



"Born Again" by Lauren Wright Pittman

SECOND SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 5, 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 *Le Tombeau de Couperin, I. Prelude*

Maurice Ravel

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Midwifing Spirit, you are tenacious and tender enough to hold the complexity of life in your embrace—

**fragility and fortitude, life and death,
undoing and becoming, fear and courage, movement and rest.**

You are with us where we are.

**Thanks be to the Midwifing Spirit who is encouraging and wise,
who breathes with us in our vulnerability and strength.**

* **HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations

Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

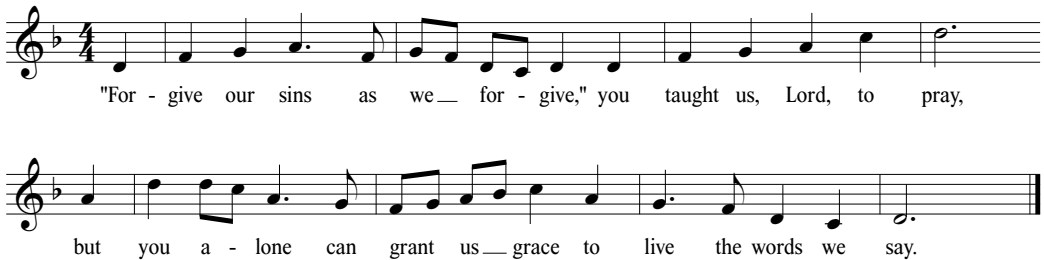
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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 121

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Le Tombeau de Couperin, II. Fugue

Maurice Ravel

*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

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Our God, ___ in hea-ven, ___ ho - ly is your name, ___ your

reign come, ___ your will done, ___ on earth as in hea-ven. ___

slower

Give us to-day our dai - ly bread, and help us for-give, as we have been for - giv-en. ___

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In the time of tri-al ___ lead us in - to light, ___ for yours is ___ the king-dom, and the

f *mp*

po - wer, ___ and the glo-ry, ___ for - e - ver. Our God, ___ in

heaven, _____ holy is your name, holy is your name. _____

SENDING

* **HYMN 498** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* BEACH SPRING

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Le Tombeau de Couperin, VI. Toccata* Maurice Ravel



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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, who 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, 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.



WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher David Prentice-Hyers
Liturgist Hannah Lundberg
Lector Diane Knibbs

Pianist Josh Marzan
Usher Nancy Fox
Communion Diane Knibbs
Brian Schneidewind

WAYS TO GIVE

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Today at First

- 12-8:00 a.m. Youth Lock In | Youth Room/Social Hall
- 8:00 a.m. Worship | Monteith Hall (Level 1)
- 9:30 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship | Social Hall (Level 1)
- 10:30 a.m. Online Fellowship Hour (Zoom 1)
- 10:40 a.m. Prayer Team | Hillegonds Chapel (Level 2)
- 11:00 a.m. First Sunday Event - Yoga for Everyone! | Social Hall (Level 1)
- 11:00 a.m. First Friends | Lewis Room (Level 2)
- 11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock | French Room (Level 1)
- 12:00 p.m. UKirk@UMich College Lunch | off site
Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org
- 7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study | (Zoom 4)
Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org

News & Events

First Sunday: Yoga for Everyone — Join us at 11:00 a.m. today to discover the mind and body benefits of yoga. You'll be introduced to ten poses considered the "building blocks" of yoga to provide a complete yoga workout. Modifications for each pose will be offered. Bring a mat (if you don't have one, we'll have extras). Wear comfy clothes.

Communion Sunday Food Donation — Give generously to support our neighbors in need with donations of food and funds. Our March Communion Sunday Food Offering supports SOS (Students Offering Support) Community Services, a community-based nonprofit located in Ypsilanti dedicated to preventing and ending family homelessness. SOS operates one of the largest active food pantries in Washtenaw County serving 7,000 families and individuals annually.

Lenten Taizé Service — This Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. we invite you to come experience a beautiful form of prayer, inspired by the ecumenical community in Taizé, France.

Home Worship Gatherings — 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 your pastors. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Alpha House Week of Caring — 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 Paula Doering, paulsadoering@gmail.com, Anne Gere, argere@umich.edu, or Ruth Jensen, ruthannjensen@gmail.com

Supporting Those Who Grieve — Volunteer to make cookies for memorial or funeral receptions, or volunteer the day of the service to help set up, serve, or clean-up. All men and women are welcome to help (typically once or twice a year). This is a meaningful way to help in pastoral care and congregational life. Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 734-904-0049.