

# 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 • 9:30 A.M.



*Good Shepherd*  
Henry Ossawa Tanner

Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in bold.  
\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

## GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on BRADBURY*

Dale Wood

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

If we wander from love's way out of fear or in pursuit of power,  
**God reaches after us.**

If we are turned away from the places we once called home,  
**God companions us.**

If we desire to create places of belonging that are just and restorative,  
**God empowers us.**

If we go looking for what has been missing within us,  
**God meets us in the searching.**

**Praise be to God who leads us on paths of restoration.**

### \* HYMN 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

life giver,

shepherd and guide,

**We come to offer our prayers and our gifts.**

**We come aware of our faults and failings.**

When we lose our way

**you are patient and wait for us to return,**

**and never give up on us.**

**We are humbled by your unconditional love**

**and desire to be in a full relationship with us.**

**May we learn to love as you do**

**and create relationships with others**

**as you do with us.**

**So be it...**

SILENT PRAYER

## KYRIE

UKRAINE MELODY

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."*

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**You have promised to receive us,  
poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us,  
grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
early let us turn to you.**

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 187, *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (BRADBURY).

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 32:7–14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 15:1–10

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

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep  
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
Nothing can thy power withstand  
None can pluck me from thy hand.

I would bless thee every day  
Gladly all thy will obey  
Like thy blessed ones above  
Happy in thy perfect love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near  
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
Suffer not my steps to stray  
From the straight and narrow way.

**\* 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 173

*A Woman and a Coin*

LIFE RESTORED

## COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS

Do you welcome this responsibility as you follow the Lord Jesus, loving neighbors and working for the healing of the world?

**I do.**

Will you serve with energy, joy, love and imagination, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**I will, with God's help.**

Do we confirm God's call to these teachers?

**We do.**

Will we support and encourage their work?

**We will.**

**Commissioning Prayer**

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Processional March*

Emile Le Blanc

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad.** If you are a guest with us today, we encourage you to wear a rose window button that you can find just outside the Sanctuary in a basket. Wearing this button helps us know that you are new among us so that we can reach out to you with a fuller welcome. If you are with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website.

**Today we offer a special welcome to our Kindergarteners in worship with us as part of their "Welcome in Worship" Milestone.**

Oliver Bernstein  
Sam Bowles  
Henry DeLand  
Olivia Forger  
Ania Holden

Padgett Hoskins  
Angus Hyers  
Simon LaVasseur  
Evan Meade  
Isaac Meade

Luc Montas  
Isla Parker  
Sebastian Torres-Davenport  
Elizabeth Vercler

**Worship Leaders:** Welcome – Jay Sanderford; Liturgists – Megan Berry and Mark Mares; Lectors – Tyrese Byrd and Brent Ivey; Children’s Message – Beca Torres-Davenport; Preacher – Dave Prentice-Hyers; Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Beth Gerwig, Angela Yang, Greta Krapohl, Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, and Holly Majorprice

### **Faith Formation Teachers to be commissioned:**

Betsy McCallister  
Brian Schneidewind  
Nicki Sorter  
Beth Nissen  
Rev. Ed Koster  
Carol Pawloski  
Alice Holderby

Rebecca Gaffney  
Elisabeth VanVliet  
Daniel Torres-Davenport  
Virginia Bell  
Lucy Schneidewind  
Emma Schneidewind  
Brian Meade

Bob Anderson  
Dory Anderson  
Nancy Vander Kuyl  
Jim Peggs  
Keith Phillips  
Sarah Phillips

Some teachers are not able to be present today. We lift them up in spirit as they take on this important role in shaping the faith of our congregation.

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her family and friends; and in loving memory of Dr. Thomas M. Ford by his wife Heidi.

**Prayer team** volunteers are available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service.

**Join us for a time of fellowship** today on the Circle Terrace immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

**Fast-Track to membership today!** Meet with a pastor and two elders in the office of Rev. Prentice-Hyers at 11 am. The process takes about half an hour as we get to know you, and you get to know us! Following the joining, there will be a new member class for you to attend to complete the process on October 2. You don't need to register ahead of time. We'll be there and ready to receive you if the Holy Spirit leads you to join!

**A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session** for next Sunday, September 18, immediately following the 9:30 am worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2025. This is a hybrid meeting, available to attend in person. Join us by Zoom by using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81355308660>.

**Ways to give to First Presbyterian Church:**

- give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523)
- use the Vanco Mobile app
- put a check in the mail
- scan the QR code on the right



**Today is Kickoff Sunday for Faith Formation classes. All are invited!**

10:45–11:15 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal in Lemon Chapel	
11–11:50 am	Faith Formation for Youth and Adults	
	Youth	Youth Room
	Exploring the Faith	Monteith Hall
	First Friends	Monteith Hall
	The Bible @ 11o'clock	Curtis Room
11:15–11:50 am	Faith Formation Classes for Children on Levels 1 & 3	
6 pm	Youth Group	
7 pm	T2A2 Twenties and Thirties Group	
7:30 pm	UKirk@Umich College Ministry	

## **Democracy, Race, Social Class, and Black Spirituality**

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Dr. Randal Maurice Jelks **TODAY**, for a time of discussion on democracy, race, social class, and Black spirituality. Randal Maurice Jelks is a professor, a documentary producer, and award-winning author. He was an executive producer of the documentary *I, Too, Sing America: Langston Hughes Unfurled* and he currently teaches American Studies, African Studies, and African American Studies at the University of Kansas. His writings have appeared in the Boston Review and the Los Angeles Review of Books, and he serves as co-editor of the academic journal *American Studies*. Please join us for two sessions:

**Discussion of Dr. Jelks' latest book,  
*Letters to Martin: Meditations on Democracy in Black America*  
Monteith Hall at 11 a.m.**

***Race, Social Class, and Presbyterians*  
Social Hall at 4 p.m.**

**Visit our latest art exhibit in the Social Hall: *A Sanctity of Color***, by artist Fulvia Prundeanu. Fulvia is the wife of Adrian Prundeanu, our Facilities Manager. The artwork is for sale. Contact Dave VanderMeer for pricing.

