



"Good Shepherd" by Kelly Latimore

# FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 19, 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

*Intermezzo Op. 117, No. 1*

Johannes Brahms

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyterian Outlook Worship Resources

The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

**God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.**

The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

**God's goodness and mercy are always close.**

Let us worship God.

\* HYMN 806

*I'll Praise My Maker*

OLD 113TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

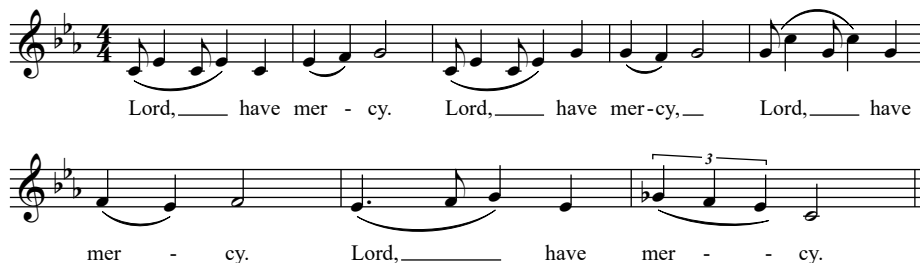
**O Lord our God, you created us and called us good. You planted us in the garden of your grace and provided everything we might need. Yet we are tempted by other fruit and succumb to our own desires. We sin against you, disobeying your commandments. We sin against others, causing sorrow and suffering. We even sin against ourselves, forgetting that we are made in your image.**

**Forgive us, O God, and help us to not cast judgment but to offer help to one another...**

SILENT PRAYER

## KYRIE

GHANA



Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_ have mer-cy, \_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_ have  
mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - cy.

## 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



"For - give our sins as we \_\_\_ for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you a - lone can grant us \_\_\_ grace to live the words we say.

## PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

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

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-41

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

### SERMON

# RESPONDING *and* SEALING

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Intermezzo Op. 118, No. 2*

Johannes Brahms

\*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

Lyn Seils Robertson

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven,

**Our Creator, you are all around us and within us.**

Hallowed be thy name.

**We praise you with many different names.**

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

**Help us live as we understand we should from knowing you in harmony and connectedness with each other,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

**With all creatures of the earth, and with the earth and the universe itself.**

Give us this day our daily bread,

**Help us to use your resources wisely so that we might be sustained.**

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

**Help us take responsibility when we fail to live harmoniously, and help us understand and forgive when others let us down.**

And lead us not into temptation,

**Let us know you well enough that we are not tempted to live outside of your love.**

but deliver us from evil,

**and empower us to work together to overcome evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

**We believe that you created the world and that you will be all around us and within us forever. Amen.**

# SENDING

\* HYMN 802

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ST. COLUMBA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Intermezzo Op. 119 No. 3*

Johannes Brahms



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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 Megan Berry  
Liturgist Melissa Anne Rogers  
Lector Cheryl Gulbranson

Pianist Josh Marzan  
Usher Marty Reineman  
Communion Felicity Williams  
Michele Derr

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## WAYS TO GIVE

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

### Cash/Check

Place in the offering plate or in the mail.

### Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

### Text-to-Give

Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523.

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## Today at First

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- 9:30 a.m.   Worship (Sanctuary)
  - 10:30 a.m.   Fellowship (Social Hall)
  - 10:45 a.m.   Children's Choir (Lemon Chapel)
  - 11:00 a.m.   Exploring the Faith (Sanctuary)
  - 11:00 a.m.   Faith Formation: Youth (Lower Level)
  - 11:00 a.m.   First Friends (Lewis Room)
  - 11:00 a.m.   Kerygma Bible Study (Vance 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.   Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
  - 4:00 p.m.    New Member Class
  - 6:00 p.m.    Youth Group (Social Hall, Youth Room)
  - 7:00 p.m.    T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom 4)
- Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)
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### **TODAY! New Member Class**

For those who desire to join the church, our new member class is today at 4 p.m. at the home of Marti and Tim Wendler. The class begins with light refreshments, introductions by pastors and fellow attendees, information about the life and ministry of our vibrant community of faith and concludes by answering any questions of membership. Interested? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 734-904-0049 or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

## 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).

### **Lenten 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).

### **Weekly Lenten Walks** — Friday, March 24 | 10:00 a.m. | Dhu Varren Woods

Each week during the season of Lent we'll choose a different day, time, and location to walk in a local nature center. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. Register: [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).

### **John Lockard Art Exhibit Open House and Reception** — Friday, March 31 | 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Leslie Kamil (John's widow) and Dr. James Lee from the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County will speak at the event held in the Social Hall.

**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).