

FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT
March 10, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

The Season of Lent
THIRSTING
for JUSTICE

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.



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Each week during
Lent a new piece
of fabric will hang
from the beam to
mark the Sundays
during the season.
The fabrics range
from a dark purple
to almost white.
Thank you to the
Liturgical/Visual
Arts Workgroup for
creating these fabric
pieces.

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In the season of Lent, we journey together with contemplation and somber reflection toward the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Our 2024 Lent theme is "Thirsting for Justice," based on the text of the Kyrie that we will sing together, written by Mary Louise Bringle with music by Sally Ann Morris. In this season, we will reflect on the many places in our world where justice is needed, trusting in God's presence and committing to do our part to be agents of justice, love, and peace in the world.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross arr. Sandra Eithun
Joyful Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who thirst for justice.
Come, you who hunger for grace.
Come, you who are a stranger in this place.
Come, you who are like a child at home.
Come. Christ welcomes you to this time and place.
God wants you here.
We have come to worship God, so let us love one another.
Let us worship well.

* HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON


CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know we let you down.
We turn our backs when we could embrace.
We remain silent when we could speak.
We speak when we could listen.
We close the door when we could fling it wide open.
We judge when we could seek understanding.
We cling when we could give.
Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times.
In the depths of our differences, let us learn from one another.
Grant us courage to change, to be inclusive, and love all the more.
Help us grow into the people you created us to be....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



Have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. Have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Stacie Barrett, Liturgical Dancer; Tyrese Byrd, Cantor

Where are those who thirst for justice?
Where are those who yearn for peace?
Why must fear and hatred bind us?
When will captives find release?
Make us ones who thirst for justice.
Make us ones who work for peace.
Help untie the fears that bind us.
Grant our captive hearts release.

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

DETROIT



Lord, cleanse the depths with - in — our souls and bid re - sent-ment cease.



Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

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

SERMON

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

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RESPONDING

* HYMN 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *God So Loved the World* John Helgen
Chancel Choir and Sonia Lee, Violin

God so loved the world that he gave his only son,
So that all who would believe in him should never die
But have everlasting life.

God did not send his son into the world that the
World might be condemned, but that the world,
Through him might be saved.

* 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 767 *Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Tomaso Albinoni/trans. Len Rhodes
Adagio in G minor



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Dick Prentice and Erma Hyers by Dave and Mel Prentice-Hyers; and
in memory of Emily Ann Andrea by Dave, Katie and Lizzie.*

WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

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.

While you are with us today, we would love for you to do two things:

- 1. **Sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.
- 2. **Join us following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children 2nd grade and older will be independently dismissed from their classrooms at the conclusion of worship. Children in 1st grade or younger will remain in their classrooms and must be picked up by an adult.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. The structure is only a three minute walk from the church, and parking is free on Sundays. To get to the church from the structure, cross Forest Avenue and walk down Forest Court to the end of the block.

Worship Leaders

Nathaniel Fryer
Tommy Langejans
David Prentice-Hyers
Melissa Anne Rogers

Musicians

Chancel Choir
Joyful Ringers
Sonia Lee, Violin
David Hufford, Organist

Minister of Music & Fine Arts
David VanderMeer

Faith in Action
Charlotte Sawtell
Prayer Partner
Jeanette Kibler

Lay Readers
David Keil
Brent Ivey

Greeters
Bill Black
Nikki Black

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM	Contemplative Communion Service Monteith Hall
9:30 AM	Worship Sanctuary & Livestream
9:30 AM	Children & Youth Faith Formation
10:30 AM	Social Hour Social Hall
10:45 AM	Lemon Chapel Singers Lemon Chapel
11:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Classrooms
11:15 AM	Worship Monteith Hall
12:30 PM	College Lunch Youth Room
4:00 PM	Tell Me More Wolverine Brewing
6:00 PM	Youth Group Youth Room

Ushers
Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Jim Cameron
Carol Carter
Spaulding Clark
Angela Yang

TODAY AT FIRST

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EXPLORING THE FAITH

How Do We Talk About. . . A Big Questions Series

Lewis Room

In the second of a four-part series or exploring big questions, Sidonie Smith will lead us as we tackle "What do we mean when we invoke the concept of 'grace'?" In a workshop environment, we will briefly explore the history of the concept of grace in Christianity and then have a conversation about the lived experiences of grace. What are the metaphors we use to describe grace? What do we feel about grace? The class will be live streamed and recorded.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of Peter

French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Karl Barth

Curtis Room & Zoom

Host: Carole Pawloski

First Pres member and doctoral candidate at U of M, Keanu Heydari will lead this three-part series on Swiss Reformed theologian Barth who is best known for his commentary *The Epistle to the Romans*.