**Welcome Back, College Students!** We'd love to get to know you! Meet Hannah Lundberg at the back of the Sanctuary after worship to learn more about upcoming activities and get connected with UKirk@UMich. This evening, on Sunday, September 11, we'll kick off our Sunday night small group at 7:30 pm. Contact Hannah at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more details!

**T2A2 is our young adult (20s & 30s) group.** Interested in getting involved? Join us this evening at 7 p.m., offsite, for a small group Bible study. Contact Hannah Lundberg at [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org) for more details.

**For information about children's ministry**, contact the Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries, Beca Torres-Davenport at [btd@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:btd@firstpresbyterian.org).

**For information about youth ministry**, contact Rev. Mark Mares, Associate Pastor of Faith Formation, Youth and Families, at [mmares@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mmares@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Mature Ministries Kick-Off is this Thursday, September 15, at 11 a.m., in the Social Hall.** Our 11:00 speaker is Linda Rexer, "The Stratford Adventure!" Linda Rexer is a member of the Board of Governors of the Stratford Festival of Canada. She is also Chair of the Stratford Festival of America and previously served as Treasurer and Vice Chair of that Board of Trustees. After a hot lunch (\$8) at noon, stay for our 1:00 conversation between Rev. David Prentice-Hyers and Rev. Gary Noonan, two friends in Dialogue about the Church today! Rev. Prentice-Hyers was called in May to be the Lead Pastor of First Pres. He will be formally installed on the Sunday, September 18, 2:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Rev. Gary Noonan, a former policeman, is the minister of Houston and Killellan Kirk in Renfrewshire, Scotland. Get to know Gary before he preaches at our church on Sunday, September 18, and at Dave's installation. Sign up online or call the Church Office.

**"Grief Conversations,"** our monthly conversation for those who are coping with loss, was on hiatus for the summer has returned and will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday on Zoom at 11 a.m. Join us for one hour together to learn about grief and share with one another some of the challenges. Rev. Rogers is the facilitator. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87990641051>.

**Our September food donations and special financial contributions support Food Gatherers.** Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by T2A2/Young Adults group.

**The Men's Study Group** will meet next this Friday, September 16, and continue until May 2023, meeting on the first and third Friday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room (and on Zoom), for coffee, study, and conversation. A number of group members have suggested books for the fall and we will select a book soon. If you have an idea for a book, please send it to Jay Sanderford. All men are welcome! Books will soon be available for sale in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford, [jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org) or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

**The FPC Orchestra rehearsals begin today for all ages.** All are welcome to join us at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary.



The Presbytery of Detroit and  
First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor  
cordially invite you to join us in presence and prayer  
to joyfully celebrate the

Service of Installation of  
**Rev. David Prentice-Hyers**  
as Lead Pastor of First Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, September 18, 2022, at 2:00 pm**

1432 Washtenaw Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

A reception will follow in the Social Hall.  
*Parking is limited. Additional free parking is available at the  
Forest Avenue parking structure.*

Clergy are invited to process; please bring vestments (red stole).  
RSVP by September 15 to [epatrick@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:epatrick@firstpresbyterian.org)  
or 734-662-4466, ext. 349.

**All are invited to attend "Letting Go of Past Hurts: Forgiveness as a Path to Peace,"** a lecture presented by Stephen Ministry tomorrow evening, September 12, at 7 p.m, in Monteith Hall. Our speaker is Dr. Jennifer Griggs, MD, a UM breast oncologist, certified leadership coach, and First Pres member. This presentation will describe an evidence-based, trauma-informed approach to forgiveness using a framework of dignity, empathy for self and others, and will help us become more forgiving people. No registration is required. The lecture will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

**Sign up to *Meet Dave!* this fall.** We are asking folks who have not already attended to sign up for one of the fall *Meet Dave!* opportunities to be held in homes. Sign up on our website.

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**Journeys Book/Bible Study (JBS) for Women.** All women are invited to join this First Pres women's study group. We meet on the first and third Thursday of the month, 11:30–1:00 pm in the Curtis Room. We check-in the first half hour with our bag lunches from home. Shared reading and imagining God's meaning for today's calling lead to stimulating conversation follow, facilitated by Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg. All meetings are hybrid. More details? Contact Beth Gerwig [bgerwig@comcast.net](mailto:bgerwig@comcast.net) or (734) 412-5258. Click this link to view the Fall curriculum: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KX\\_Z00GIQkrJixCi\\_IRUYLLenTEmcouLI31KCA8xmAA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KX_Z00GIQkrJixCi_IRUYLLenTEmcouLI31KCA8xmAA/edit?usp=sharing)

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