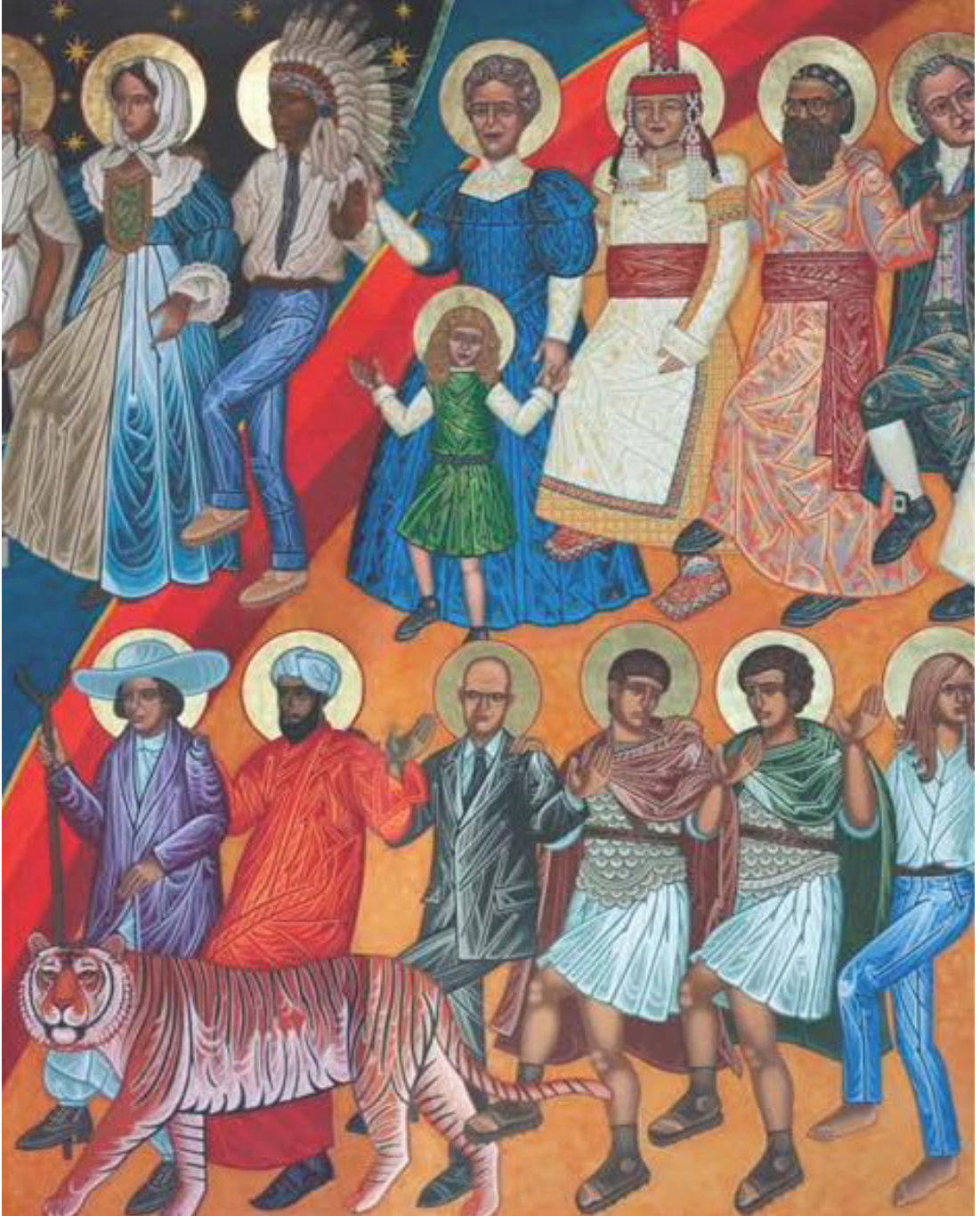




FIRST
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"Dancing Saints" by Mark Dukes
St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in San Francisco

We're glad
you are here!
Let us know
you worshiped
with us today
by signing the
Friendship Pad.
If you are new
to First, please
leave us a way
to contact you
(email preferred)
to give you a
fuller welcome in
the days ahead.

NINTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 21, 2024 • 9:30 AM

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY William Bradbury/arr. Matthew Dickerson
Sweet Hour of Prayer
Matthew Dickerson, Hammered Dulcimer

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

* CALL to WORSHIP

In moments of anxiety, God leads us to still waters.

O God, we come to you.

In moments of confusion, God leads us where we need to go.

O God, we come to hear your voice.

In moments of loneliness, God draws near.

O God, we come, seeking your love.

In all our moments, God is with us.

