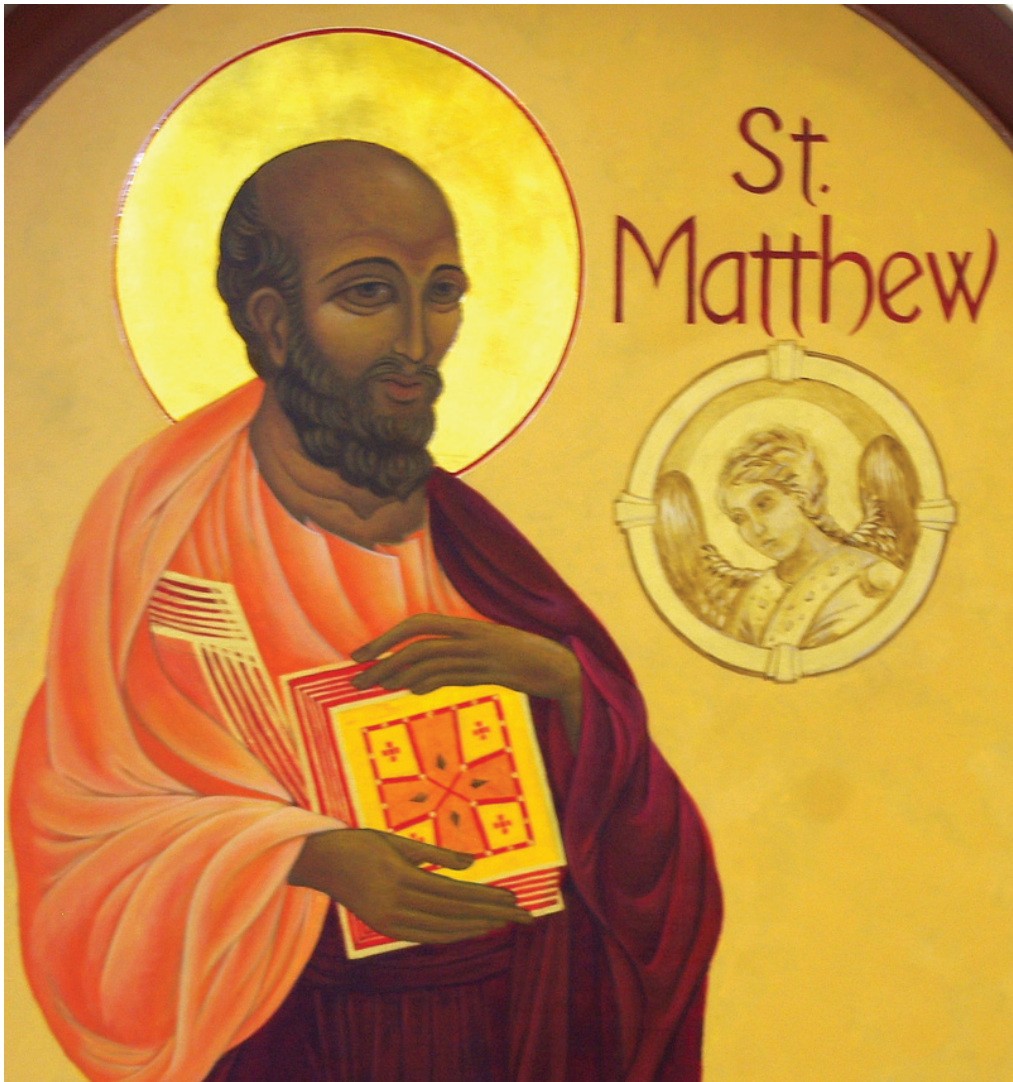




FIRST
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 11, 2023
9:30 A.M. WORSHIP



St. Matthew Mural in Ann Arbor, MI

Please speak with
an usher if you
would like to use a
**large-print
bulletin** to follow
the service.

