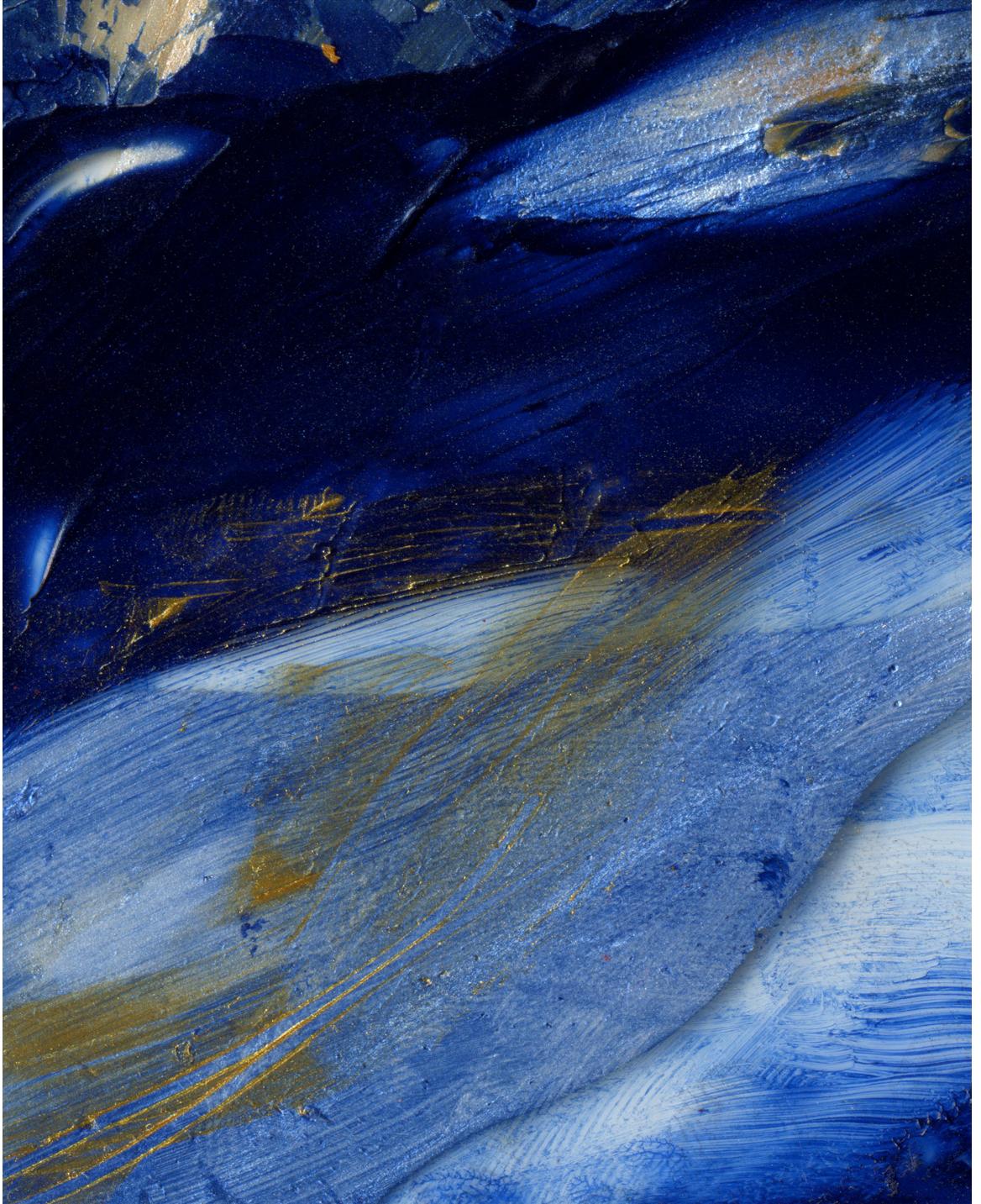




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"Sometimes the Road is a River" by Jan Richardson

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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

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
(*Christ, our Lord, to Jordan Came*)

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

The Call to Worship
and the Prayer of
Confession are from
Spill the Beans
Worship and
Learning Resources.

* 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 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal one, you are wise beyond our understanding;
you are hidden from our sight and yet revealed in all creation.
You are ancient and yet ever youthful; you are neither male nor
female and yet we are made in your image.

**We gather here because you sent Jesus into the world to reveal
your love for us and to call us to follow in his way.**

We adore you, living God, and we want to know you more fully,
to discover more of your love and to offer ourselves in your service.

