their community.

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WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us.

While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

1. **Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
2. **Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children 2nd grade and older will be independently dismissed from their classrooms at the conclusion of worship. Children in 1st grade or younger will remain in their classrooms and must be picked up by an adult. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. The structure is only a three minute walk from the church, and parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Hannah Lundberg

Musicians

Chancel Choir

Lemon Chapel Singers

Lemon Chapel Singers

Director

Shayla Powell

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Hillegonds Chapel

Prayer Partner

Michele Derr

Lay Reader

Martin Gehrke

Welcome Center

Jennie Stahl

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

9:30 AM

**Children &
Youth Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

10:30 AM

Social Hour
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Lemon Chapel
Singers** (K-8 Gr)
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

12:00 PM

**Youth &
College
Soup-er Bowl**
Social Hall

Ushers

Clem Gill

Linda Lampman

Keith Molin

Len Rezmierski

Joe Schmidt

Dick Stuber

Elsa Stuber

Pat Tamblyn

Bruce Thomson

Angela Yang

Youth Soup-er Bowl

12:00 p.m.

It's Super Bowl Sunday and all youth and college students are invited to join us for a special "SOUPER Bowl Sunday Youth Group!" We'll gather for soup, play games, and enjoy fellowship together from 12-1:30pm today in the Social Hall. This year we're participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring fundraiser to collect soup and other non-perishable goods. Bring cans of soup to donate to our local Community Action Network of Washtenaw County!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORMATION

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis

Lewis Room

Host: Jim Peggs

Speakers: Ryan Bates, Executive Director
End Gun Violence Michigan and
Dr. Sonya Lewis, President, PPGV

Mr. Bates will describe recently enacted legislation in Michigan designed to reduce gun violence. He also will describe plans for future legislative efforts to make our communities safer and suggest ways each of us can help advance the cause of gun safety. Dr. Sonya Lewis, President, Physicians for Prevention of Gun Violence (PPGV) will describe efforts made to inform and inspire healthcare professionals to take steps to protect their patients from gun violence.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of Peter

French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

The Great Migration and the Harlem Renaissance

Curtis Room & Zoom

Book Discussion

February 22 & 29

12 and 8 pm | Zoom

Join us on February 22 and 29 at either 12 pm or 8 pm for a Zoom conversation on the book, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. *I'm Still Here* is an illuminating look at how white, middle-class, Evangelicalism has participated in an era of rising racial hostility, inviting the reader to confront apathy, recognize God's ongoing work in the world, and discover how blackness—if we let it—can save us all.

CARE AND COMPASSION SERIES

Sex Therapy Is Not About Sex

Monday, February 12

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall & Livestream

Our Compassion and Care Series welcomes Dr. Amy Raad, MSW, presenting: "Sex Therapy is Not About Sex." Amy comes from the Sexual Health

Counseling Clinic at University of Michigan Health. The presentation will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Grief Conversations

Beginning on February 19

Grief Conversations will return the third Monday of each month from 12 – 1 online. Join Rev. Rogers for a support group and network of those who grieve, supporting one another and learning to share the burdens. Join us at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5502657984>.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Summer Camp

Hey, kids! Join us for a week of non-stop fun this summer learning the musical drama based on the Exodus story, "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics." The cost is \$75 per camper, and the camp will run from July 29 to August 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a performance on Sunday, August 4. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Motawi Tileworks Art Exhibit

Social Hall

The exhibit in the Social Hall traces the creative process of producing an art tile, from creating designs, etching them into plaster molds, bisque-firing, glazing, and then firing again. An array of tile designs are on display. Additionally, an interactive workshop that will invite interested parties to create a tile themselves is being scheduled later this spring.

Open Doors: The National Arab Orchestra Takht Ensemble

Sunday, February 18

4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

First Pres is pleased to present The National Arab Orchestra Takht Ensemble (NAOTE) in concert on Sunday, February 18, at 4:00 p.m. NAOTE was founded in 2010 as the NAO's premiere traditional ensemble performing some of Arab music's finest classical repertoire. A reception will follow in the Social Hall.

The Season of Lent

THIRSTING for JUSTICE

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday, February 13
6:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Come celebrate with us in pancake and bacon decadence before we begin a more reflective time during Lent. Fun and food for all ages! Sign up online to bring toppings, loan griddles, and help volunteer! firstpresbyterian.org

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, February 18 - March 24
8:30 a.m. | Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary & Livestream
11:15 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us throughout Lent for a time of prayer and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2023

Begin the season of Lent by joining us for worship and the imposition of ashes.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. & 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Drive-through Imposition of Ashes

5:30 p.m. Family Service
7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Taizé

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTIONAL

Begin each day with a Lenten devotion written by church members and staff. To receive the email devotion, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

LENTEN WEEKLY WALKS

As part of our communal Lenten journey, we will take weekly walks along the scenic trails in our community. All ages and stages of life are welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. The day, location, and time are posted on our website. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org.

LENTEN HOME WORSHIP

Tuesdays, February 20 - March 19
6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a time of fellowship, a simple meal and a brief worship service in members' homes. Limited to 20 people per gathering. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org

ALPHA HOUSE WEEK OF CARING

March 18-24

During the week of March 18, volunteer to support guests of Alpha House, a shelter for children and parents. To volunteer, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sundays, March 24 & 31

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. To give, visit firstpresbyterian.org.