



“Good Shepherd” by Kelly Latimore

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an usher if you
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bulletin** to follow
the service.

FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 19, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT *You Shall Have A Song* Harriet Ziegenhals
Children's Choir and Brandon LePage, Flute

You shall have a song and gladness of heart,
for music can joyfully our love to all impart.
Lift every voice, play the flute and violin,
and you shall have a song to sing, you shall have a song.

Make a joyful noise to God all ye lands,
Come serve Him with gladness of heart and mind and hands.
We are His children, He made us everyone,
And you shall have a song to sing, you shall have a song.

Enter now His gates with thanksgiving and praise,
For He is our God; let us serve Him all our days.
His steadfast love will endure to the end,
And we shall have a song to sing, you shall have a song.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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.**

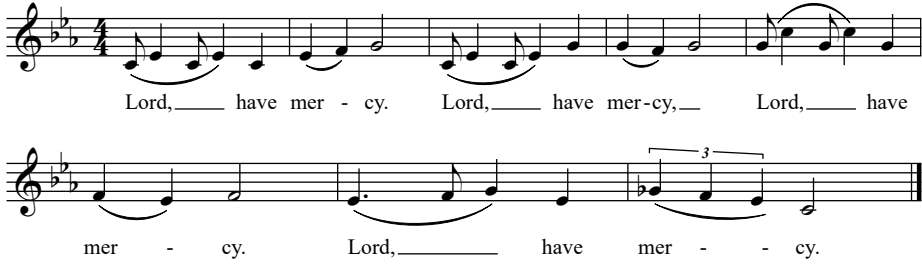
**Forgive us, O God, and help us to not cast judgment but to offer help
to one another...**

The **Call to
Worship** is
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SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

GHANA



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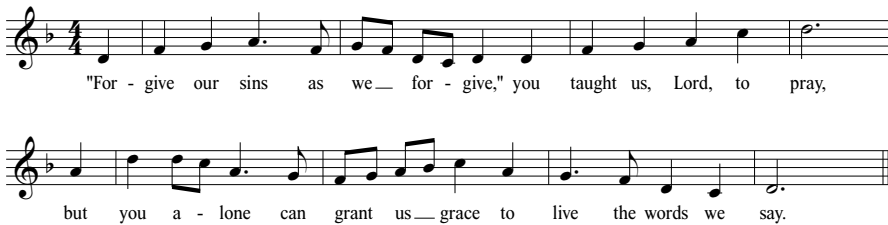
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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 9:1-12

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

CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing the refrain of Hymn 20, All Things Bright and Beautiful, as the children come forward.

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.**

SERMON

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *The Generous Landowner*, is found on page 226.

Worship LAB is a place where children explore the flow of worship through multi-sensory experiences. Children age 5 through 5th grade are invited to join in Worship Lab each week. This week's LAB focuses on confession.

RESPONDING

*HYMN 3

Womb of Life and Source of Being

RACQUEL

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Tom Shelton

Chancel Choir

Abby Kasenow, Soloist; Andrew Bishop, Alto Saxophone

Talk about a child that do love Jesus, Here's one.

Ever since I heard the Gospel story,

I been walkin' up the road to glory.

Jesus to walk, Lord. Walk, walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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* **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

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.**

Ways to give:

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plate or in the mail

Text-to-Give

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

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During the season
of Lent we will say
or sing various
versions of the
Lord's Prayer.

Today's prayer was
written by Lyn Seils
Robertson.

SENDING

* HYMN 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



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We are glad you are here!

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

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, drop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partners are Felicity Williams and Martha Kershaw.

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 Pres, sign up for our weekly email "Our Life Together" using this QR code.



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. We encourage you to pick up a worship activity bag, try sitting near the front, and sing along with the music.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Megan Berry

Welcome

Jay Sanderford

Liturgists

Melissa Anne Rogers

Jay Sanderford

Conversations with

Young Disciples

Melissa Anne Rogers

Lector

John Whittier-Ferguson

Skit

Jackie Vercler

Martin Gehrke

Levi Gehrke

Quentin Gehrke

Charlotte Gehrke

Carly Polikoff

Organist

David Hufford

Conductor

David VanderMeer

Chancel Choir

Children's Choir Director

Shayla Powell

Children's Choir

Ushers

Jim Cameron

Carol Carter

Spaulding Clark

Joe Schmidt

Martin Swindle

Connie Swindle

TODAY! New Member Class

For those who desire to join the church, our new member class is today at 4:00 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.

News & Events

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.

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.

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. Come for the conversation and community. All ages and stages of life welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. Dogs welcome! Register online at 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, or Ruth Jensen, 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.

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.

Peeps & Pizza EGGstravaganza — Saturday, April 8 | 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate Easter and party with your peeps on Saturday, April 8. Create your own marshmallow Peeps Bible story shoe box diorama. In addition, we will celebrate with an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds and a pizza lunch following. Reserve your pizza lunch so we know how much pizza to order. Lunch is a suggested \$5 per person donation. Register: firstpresbyterian.org

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.

Today at First

- 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)
 - 12:15 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

A teal-colored poster for Easter celebrations. The top left corner features a branch with white and pink cherry blossoms. The center text reads "CELEBRATE EASTER" in large white letters, with "Worship with us during this holy season" below it. The poster is divided into three sections by horizontal dotted lines. The first section, on the left, is for Palm Sunday (April 2, 2023) at 8:00 & 9:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary, featuring a palm frond icon. The second section, on the right, is for Easter Sunday (April 9, 2023) with a sunrise service at 7 A.M. on Circle Terrace and a service at 9:30 & 11:15 A.M. in the Sanctuary, including a 9:30 a.m. livestream. The third section, on the left, is for Maundy Thursday (April 6, 2023) at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary, featuring a chalice icon. The bottom section, on the left, is for Good Friday (April 7, 2023) at 7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary, featuring a cross on a branch icon. The bottom right corner also features a branch with white and pink cherry blossoms.

CELEBRATE
EASTER

Worship with us during this holy season

April 2, 2023
PALM SUNDAY
8:00 & 9:30 A.M. Worship

April 6, 2023
MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship

April 7, 2023
GOOD FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. Worship

April 9, 2023
EASTER SUNDAY
7 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE
Circle Terrace
9:30 & 11:15 A.M. SERVICE
Sanctuary
livestream at 9:30 a.m.