

THIRD SUNDAY *in* LENT  
March 3, 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.

Guest cellist  
Jonathan Sinclair  
is 14 years old and  
a freshman at  
Plymouth-Canton  
Educational Park.  
Jonathan also  
plays trombone,  
participates on  
a robotics team,  
and is gaining  
experience riding his  
antique high-wheel  
“penny farthing”  
bicycle. He plans  
to pursue a degree  
in mechanical  
engineering.  
Jonathan and his  
brother, Matthew,  
received top marks  
for their recent  
participation in  
Solo and Ensemble  
Festival in Livonia, MI.

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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      *Elégie*      Gabriel Fauré  
Jonathan Sinclair, Cello

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to radical rest!  
**So we will follow Her upstream,**  
undoing systems that steal our sacred time,  
**that it may be so.**

God invites us to radical rest!  
**So we will imagine new ways to structure our communities,**  
and remember ancient ways to live in communion  
with land, sea, sky and neighbor,  
**that it may be so.**

Come, God is inviting us to radical rest!  
**Nap, rest, lie down, breathe deep, shake your bodies loose.**  
Ease and restoration await the people of God!

\* HYMN 157      *I Danced in the Morning*      LORD OF THE DANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One who makes us lie down in green pastures—  
Unspool within us the ways we have internalized hustle.  
Undo our reaching for more, more.

**Set aside our striving for hollow accolades.**  
**Sooth our nervous nervous-systems.**  
**Guard us from mindless scrolling.**

Plant us in ordinary wonder.  
Make vivid creative ways to share our resources.

Create with us a world where no one has to earn the right to live,  
where clothes, food, and technology are not steeped in violence,  
where slowness, lingering, gentleness, and full nights of sleep  
shape our days. ....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE



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

Stacie Barrett, Liturgical Dancer and Sarah D’Angelo, Clarinet

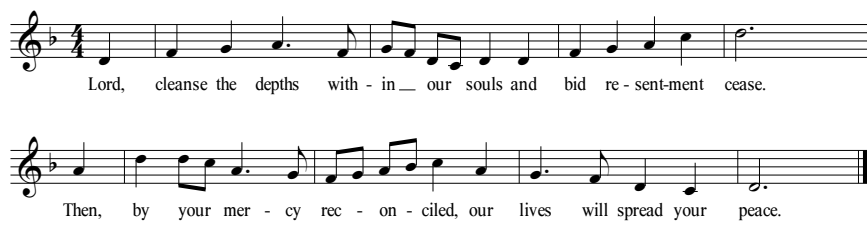
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\* 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

John 2:13-22

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.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Georgia Becker Carlisle  
Byron Gudritz  
Meris Charlotte Hoskins  
Finlay Hyers  
Priscilla Marion Leigh Musser  
Eloise Peters

Silvia Astrid Robles-Breneman  
Clare Avery Tharp  
Alice S. Vercler  
Calvin John David Yntema  
Samuel Michael Zink

Children will  
remain in worship  
today.

Are we willing to renew our baptismal promise?

**We renew our baptismal promise to children and their families to tell them of God’s love for them, to help them know all that Christ teaches us, and to strengthen their family ties with the household of God, by our fellowship together.**

*Please join in prayer.*

Blessed be your name, God of Love, for the ways you have shown us your love—in our lives, in the lives we encounter, and in the stories we claim.

**Renew within us a commitment to your story of grace, mercy, and love. Through these stories and our study of them, may we trust your wisdom, and have courage, to seek justice and claim the story of hope, so that others might see the depth of your love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

Paul Basler

Chancel Choir and Adam Unsworth, Horn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

\* 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.**

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\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Children will be invited forward at the start of the Communion to gather around the table. They will return to their families before Communion is served.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
COMMUNION MUSIC

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Kenneth Dake  
Chancel Choir Ensemble and Heidi Hess-Willis, soloist

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,  
Jesus walked it by himself.  
Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
he had to walk it by himself.