**We are truly sorry that we have sometimes let you down,
we have failed to speak or act in ways that are loving,
forgive us Lord.**

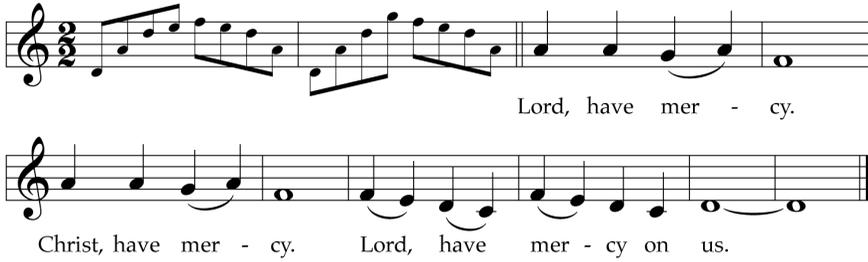
Help us to accept that you promise to forgive us, help us to commit
to trying to do and be better people in the coming days.

**May your spirit guide us on our way,
give us ears to listen and guide our words and actions.
So be it. Amen...**

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."

RESPONSE

Down to the River to Pray

Abby Kasenow, soloist and Chancel Choir Section Leaders

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to prayer, studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers, let's go down, come on down.
Come on brothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.
O, sinners let's go down, come on down. O sinners let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

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, *When Jesus was Twelve*, is found on page 198.

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.

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 Baptism.

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

<https://bit.ly/FPcvanco>

Vanco Mobile App



SCAN ME

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.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Come to the Water

John Foley

Chancel Choir and Andy Custer, Bassoon

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

*** 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**

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

INTRODUCTION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Deacons-elect will be presented by the Moderators of the Board of Deacons, Anne Andrus and Michele Madden, for Ordination and/or Installation

Deacons to be ordained and installed:

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| Al Beery | Anne Colvin |
| Bill Black | Don Deatruck † |
| Nikki Black † | Michele Derr † |
| Daniel Bizer-Cox † | Barbara Dobson |
| Lois Bryant | Mark Gehrke |

Carol Gottliebsen †
Prue Heikkinen
Matt Hulbert
Virginia Koster
Amy Lindauer †

Michele Madden †
Henry McQueen †
Maurine Nelson
Brian Schneidewind

† Denotes persons previously ordained

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION:

The Constitutional Questions

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

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QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

SENDING

* **HYMN 308** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* NOEL

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Waltz for Bassoon Francisco Mignone
Andy Custer, Bassoon

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The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Richard Miller.

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 partner is Brad Taylor.

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.



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

Megan Berry

Liturgists

Hannah Lundberg

Jay Sanderford

Children's Message

Beca Torres-Davenport

Faith in Action

Tonya Kwiatkowski

Lector

Scott Ellsworth

Conductor

Dave VanderMeer

Organist

David Hufford

Chancel Choir

Greeters

Barbara Concannon

Lynn McQueen

Mike McQueen

Ushers

Len Rezmierski, captain

Marolin Bellefleur

Linda Lampman

Keith Molin

Joe Schmidt

Dick Stuber

Elsa Stuber

FIRST SUNDAY ON THE SECOND SUNDAY

Following the 9:30am service, we invite all ages of the congregation to join in the Social Hall for our First Sunday Event of writing notes of love for our Rotating Shelter guests! Hospitality shows itself in many ways—from providing a warm place to sleep, offering meals of nourishment, to pictures and words of kindness, love, and warm acceptance. Join us in extending Christ's hospitality to all God's people.

Today at First

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Childcare

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

Ages 5 and young

Children's Choir

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

Youth Group

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

ADULTS

First Friends

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

Exploring the Faith

11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall

The Bible at 11 o'clock

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

Kerygma Bible Study

11:00 a.m. | Vance Room

T2A2 Young Adult Group

7:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Sandy Talbott Speaker Series—Join us for the inaugural Sandy Talbott Speaker Series this January and February 2023. Created in honor of former Parish Nurse Sandy Talbott (2012-2020), this annual series will feature health and wellness speakers who focus on topics to help us deepen our understanding of the intersection of faith and physical and mental health and wellness. Our speaker on January 9, will be Scott Roberts, PhD, who will present “Dementia and Brain Health” at 7 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

UM-MSU Women's Basketball—All are welcome to the UM-MSU Women's Basketball game on Saturday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per person and we have 40 seats together! Sign up by emailing Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) and sending in a check for your tickets or paying the church online. We look forward to cheering on the team and Go Blue!

Enjoy January's Mature Ministries from home! - January 12, 12:00 noon, (on ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5502657984>) Dr. Kimberly Ransom — “African-American Schoolhouses in the South” Dr. Ransom is an Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign College of Education and has written extensively about the Rosenwald Schools that were established by Booker T. Washington, with funds from the Black community and seed funds from Julius Rosenwald (CEO of Sears and Roebuck). Come learn about the significance of these schools and the educational gains made in rural Southern communities.