**The Call to
Worship** is
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**The Prayer of
Confession** is
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SECOND SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

June 11, 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 *Hymn Sing*

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME *and* LIFE IN THE CHURCH

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

QUESTIONS OF THE NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS

QUESTION OF THE STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS AND CURRENT
MINISTERS

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All you who delight in the Sacred Strange, come and worship the
one who calls us into being.

**Thanks be to God, who blesses the peculiar and rejoices in the
uniqueness of everybody and being.**

The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation,
every race and ability, every body-size and body-type.

Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.

Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the
oppressed, the betrayed, the turned-away, and the condemned.

**Blessed are those who receive with joy the gifts of God enfleshed
among us.**

The Sacred is with us. Let us worship and be transformed.

* HYMN 13 *The Mighty God, the Power Speaks* KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us confess our brokenness before God and one another ...

silent confession

**God, who made us in Your image, teach us to love ourselves as
You love us all.**

**God, who made us in Your image, allow us to show that image
to the world.**

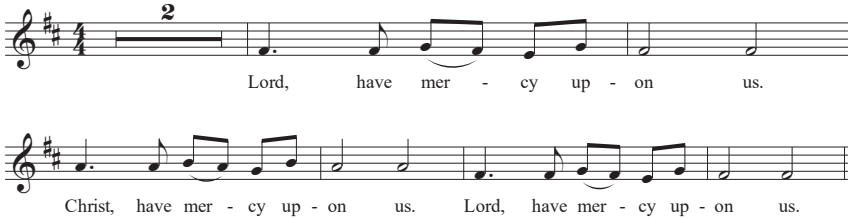
God who made us in Your image, help us to see Your image in all those we meet.

God, who made us in Your image, teach us to conserve and protect all Your creation.

God, who made us in Your image, bless, protect, and keep us and all Your children safe.

KYRIE

Lee Afdahl



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

AMAZING GRACE

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 50:7-15

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

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

SERMON

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



RESPONDING *and* SEALING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may not be taken during the service.

Throughout the month of June, during LGBTQIA+ Pride month, certain elements of worship will intentionally celebrate the diversity of gender and sexuality that is represented in God's beloved community. At FPC, we reject homophobia and transphobia, and embrace all our siblings in Christ with love.

Mariella Andrea Cell, daughter of Carla and Robert Cell, born December 26, 2019.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

HYMN 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir - it's_ sign, with this
2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from

wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
God, re - fresh our spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Set Me As a Seal from A New Creation* René Clausen
Chancel Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love;
Neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* 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

Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives ST. DENIO
(see page 6)

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Guiding and loving God, empower this group in their work, and help them to glorify you by serving others. By their actions and words, make them witnesses of your great love and your passion for rescuing your people. Protect them, teach them, and support them as they become the people you want them to be.

Give this team strength, wisdom, and love to work for you as they serve. Amen.

BLESSING OF MEGAN BERRY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Prelude to the Te Deum



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Dorothy Nichols
by her sister, Lynn Haddan, and daughter, Dana Nichols; and
in loving memory of Ralph and Joan Banfield by their daughters
Barbara Brewster and Rebecca Gaffney and their families.*

*The rosebud is in honor of Margaret "Mae" Rose LeDuc
born June 2, 2023 to Zach and Sarah LeDuc of Chicago, IL.
Mae is the granddaughter of John and Julaine LeDuc.*

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Impartial, Compassionate God of All Lives

Adrienne Stricker

ST. DENIO

1. Im - par - tial, com - pass - ion - ate God of all lives,
2. Un - ho - ly, un - just - i - fied fear we in - cite,
3. Cre - a - tor of beau - ty, we stand not in pride,
4. Our hope is your free - dom for both great and small,
5. All hon - or - we give you, O help us to see,

in Christ you have shown us your love ac - tual - ized,
when we shun our neigh - bors yet cling to our rights.
we do not as - sume you will stay on our side.
to strive for per - fec - tion and know all means all.
your chil - dren are wor - thy to claim vic - to - ry.

in - car - nate and weak in the arms of the poor,
Your chil - dren still wan - der the streets left in pain,
For yours is the sa - cred, un - tar - nished by sin,
We chal - lenge and quest - ion each law with - out grace,
And so let our ac - tions flow out of our praise,

de - stroy - ing all sys - tems that keep closed the door.
we pass laws a - gainst them to prove our dis - dain.
a re - fuge for out - casts that all may come in.
af - firm - ing the im - age of Christ on each face.
to seek trans - for - ma - tion, your Kin - dom to raise.

