

FIRST SUNDAY *in* LENT
February 18, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

The Season of Lent
THIRSTING
for JUSTICE

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



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Each week during
Lent a new piece
of fabric will hang
from the beam to
mark the Sundays
during the season.
The fabrics range
from a dark purple
to almost white.
Thank you to the
Liturgical/Visual
Arts Workgroup for
creating these fabric
pieces.

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In the season of Lent, we journey together with contemplation and somber reflection toward the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Our 2024 Lent theme is Thirsting for Justice, based on the text of the Kyrie that we will sing together, written by Mary Louise Bringle with music by Sally Ann Morris. In this season, we will reflect on the many places in our world where justice is needed, trusting in God's presence and committing to do our part to be agents of justice, love, and peace in the world.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Horn Concerto Movement 2 W.A. Mozart
FPC Orchestra and Adam Unsworth, Horn

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

CHORAL INTROIT *Fix Me Jesus* arr. Jacqueline B. Hairston
Jamiyah Hudson, Soprano Soloist

Refrain: Oh, fix me; Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my long white robe.
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my journey home.
Fix me, Jesus, fix me. (Refrain)
Fix me for my earthly stay.
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.
Fix me, Lord, don't let me stray.
Fix me, Jeus, fix me. (Refrain)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of Joy!
For God the Most High, is awesome!
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of Joy!
Let us worship our God together.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE (sing 3 times)



Stacie Barrett, Liturgical Dancer

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 DETROIT



PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Throughout the month of February, worship will include 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.

Children will
remain in worship
today.

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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 Psalm 25

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 721 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* PESCADOR DE
HOMBRES

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *A Lenten Prayer* Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir
Andrew Smith and Abby Kasenow, soloists

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.
You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by yourself.
And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

* 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

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 170

You Walk along Our Shoreline

WIE LIEBLICH
IST DER MAIEN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Three American Folk Hymns, PROSPECT

K. Lee Scott
FPC Orchestra



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in loving memory of her parents, Delia and Laurin Hunter.*

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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. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. Children's Faith Formation and Lemon Chapel Singers will not meet today.

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

Nathaniel Fryer	<i>Hillegonds Chapel</i>
Rev. Tommy Langejans	<i>Prayer Partners</i>
Rev. Mark Mares	Nancy Fox
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers	Ellery Hendrix

Musicians

Chancel Choir	<i>Lay Reader</i>
FPC Orchestra	Bill Gruber
Michael Haithcock, Conductor of the FPC Orchestra	<i>Welcome Center</i>
David Hufford, Organist	Debbie Swartz
<i>Minister of Music & Fine Arts</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
David VanderMeer	Clem Gill
<i>Faith in Action</i>	Linda Lampman
Don Redding	Ginny Rezmierski
	Len Rezmierski
	Joe Schmidt
	Pat Tamblyn



TODAY! 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FORMATION

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Grace, Forgiveness, Reconciliation ... and What About Justice?

Lewis Room

Host: Margie Reynolds and Jeanette Kibler

Forgiveness is a moral imperative and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be Christian. The journey to forgiveness can be arduous and often painful. We will explore relevant scripture along with individual and global accounts to guide us in deepening our understanding of grace and forgiveness, reflecting on how we might seek to forgive and be forgiven.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of Peter

French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

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Curtis Room & Zoom

Host: Carole Pawloski

Filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. The film won an Emmy award for best documentary.

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.

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. 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.

LENTEN PRACTICES

Lenten Walks

Join us for a 2024 Lenten Spiritual Practice: Walking! Each week in Lent we'll choose a different day, time, and location to walk. All ages are welcome. There is no limit to how many can participate, but signing up lets us contact you with more details about where to meet, and to share if anything changes. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org

Lenten Home Worship

Tuesdays, February 20 - March 19

6:00 p.m.

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



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FOX FAMILY CENTER

Through your financial support of First Presbyterian, we are able to make a significant impact in the lives of individuals and families in need. One of our key partnerships is with Cass Community Social Services (CCSS), a Detroit-based agency that is committed to addressing the various challenges faced by the community. CCSS offers a wide range of services including food assistance, housing support, health and mental health services, and job programs.

We are excited to share that after months of dedicated effort, CCSS is preparing to open the Fox Family Center. This center will serve as a transitional housing facility for families who are in the process of finding more permanent housing solutions. The Fox Family Center will provide a safe and supportive environment where families can rebuild their lives and work towards a brighter future.

To contribute to this initiative, our dedicated volunteers from First Pres have generously donated over 1,000 hours of their time. They have been actively involved in the renovation and transformation of the Fox Family Center, painting over 90% of the building which dates back to 1925. Their hard work and commitment have played a crucial role in ensuring that this center becomes a welcoming space for those in need.

Your continued support allows us to Make God's Love Visible in our community and beyond. Thank you.

FOX FAMILY CENTER

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| 30 Bedrooms | Wi-Fi |
| 4 ADA Bedrooms | Air Conditioning |
| 16 Bathrooms | Generator |
| 10 Washer/Dryers | Playscape |
| Commercial Kitchen | Area for Headstart |
| Library | Solar Carport |
| Chapel/Meeting Room | |

