



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN**
Ann Arbor | Michigan

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 21, 2023 | 8:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

1432 Washtenaw Avenue | Ann Arbor, Michigan
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“Mystery Revealed” by James Fissel

SEVENTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 21, 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

Out of the Silence

William Grant Still

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to be the body of Christ,

We are the ones called to serve as Christ in this world.

We are called to share in the gifts of the Spirit.

We are the ones who teach, care, and love as Christ loves us.

We are called to bring the Good News.

We are the ones who proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until Christ comes again.

Come, let us worship God,

who dwells in us as the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth you have given us. We desire heavenly treasure, but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success, and call us to the down-to-earth message of your love, to care for the needs of those around us, especially the oppressed and marginalized. You have called us through scripture to care for the widows and orphans among us; help us to see all those who are left out by society and

are in need. Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have placed, so that we may truly be one, as you and Christ are one, for it is in Christ's name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

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

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Cloud Cradles

William Grant Still

* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please refer to the Communion Card.

SENDING

* HYMN 295

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Muted Laughter

William Grant Still



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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We invite you to join us at our **Fast Track** event next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the Friendship Pad, then passing it down to others.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, pastors will be available at the Communion Table after the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher Rev. Mark Mares
Liturgist Rev. Megan Berry
Lector Bob Orr

Pianist Josh Marzan
Communion Brian Schneidewind
Kathy Hillig
Usher Marty Reineman

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TODAY AT FIRST PRES

- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Monteith Hall)
- 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. Youth Faith Formation (Lower Level)
- 11:00 a.m. Exploring the Faith (Monteith Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. First Friends (Lewis Room)
- 11:00 a.m. The Bible at 11 o'clock (French Room, Zoom)
- 11:00 a.m. Kerygma (Vance Room)
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Faith Formation (Levels 1 and 3)
- 3:00 p.m. T2A2 Young Adult Bible Study (offsite & Zoom)
Contact: Rev. Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group (offsite)

NEWS & EVENTS

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 31 - August 4 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Rising 2nd through rising 9th graders will have fun learning the upbeat and lively musical, "Oh, Jonah!" In addition, we have a lot of other activities planned, such as handbells, crafts, games, Bible stories, and much more. The cost is \$25 per camper. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Westminster Bell Choir Concert

Monday, May 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Ring on the world's largest range of handbells and Choirchime Instruments, the ensemble will perform original works, transcriptions of light classics of Saint-Saëns and Tchaikovsky, hymn tunes, folk tunes, and popular favorites. A Love Offering will be collected.

FAITH FORMATION

LGBTQIA+ Conversation Circle

Sunday, June 4 | 11:00 a.m. | Monteith Hall

Tuesday, June 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

FPC members of the LGBTQIA+ community are invited for a time of conversation, community-building, and queer joy. These gatherings are intended specifically for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and those on a journey who may not fit comfortably in a category to share

conversations about faith. If you wonder whether this is the group for you, are interested in future gatherings, or have any questions, contact Rev. Hannah Lundberg at hlundberg@fpca2.org.

MISSION

Bridging 23

Saturday, June 10

First Pres will participate in the "Bridging 23" Unity Walk, a fundraiser for the Dispute Resolution Center. The Unity Walk on Saturday, June 10, is designed to bring public visibility to the inequities between Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and encourage new connections to transform how our communities relate to one another. If you are interested in walking or participating in another way, please contact Susan Whitlock, whitlock@umich.edu.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, June 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Ypsilanti

Join us in building a Habitat for Humanity house in Ypsilanti this spring! First Presbyterian and the House of Faith partner churches are looking for volunteers on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org/events.

WORSHIP

Summer Worship

The Day of Pentecost (May 28) marks the end of our program year. Beginning Sunday, June 4 through Labor Day, we will have a single Sunday worship service, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

Labyrinth Walk

Thursday, June 1, 2:00-4:00 pm

Monday, July 10, 5:00-7:00 pm

Saturday, August 12, 10:00 am - noon

As a meditative experience of worship this summer, you are invited on the following dates and times at the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig (7654 W Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, 48103) to walk the labyrinth on their property.

Worship Survey

May 17 - 31

We're looking at opportunities for worship in Fall 2023 in addition to the 9:30 a.m. service. We'd like to get your feedback about worship times that work well for you. Take the survey online at firstpresbyterian.org/events.

Faith Formation Teachers

Today is the last day of Sunday morning Children and Youth Faith Formation classes for the program year. A huge thank you to all of our Faith Formation teachers and child care volunteers who served during the 2022-23 program year! We thank God for each of you.

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| Bob Anderson | Rev. Ed Koster | Emma Schneidewind |
| Dory Anderson | Beth Nissen | Lucy Schneidewind |
| Virginia Bell | Betsy McCallister | Paul Smith |
| Amanda Carlisle | Brian Meade | Nicki Sorter |
| Callie Feyen | Carol Pawloski | Daniel Torres-Davenport |
| Rebecca Gaffney | Jim Peggs | Elisabeth VanVliet |
| Beth Gerwig | Keith Phillips | Nancy Vander Kuyl |
| Diane Hockett | Sarah Phillips | Tim Wendler |
| Alice Holderby | Brian Schneidewind | Susan Whitlock |

Staff Farewell

Our Children and Family Ministries Coordinator Beca Torres-Davenport will be leaving her staff position on May 26. We are grateful for her ministry here at First. If you would like to contribute to a gift, donations may be sent to Anna Miller in the Church Finance Office by Friday, June 2.