



“Festival of Lights” by John August Swanson

FIFTH SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.

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

Toccata in G, BWV 916, I.

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be light,
**we would carry God's hope into
the shadows of the world.**

Called to be salt,
**we would enhance the lives
of those around us, with joy.**

Called to live in God's reality,
**we would welcome everyone
as sisters and brothers in faith.**

* HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you ask us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We believe that we were created in love—

but continue to fail you.

**For our prejudice, our hatred, our pride, our apathy, our cruelty, our blindness:
Lord, have mercy.**

We believe we are created in your image—

but we continue to fail you.

**For our inflated ego, our inner critic, our needless stoicism,
our sense of worthlessness: Christ, have mercy.**

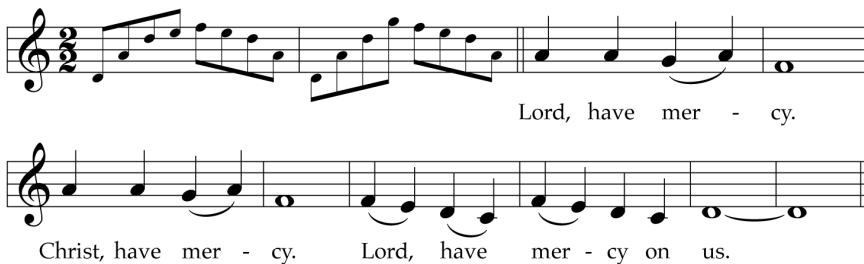
We believe we are called to see the face of Christ in all—
but we continue to fail you.

**For keeping old resentments, letting racial differences separate us, calling another
'enemy,' seeing borders as fences and not invitations to explore... for not living the
truth that the whole world is in your hands: Lord, have mercy.**

And hear our silent prayer....

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, 13-16

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING & SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Toccata in G, BWV 916, II.

J.S. Bach

***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 536**

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in G, BWV 916, III.

J.S. Bach



WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist David Prentice-Hyers
Preacher Melissa Anne Rogers
Lector Carol Gottliebson

Pianist Josh Marzan
Usher Robin Agnew

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Today at First

First Sunday: Lunches with Love

10:30 a.m. | Social Hall

On the first Sunday of every month, we gather in the Social Hall during the Faith Formation hour to put our faith into practice by extending our love into the community. All ages are invited to join us following 9:30 a.m. worship today when we will pack Lunches with Love for our local mission partner, Food Gatherers.

Children's Choir

10:45 a.m. | Lemon Chapel (Level 3)

Fast Track to Membership

11:00 a.m. | Lead Pastor's Office (Level 2)

Become a First Pres member today! Meet with a pastor and two elders and get to know us as we get to know you. Registration is not required.

Youth Classes

11:00 a.m. | LL4, LL1 (Lower Level)

First Friends

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

11:00 a.m. | Lewis Room (Level 2)

The Bible at 11 o'clock

Corinthians 2

11:00 a.m. | French Room (Level 1)

Kerygma Bible Study

11:00 a.m. | Vance Room

UKirk @ UMich College Lunch

12:00 p.m. | off site

Contact: mberry@firstpresbyterian.org

4th & 5th Grade & Parents

Amazing Stuff: God's Plan for Growing Up

4:30 p.m. | Curtis Room, LL4

Youth Group

6:00 p.m. | Youth Room (Lower Level)

T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. | off site

Contact: hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

News & Events

WORSHIP

Taizé Prayer Service (Wholeness & Healing)

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

We invite you to come experience a beautiful form of prayer, inspired by the ecumenical community in Taizé, France. This month's Taizé service is centered around wholeness and healing and is comprised of silence and song, candlelight and stillness, prayer and contemplation.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Coffee Hour Coffee Sale — Come one, come all to Fellowship Hour and buy some Fellowship Blend coffee! Along with our other great coffees, we will be selling our Fellowship Blend for a limited time. Each bag is \$12. As a reminder, we only serve fair trade coffee. Those coffee beans are grown using rigorous standards which support farmer and their communities while helping protect the environment. Come buy a bag while supplies last.

Membership Directory — An updated membership directory is now available for pick up during business hours. The directories are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lenten Devotional — Church members, friends, and staff are invited to write a 300-word devotional based on the day's scripture. Willing to try? New authors are welcome and returning ones, too! Resources are provided to help you connect with the scripture and the season's thematic elements. Contact Rev. Rogers to find out more, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

MISSION

First Sunday Food Collection — Each month we collect food donations and special financial contributions to support a local hunger ministry partner. This month our partner is CAN (Community Action Network). 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.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Art Exhibit: The Artwork of John Onye Lockard

January – March

Social Hall

The founding faculty member of the Department of Afro-American and African Studies at UM, John Onye Lockard had a career that spanned more than a half-century of painting, teaching, mentoring, and exhibiting. On loan from the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County the exhibit of John Onye Lockard's work is on view in the Social Hall January through March.