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“Sermon on the Mount” by Laura James

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As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Acclamation on AZMON
Sanctus Ringers

Arnold B. Sherman

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

May your star pause over this place of worship,
illuminating Your truth and justice.

You, who are long gone from the stable,
Be present in every place and time
for you are God with us.

Confront us anew with your call
to look for power in lowly places
and to bring our gifts to worship.

* HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who blesses us so abundantly, who gives us so much, also promises us grace and love. Let us trust in the mercy of our Creator as we make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know, and ask your forgiveness when we fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good. When we hoard your gifts, when we say, “that’s mine,” when we ignore the bounty around us, when are blind to the good, forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

The Prayer of
Confession is by Beth
Merrill Neel from
“Hold Fast to What Is
Good.”

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

NETTLETON

**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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Philip Stopford

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
For in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 591, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!, as the children come forward.

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *Shhh, Listen!* is found on page 200.

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 toward them.

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 Communion and bread baking.

Ways to give:
Cash/Check

Place in the offering plate or in the mail

Text-to-Give

Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

Online

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Please sign and pass the **Friendship Pad**. First-time-guests, we especially appreciate your contact information, legibly written, so we can give you a fuller welcome this week.

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

***HYMN 731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

What Does the Lord Require?

Eric Nelson

Chancel Choir

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.
Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your plead hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.
How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace.
What does the Lord require?
What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.

* **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 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Ronald Arnatt



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, drop in Hillegond's Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partners are Meg Brown and Michele Derr.

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 Pres, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them. (Check the order of worship for dismissal instructions.)

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

David Prentice-Hyers

Welcome

Mark Mares

Liturgists

Mark Mares

Melissa Anne Rogers

Children's Message

Hannah Lundberg

Lector

Leslie Menzies

Conductor

Dave VanderMeer

Organist

David Hufford

Chancel Choir

Sanctus Ringers

Greeter

Nancy Tena

Lois Bryant

Ushers

Len Rezmierski, captain

Keith Molin

Karla Olson-Bellfi

Joe Schmidt

Elsa Stuber

Dick Stuber

Ginny Rezmierski

*The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
our parents by Omer and Karla Bellfi*

Today at First

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Childcare

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | (Level 1)

Ages 5 and younger

Children's Choir

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

Children's Class

Making Music

Come sing, play, and learn the songs of our faith. Ages 5 through 5th grade

11:15 a.m. | Lemon Chapel (Level 3)

Youth Classes

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

Youth Group

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

ADULTS

First Friends

Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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

Exploring the Faith

Exploring the Faith will not meet this week.

The Bible at 11 o'clock

Corinthians 2

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

Kerygma Bible Study

Class will not meet this week.

T2A2 Young Adult Group

7:00 p.m. | off site

Contact: hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

Announcements

WORSHIP

Taize Prayer Service

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 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: Lunches with Love — Join us on Sunday, February 5, when we will pack Lunches with Love for our local mission partner, Food Gatherers. Donate items listed below now through February 4 for our First Sunday event. Donations may be dropped off at the Welcome Center. To make a financial contribution to this project, visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>. To learn more about our local mission partner, Food Gatherers, visit www.foodgatherers.org

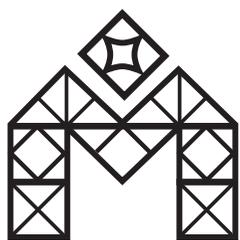
- Pop-top soup
- Pop-top pasta meals
- Tuna or chicken salad lunch kit
- Dried fruit
- Applesauce
- Fruit cup
- Crackers
- Granola bar
- Popcorn
- Protein bar
- Bottled water

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.



MOSAIC
** OF HOPE **

Thank You for Your Support!

The 2023 Pledge Campaign has received \$1,668,874 in pledges from 430 households. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge to support our mission and ministries in the coming year, we need you! You will find pledge cards in the Narthex or Welcome Center. You may return your pledge card by mail or drop it in the offering plate. You can also pledge online at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute, or contact Anna Miller (amiller@firstpresbyterian.org).

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