You must go and stand your trial,  
You have to stand it by yourself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him,  
Jesus walked it by himself.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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On the first  
Sunday of each  
month we collect  
non-perishable  
food items for  
one of our food  
ministry partners.  
During the closing  
hymn, please pass  
to the center aisle  
any canned food  
items that will be  
donated to this  
month's partner,  
SOS Community  
Services.

SENDING

\* HYMN 307                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      CWM RHONDDA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
*Voluntary on CWM RHONDDA*                      David Cherwien



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in honor of our members who have recently turned 100 or 101:  
Millie Danielson, Molly Dobson, Peggy Laird, Clara Politis, Ligia Reynolds,  
Betty Richart, and William Smith. We give thanks for their fruitful and  
faithful lives, and for their continuing inspiration!*

# 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.

## Prospective Member?

Two events on March 10. 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](mailto:mrogers@fpca2.org).

## 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.

## 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

David Prentice-Hyers  
Nathaniel Fryer  
Hannah Lundberg  
Mark Mares  
Heather Polikoff  
Melissa Anne Rogers

### Musicians

Chancel Choir  
David Hufford, Organist

*Minister of Music & Fine Arts*  
David VanderMeer

*Prayer Partners*  
Nikki Black  
Nancy Oliver

*Lay Reader*  
Clare Tharp

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM	<b>Contemplative Communion Service</b> Monteith Hall
9:30 AM	<b>Worship</b> Sanctuary & Livestream
10:30 AM	<b>Social Hour</b> Social Hall
10:45 AM	<b>Lemon Chapel Singers</b> Lemon Chapel
11:00 AM	<b>Adult Faith Formation</b> Classrooms
11:15 AM	<b>Worship</b> Monteith Hall
3:30 PM	<b>College Group Ice Skating</b> Buhr Park
6:00 PM	<b>Youth Group</b> off site

## Bible Presentation

### 9:30 Service

3rd Graders  
Georgia Becker Carlisle  
Byron Gudritz  
Priscilla Marion Leigh Musser  
Eloise Peters  
Silvia Astrid Robles-Breneman  
Clare Avery Tharp

Alice S. Vercler  
Calvin John David Yntema  
Samuel Michael Zink

4th Graders  
Meris Charlotte Hoskins  
Finlay Hyers

### 11:15 Service

3rd Graders  
Evie Veld Gerety  
Marlo Mae Polikoff

*Ushers*  
Keith Bilby  
Sheila Bilby  
Jim Cameron  
Carol Carter  
Andy Spaulding  
Angela Yang

## TODAY AT FIRST

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EXPLORING THE FAITH

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

Lewis Room

In the first of a four-part series, we will explore the big question of "what do we mean when we invoke the name 'God.'" We will look at how God or gods are described in various traditions; and we will think about how we understand the concept of "God."

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

#### **New Testament: Epistles of Peter**

French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

#### **13th**

Curtis Room & Zoom

Host: Carole Pawloski

### YOUNG ADULTS

#### **College Group**

Join us today at 3:30 p.m. for ice skating at Buhr Park. Rides are available. Contact Hannah Lundberg (hlundberg@fpca2.org) to RSVP or to get connected.

### YOUTH & FAMILIES

#### **Summer Trips Info Session**

Youth Group is offsite this week – we're meeting at the home of the Musser/Brown family! All youth are invited to join us from 6-7:30 p.m. PARENTS are invited to join us at 7:15 p.m. for root beer floats, and to hear about our Middle and High School trips this summer. You don't want to miss it!

## 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](mailto: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.

MATURE MINISTRIES  
**Cooking Classes Are Back!**

Thursday, March 7  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Kitchen

Join Karin Elling-Gardner and Rev. Rogers for "Learn to Make Bowls!" You may also sign up for April (plant-based cooking!) and May (pizza!). Classes are limited to 8 people and when you sign up, money is due to the Church Office (\$50 per class). Register online, [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45A4AC283-48107635-loaves#](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45A4AC283-48107635-loaves#/)/

**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.

**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.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://firstpresbyterian.org).