



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 16, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



"Sower at Sunset"
Vincent van Gogh

**Large-print
bulletin** are
available in the
Narthex.

SEVENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 16, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Liturgical Improvisation No. 1 George Oldroyd

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather here

To praise the Source of all love,

to seek the truth,

to grow in love,

to join in serving the Lord.

We gather here

inspired by life's beauty

yet seeking to find healing for its pain,

to honor our kinship with each other and with the earth;

and to create a more compassionate world,

beginning with ourselves.

We gather here

to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth;

to find courage for the journey's end;

and in the quietness of this moment,

to listen for the Holy Spirit's wisdom that guides us.

As we gather, let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

* HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field
and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We
sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed
by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you
call us to be.

When we deprive others of that same opportunity, forgive us.

**When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong
in our part of the field, forgive us.**

**When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them
for who they are, forgive us.**

The **Call to
Worship** is
adapted from
the work of Rex
A. E. Hunt, an
Australian 'grass
roots' religious
naturalist, social
ecologist, and
progressive
liturgist.

**The Prayer of
Confession** is
adapted by liturgy
from Scottish
theologian Dr.
Moiria Laidlaw

When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, forgive us.

When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there, forgive us.

Help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast, and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others, and in the world. This we pray in Jesus's name....

SILENCE

KYRIE

Pardini

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

AURELIA

**Baptized in one confession,
one church in all the earth,
we bear our Lord's impression,
the sign of second birth:
one holy people gathered
in love beyond our own,
by grace we were invited;
by grace we make you known.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

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

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

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

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week.

**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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 171 *A Sower Came from Ancient Hills* SEACHRIST

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *The Parable of the Sower* John Horman
Abby Kasenow, mezzo soprano and David Magumba, tenor

There once was a man who was planting seeds when some fell on
the road,
Where wild birds flew and nothing grew and the seeds were un-
able to grow.

Some of the seeds fell on rocky ground where soil wasn't deep,
Though roots did sprout, the sun came out, leaving nothing to
gather or reap.

(Refrain) We must be like the good earth if we want God's love to
grow, grow, grow!

Some of the seeds fell upon a place where thorns and bushes grew;
So choked by weeds the tiny seeds all died there but a few.

Some of the seeds fell on good, rich earth as a man came walking
along.
Yes, some seeds fell on good, rich earth and the plants few healthy
and strong. (Refrain)

* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH
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 308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins* NOEL

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Fanfare and Processional Lynn Trapp



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and with love and gratitude and in celebration of our members 95 and older:
Millie Danielson, Molly Dobson, Peggy Laird, Ligia Reynolds,
Betty Richart, William Smith, Clara Politis, Bill Taylor, Karl Hauser, Dave LaMoreaux, Dot Gates, Norma Marshall, Eileen Cross, Fred Beutler,
Dana Hull, Margaret Johnston, Yvonne Hoff, Joann Freethy, Burt Voss,
David Anderson, Lois Jelneck, and Jean Kraft.*

*The yellow rosebud is in honor of Amelia Catherine Holmes,
born July 5, 2023, daughter of Ryan and Cristina Holmes;
granddaughter of Susan and Jim Holmes.*

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We look forward to personally meeting you. **Please let us know you were here** by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew, then passing it down to others.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partner is Brad Taylor.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are invited to Worship LAB — a multi-sensory worship experience just for them held during 9:30 a.m. worship. Children are dismissed after the Conversation with Young Disciples and return to the Sanctuary before the worship service concludes. Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level during the worship service. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Rev. Jay Sanderford

Lector

Chloe Majorprice

Musicians

Abby Kasenow, mezzo soprano
David Magumba, tenor

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Joe Schimdt, Captain

Pam Ehrhart

Downs Herold

Sandy Herold

Greta Krapohl

Angela Yang

Greeters

Marilyn Gibson

Prue Heikkinen

NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP

Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, August 12 | 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

7654 W Ellsworth Rd.

Join us for a peaceful and reflective experience this summer! We invite you to walk the labyrinth on July 10 between 5:00-7:00 pm or August 12 between 10:00 am and noon at Kurt and Kathy Hillig's residence (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103). By taking a moment to walk the labyrinth, you can quiet your mind, gain insight, and reflect on your inner self. This is an opportunity to find balance in your life and discover a renewed sense of calm.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Summer Camp Coolers

Coolers are needed for the Music & Fine Arts Camp the week of July 30 - Aug. 6. If you are willing to loan us a cooler for the week, please mark and label the cooler and drop it off in the church office. We need a total of eight coolers.

Children & Family BBQ

Sunday, July 23

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The Children & Family Ministry invites you and your family to attend a summer Family BBQ. It's a potluck-style event, with the main course provided and each family contributing a side dish to share. All are welcome! Please note the date change to Sunday, July 23. Sign up online and let us know you are coming, firstpresbyterian.org.

YOUTH

Art Fair Volunteers!

July 20-22

Help support our Youth Ministry by parking at the church and volunteering during the Ann Arbor Art Fair! The money we raise helps support our Youth Ministry and youth mission work. We're grateful for your time, energy, and any donations you might share. Please contact Youth Ministry Intern, Owen Smith (osmith@fpca2.org) if you're interested in helping out!

MISSION

School Supplies for Ozone House

We are collecting school supplies for Ozone House, our local mission partner. Ozone House is dedicated to helping runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth and their families by providing housing and support programs. Donations will be accepted at the Welcome Center throughout the month of July.

School Supplies

- Backpacks for all ages (especially for older students)
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Black & Blue Pens
- Red Pens
- Mechanical Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Washable Markers
- Scissors (Blunt & Pointed)
- Pencil Boxes
- Pencil Bags/pouches
- 1" Binders
- Calculators and Scientific Calculators (gently used is acceptable)

Hygiene Products

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Men's and Women's Deodorant
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Liquid body wash
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Hand Sanitizer (individual size)

Clothing

- Socks –ALL SIZES (toddler - adult)
- Underwear – children and adult sizes (especially boys and men's sizes)
- Girls and boys clothing ranging from 2T through 2xl adults

Additional Items

- Gift Cards – (\$25-\$50 to Kroger, Meijer, Walmart preferred)
- Ziploc plastic bags (quart & gallon)

GOVERNANCE

Church Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Deacon, and Nominating Committee for 2024. Nominees must be active members and have made a financial commitment. To submit a nomination, visit www.firstpresbyterian.org or complete a nomination form found in the Welcome Center.

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OH, JONAH

THE MUSICAL

MUSIC & FINE ARTS SUMMER CAMP
RISING 2ND GRADE THROUGH RISING 9TH GRADE

JULY 31 - AUGUST 4

9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

WITH A PERFORMANCE OF "OH, JONAH" ON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

9:30 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, JULY 17

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