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 partners are Anne Andrus and Jeanette Kibler.

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 from 9 a.m. to noon. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Megan Berry
Rev. Hannah Lundberg
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Jay Sanderford

MUSICIANS
Chancel Choir
Organist
David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts
David VanderMeer

IN GRATITUDE

Today First Pres celebrates the ministry of Rev. Megan Berry as she finishes her two-year term as a Resident Minister and prepares to move to her next pastoral call. Last week Megan thanked our First Pres community; today you can express your thanks by leaving her a video message and writing an appreciative note in a scrapbook during the Church Picnic today. Look for details on Sunday. Before departing Ann Arbor, Megan will be leader on our Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico from June 17—24. Our deep gratitude and blessings go with Megan.

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

Stephen Ministers are trained members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide support to people going through a crisis or difficult time. Today's Stephen Ministers being commissioned have completed 50 hours of in-depth training.

Jim Anderson
Martha Boeve
Bobbie Ewels

Howard Deardorff
Dallas Dort
Stacey Pakela

Ankie Schuitema
Tara Shantz

YOUTH MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Next Sunday our youth will travel to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to partner with the PCUSA Disaster Assistance Program, who are engaged in long-term disaster recovery related to Hurricanes Irma, Maria and Fiona.

Leaders

Charlie Balaan
Megan Berry
Jenna Mares
Mark Mares

Youth Participants

Sara Bush
Leah Eddins
Hadley Feyen
Cael Finnane

Claire Gehrke

Maverick Musser
Owen Smith
Jensen Wood

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2023 and blessings on all future endeavors.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kira Collins, *Pioneer High School*
Achira Kerschbaum, *Skyline High School*
Anna Maki, *Hudsonville High School*
Lance Maugh, *Skyline High School*
Lana Smith, *Pioneer High School*
Jacob Spaly, *Ann Arbor Academy*
Thomas Swindle, *Tecumseh High School*
Joseph Wisniewski, *Pioneer High School*
Elizabeth Young, *Dexter High School*

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Nikki France, *BSE, University of Michigan*
Thomas Kerschbaum, *BA, Wheaton College*
Reid McCallister, *MD, University of Michigan*
Stephanie Meek, *MS, Michigan State University*
Edith Musser, *MS, Fordham University*
Quattro Musser, *BS, Colorado College*
John Santinga, *BS, University of Michigan*

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 31 - August 4

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rising 2nd through rising 9th graders will have fun learning the upbeat and lively musical, "Oh, Jonah!" In addition, campers will enjoy handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost is \$25 per camper. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

FAITH FORMATION

LGBTQIA+ Conversation Circle

FPC members of the LGBTQIA+ community will gather for a time of conversation, community-building, and queer joy on June 20, at 7 p.m. in Monteith Hall. These gatherings are intended specifically for members of the LGBTQIA+ community to share conversations about faith, but many are on a journey and might not fit comfortably in a category. If you wonder whether this is the group for you, are interested in future gatherings, or have any questions, contact Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@fpc2.org

MISSION

Matthew J. Warfield Library Collection

The Dismantling Racism Committee is creating a library collection in memory of the Rev. Matthew J. Warfield, a beloved Resident Minister who passed away in 2022 while serving First Pres. To expand the collection, we are seeking book donations related to Christianity and Social Justice. For more information, please contact Hank McQueen at mcqueen1143@comcast.net.