MEMBERSHIP

Prospective Member?

Two events today — Fast-track to Membership at 11:00 in Rev. Dave Prentice-Hyers' office and "Tell Me More about This Church" at 4 p.m. at Wolverine Brewing. Contact Rev. Rogers for more info about either, mrogers@fpca2.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUNG ADULTS

Kickoff Game Night

Sunday, March 24

6-7:30pm | Vance Room

Future game nights will be every 4th Sunday of the month, same time and same place.

Pub Theology

2nd Tuesday of the month

starting on Tuesday, April 9

5:30-6:30pm | Location TBD

For more information, contact Tommy Langejans, tlangejans@fpca2.org

Coffee & Conversation

3rd Sunday of the month

starting on Sunday, April 21

11 a.m. | Panera Bread (Washtenaw Ave.)

We will leave from the church at 10:50 a.m. and meet at the Panera Bread on Washtenaw from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

MISSION

Food Collection in March

Throughout the month of March we are collecting food pantry items for SOS Community Services of Washtenaw

County. SOS Community Services work with homeless families, children, and youth, providing comprehensive services that move them from homelessness to self-sufficiency and permanent, stable housing. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Alpha House Host Week

March 18 - 24

Sign up today to volunteer with local mission partner Alpha House during our Host Week, March 18-24. Alpha House provides shelter and support to children and families experiencing homelessness in our community. There are signups for providing a dinner main dish, side dishes, Sat/Sun brunch, and assisting with activity hour. Sign up online.

Habitat for Humanity Build

March 23; April 6, 13, & 27

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us in renovating a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti this spring! First Presbyterian and the House of Faith partner churches are looking for

volunteers on the following Saturdays:
March 23, April 6, April 13 and April
27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There are also
opportunities to provide lunch on two of
those days. Let's work together to make
a difference in our community! Sign up
online, firstpresbyterian.org.

MATURE MINISTRIES

Lunch and Learn

Thursday, March 14
12:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Join us for lunch and the presentation,
"A Journey from Success to Significance"
by Dave Keil, President of Franworth,
an Ann Arbor-based firm who build,
incubate, and grow emerging companies
via a franchise model. Lunch is \$12 per
person.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Summer Camp

Hey, kids! Join us for a week of non-
stop fun this summer. The cost is \$75
per camper, and the camp will run
from July 29 to August 2, from 9:30
a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a performance
on Sunday, August 4. Register online at
firstpresbyterian.org.

Motawi Tile Workshop

Monday, March 18
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Join us for an immersive tile workshop
where creativity meets craftsmanship.
This hands-on experience promises
to unleash your creativity and teach
you the art of tile making from start
to finish. At the end of the workshop,
you'll proudly walk away with your own
handcrafted tile. Cost is \$30 per person.
Spaces are limited, sign up online today,
firstpresbyterian.org.

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**LENTEN
HOME WORSHIP**
Tuesdays,
February 20 - March 19
6:00 p.m.

Please join us for a
time of fellowship, a
simple meal and a
brief worship service
in members' homes.
Limited to 25 people
per gathering.
Sign up online at
firstpresbyterian.org

**LENTEN
WEEKLY WALKS**

As part of our communal
Lenten journey, we
will take weekly walks
along the scenic trails
in our community. All
ages and stages of life
are welcome. A pastoral
liaison will guide the
group. The day, location,
and time are posted on
our website. Sign up at
firstpresbyterian.org.

**ONE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING**
March 24 & 31

Join with Presbyterians
worldwide in sharing
God's love with our
neighbors in need by
providing relief from
natural disasters, food
for the hungry, and
support for the poor
and oppressed. To give,
visit firstpresbyterian.org.

CELEBRATE Easter

Worship with us during this holy season



MARCH 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY
8:30, 9:30, & 11:15 A.M. Worship



MARCH 29, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship



MARCH 28, 2024
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship



MARCH 30, 2024
**PEEPS & PIZZA
EGGSTRAVAGANZA**
10:00 A.M.



MARCH 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY

7 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE
Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE
Sanctuary
livestream at 9:30 a.m.

EASTER FLOWERS

Give Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Following Easter worship, flowers will be delivered by our Deacons to those in need of extra cheer. Flowers are \$20 each. Order deadline is Monday, March 18. Order online, firstpresbyterian.org.