



"Born Again" by Lauren Wright Pittman

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a **large-print bulletin** to follow the service.

## SECOND SUNDAY *in* LENT

March 5, 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**      *Adagio*      Giovanni Battista Pergolesi  
Brandon LePage, Flute

### 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.**

#### 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.**

#### \* 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...**

The musical transition following the Call to Worship invites all ages to be active participants while signaling to children an important moment in worship focused toward them.

**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

*God So Loved the World* Bob Chilcott  
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

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

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING *and* SEALING**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Calvin Hampton  
Chancel Choir and Brandon LePage, flute

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind,  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more simple we should take God at God's word,  
And our lives would be all sunshine in the sweetness of our Lord.

This week's Growing in God's Love Bible story, *A Wild Test*, is found on page 205.

**Ways to give:  
Cash/Check**

Place in the offering plate or in the mail

**Text-to-Give**

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

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Fearful souls, why will you scatter like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander from a love so true and deep?  
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;  
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in Christ's blood.

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDRETH

**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**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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.

Musical notation for the first line of the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, \_\_\_\_\_ Bless - ed is \_\_\_\_\_ the one who comes in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -

Musical notation for the second line of the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving. The lyrics are: heaven and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est. san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est.

**Prayer of the People and  
The Lord's Prayer**

Mark Miller

Musical notation for the first line of the Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer. The lyrics are: Our God, \_\_\_\_\_ in hea-ven, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly is your name, \_\_\_\_\_ your

Musical notation for the second line of the Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer. The lyrics are: reign come, \_\_\_\_\_ your will done, \_\_\_\_\_ on earth as in hea-ven. \_\_\_\_\_

Musical notation for the third line of the Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer. The lyrics are: Give us to-day our dai - ly bread, and help us for-give, as we have been for - giv-en. \_\_\_\_\_

Musical notation for the fourth line of the Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer. The lyrics are: In the time of tri-al \_\_\_\_\_ lead us in - to light, \_\_\_\_\_ for yours is \_\_\_\_\_ the king - dom, and the

During the season of Lent we will say or sing various versions of the **Lord's Prayer**. Today's prayer is a musical setting by Mark Miller.

po - wer, and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. Our God, in  
 hea - ven, ho - ly is your name, ho - ly is your name.

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

**Communion Music**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

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

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

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**  
*Prelude in C ("9/8"), BWV 547* J.S. Bach



*The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of their father Marvin Skubick, by his children Gail Grady and Dr. Daniel Skubick, and grandchildren Brian Grady, Alicia Skubick, and Lauren McAlister.*

*The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth on February 27, 2023, of Holly Green, daughter of Matt and Hannah Green and granddaughter of Jim Walsh and Sue Ashford.*

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.

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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, which 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, 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 Meg Brown and Katie Parker.

## 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.



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## 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.

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

### *Preacher*

David Prentice-Hyers

### *Welcome*

Megan Berry

### *Liturgists*

Melissa Anne Rogers

Hannah Lundberg

Mark Mares

### *Conversations with*

*Young Disciples*

Jay Sanderford

### *Lector*

Susan Whitlock

### *Organist*

David Hufford

### *Conductor*

David VanderMeer

Chancel Choir

### *Greeter*

Al Beery

### *Ushers*

Keith Bilby

Sheila Bilby

Jim Cameron

Dick Carlisle

Carol Carter

Spaulding Clark

Joe Schmidt

Martin Swindle

Connie Swindle

## Today at First

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- 8:00 a.m. Youth Lock In | Social Hall/Youth Room
- 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: 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](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)
- 7:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study | (Zoom 4)  
Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, [hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org)

## News & Events

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**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](http://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](mailto:paulsadoering@gmail.com), Anne Gere, [argere@umich.edu](mailto:argere@umich.edu), or Ruth Jensen, [ruthannjensen@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), or 734-904-0049.

