



"Living Water" by Lauren Wright Pittman

# THIRD SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 12, 2023 • 8:00 a.m.

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

*Sonata in d, Kk. 1*

Domenico Scarlatti

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

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Let all who yearn for connection,  
all who hunger for justice and thirst for bodily renewal  
come and be replenished.

**With hope and expectation, we bring all that our souls desire.**

Let everyone weary from isolation  
or overwhelmed by life's troubles  
come and find rest in God's care.

**All those who come seeking community are received in Holy Embrace.**

May the presence and provision of God be manifest among us  
that all may have what they need.

**We come to give, we come to receive, we come to grow in love.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Written by Rev. Gord Waldie

God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.

**So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?**

You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.

**But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.**

**We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.**

You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.

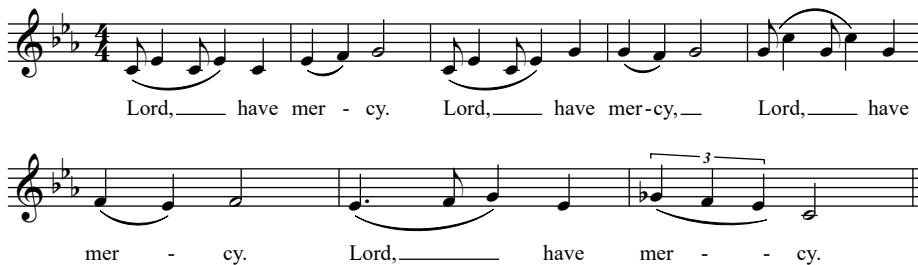
**But we believe that the water is limited,  
not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.**

For all the times we turn away from your Water,  
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,  
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,  
**Forgive us we pray ...**

## SILENT PRAYER

### KYRIE

GHANA



## 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



# PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*HYMN 161

*Woman in the Night*

NEW DISCIPLES

## SERMON

# RESPONDING *and* SEALING

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### Offertory

*Sonata in E, K. 380*

Domenico Scarlatti

### \*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

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please refer to the Communion Card.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

New Zealand

Our Father in heaven,

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver**

**Source of all that is and that shall be,**

**Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

hallowed be your name.

**The hallowing of your name echos through the universe.**

Your kingdom come,

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

Your will be done,

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

On earth as in heaven.

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**With the bread we need for today feed us.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

Save us from the time of trial

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us,**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us,**

and deliver us from evil.

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

\* HYMN 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Sonata in G, Kk. 13*

Domenico Scarlatti



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# We are glad you are here!

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First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith.

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## PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

## GET CONNECTED

Please use the Friendship Pad located in the pew to let us know you joined us in worship. To stay up to date with what's happening at First, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



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## WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher    Hannah Lundberg  
Liturgist    Megan Berry  
Lector      Jeanette Kibler

Pianist      Josh Marzan  
Usher        Marty Reineman  
Communion   Jean Song

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## WAYS TO GIVE

Your gift allows us to carry out our mission as an inclusive and diverse faith community.

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## Today at First

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8:00 a.m.	Worship (Monteith Hall)
8:15 a.m.	Sanctus Ringers Warm-up (Sanctuary)
9:00 a.m.	Residency Program Interview Weekend
9:30 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship (Social Hall)
10:40 a.m.	Prayer Team (Hillegonds Chapel)
10:45 a.m.	Children's Choir (Lemon Chapel)
11:00 a.m.	Communion Milestone Workshop (Sanctuary)
11:00 a.m.	Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)
11:00 a.m.	Fast Track to Membership (Pastor's Study)
11:00 a.m.	First Friends (Lewis Room)
11:00 a.m.	The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom 4)
11:15 a.m.	Faith Formation: Children (Levels 1 & 3)
12:00 p.m.	UKirk@UMich College Lunch   off site Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, <a href="mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org">hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org</a>
6:00 p.m.	All-Church Game Night (Social Hall)

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### **Fast Track to Membership —**

Join us today at 11:00 a.m. for a 30-minute session where we get to know you and you get to know us. Registration is not required. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 734-904-0049 or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

### **TONIGHT!**

**All-Church Game Night** — Join us tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a church-wide game night in the Social Hall. We'll gather for tabletop games, food, and fun. Come enjoy a time of fellowship.

## News & Events

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### **AGO Spring Fine Arts Series** — Fridays, March 10 - 31 | Noon

First Presbyterian is pleased to host the American Guild of Organists Spring Fine Arts Series. Join us at noon for four Fridays in March with performances by local musicians, including our own David Hufford. For more information, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

**Dementia: Understanding Changes in Communication and Family Dynamics** — Monday, March 13 | 7:00 p.m. As part of the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education program, Stefanie Sinks, LMSW, a geriatric care manager and aging life professional, will discuss how changes in cognition impact communication and discuss effective tips and techniques for positive interactions. She will also address the changes in roles and relationships, and how these changes impact family dynamics. Join us in person or live stream in Monteith Hall.

### **Home Worship Gatherings** — Tuesdays, March 14 - 28 | 6:00 p.m.

Simple worship gatherings will be held in various homes on Tuesdays, March 14 - 28, at 6:00 p.m. Up to 25 people will gather and have a light supper followed by worship, led by our pastors. Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

### **Alpha House Week of Caring** — Week of March 20

Alpha House provides shelter and support for children and families experiencing homelessness. Join us the week of March 20 to provide meals, childcare, companionship, and help with homework at Alpha House. For more information, contact Anne Gere, [argere@umich.edu](mailto:argere@umich.edu), or Ruth Jensen, [ruthannjensen@gmail.com](mailto:ruthannjensen@gmail.com)

### **Mature Ministries Spring Trip to Detroit** — Thursday, March 30

Mark your calendar for a visit to Detroit's Motown Museum. The fun will begin earlier in the day with a long-awaited stop at Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in West Bloomfield. Marvin's boasts a wonderful collection of classic and antique arcade games, pinball machines, and pre-electronic forms of entertainment. Bring a handful of quarters. Lunch will be at the Stage Deli. Sign up online at [firstpresbyterian.org/mature-ministries](http://firstpresbyterian.org/mature-ministries).

**Easter Flowers** — Give Easter flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Your flowers will be used to beautify our worship spaces on Easter Sunday, April 9. Following Easter worship, flowers will be delivered by our Deacons to those in need of extra cheer. Flowers are \$20 each and may be ordered up until noon on Monday, April 4. Order online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).