So we come to praise the One who restores our lives.

* HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**God our Maker, we confess that we are so busy putting up walls
between ourselves and others, we cannot see the home you
are building for all of us. Too often we spend time noting the
differences between us and others, while you embrace those
differences. We run to welcome those who look, talk, and act like
us, and close the door to others—sometimes without realizing
we're doing so.**

**Forgive us, God of compassion. By your grace, help us see the
house you are building for all people: where all are truly welcome,
where all are embraced, where no rooms are off-limits, and all
have access to your table, to be fed by your grace. Teach us how to
draw near to the ways of your upside-down-kin-dom....**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, 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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 26

God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION with YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Children are welcome at worship. We offers age-appropriate resources found in the Narthex for our youngest worshipers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available for children 5 years and younger.

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RESPONDING

* HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY Robert Robinson/Matthew Dickerson
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Matthew Dickerson, Hammered Dulcimer

* 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 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Reginald Heber/arr. Matthew Dickerson
Holy, Holy, Holy
Matthew Dickerson, Hammered Dulcimer



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
George and Grace Langen by Sharon, Grace & Kirk Profit & family*

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WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

New to First Pres?

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. **Please sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, join us for our **Fast Track to Membership** today at 11:00 am in the Lead Pastor's Study.

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.

Childcare

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 Bibles may be found in the pew and children's resources can be found in the narthex.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. Accessible parking spaces are available on the church campus in the north lot near the Sanctuary. The accessible spaces are marked. A state-issued placard or license plate or a church-issued permit should be displayed while parked. If you would like a church parking permit for an accessible parking space, please speak to one of our Parish Nurses, Barb DeLancey or Stacey Pakela.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*
Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*
Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*
Madeline Montgomery, *Lay Reader*
Brian and Cora Meade, *Faith in Action*

MUSICIANS

Matthew Dickerson, *Hammered Dulcimer*
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Nancy Fox
Joe Schmidt
Angela Yang

GREETERS

Barbara Dobson
Sara VanderVoort

PRAYER PARTNER

Jeanette Kibler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Family BBQ and Whiffle Ball Game

Sunday, July 21

5:00 pm | Meade Home

You're invited to join us for a fun-filled evening of food, games, and laughter at the Meade family home this evening at 5 pm. Bring a dish to share and come ready to enjoy a delicious pulled-pork BBQ, hot dogs, burgers, and veggie burgers. Then to cap off our evening, we'll engage in some friendly competition with a wiffle ball game. We can't wait to see you there.

MISSION

July School Supplies Collection

Donate to our School Supplies Drive in July supporting Ozone House! As we prepare for the new school year, many students in our community may lack the necessary tools to succeed. Together, we can make a significant impact by ensuring every student has access to essential supplies.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Tranquility through the Seasons by Joan Jones

July - mid-September

Social Hall

Experience the captivating beauty of local artist Joan Jones' latest collection, "Tranquility through the Seasons," at our Open Doors Creative Arts Series art exhibit. Enjoy this opportunity to be inspired by Jones' evocative artworks on display July through mid-September in the Social Hall. To purchase a painting, contact Dave VanderMeer, dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org

WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, July 28

9:30 am | Front Lawn

You're invited to join us for a special outdoor worship service on July 28th at 9:30 AM. Embrace the beauty of nature as we gather to worship together on the front lawn. We will have a few chairs set up or you may bring a chair or blanket. The service will be recorded and available on our YouTube channel.

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics

Sunday, August 4

9:30 am | Sanctuary

Join us for a special presentation of "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" during our 9:30 am worship service on August 4. Our Music and Fine Arts camp participants will bring to life the timeless story of Moses through music and drama.

— FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

SUNDAYS

BEGINNING SEPT. 8

8:30_{AM}

Worship with Communion

Monteith Hall

Our earliest service is a quiet, contemplative service in the more intimate space of Monteith Hall. Communion is served weekly. *approx. 30 minutes*

9:30_{AM}

Worship

Sanctuary

This service is a traditional worship style with liturgy, scripture and sermon, choir, and congregational singing accompanied by the organ and other instruments. *approx. 60 minutes*

10:45_{AM}

Faith Formation for All Ages

Classrooms

First Pres values learning and spiritual growth and offers educational offerings for children, youth, and adults. *45 minutes*

11:30_{AM}

Worship

Monteith Hall

This service is designed to be participatory, creative, and intergenerational. All are welcome in this space and invited to move around, create, and respond in a variety of ways. *approx. 45 minutes*

Children are welcome at all of our worship services, and we offers age-appropriate resources for our youngest worshippers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available on Sunday mornings for children 5 years and younger.