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SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER
May 5, 2024 • 9:30 AM



Spirit of the Community
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May is Mental
Health
Awareness
Month.
Mental health
affects us as
individuals and
as communities
— including how
we think and feel
about ourselves
and others, how
we respond
to adverse life
experiences,
and how we
sustain healthy
relationships.
First Pres
advocates for
and promotes
mental health.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 678

J.S. Bach

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL to WORSHIP

The Love of God
is groundwater, oxygen—
Around us, within us, beyond us.

The Love of God
is disruptive, subversive—
tangled with the heartbreak of the world.

The Love of God
is spacious, expansive—
wilder than the categories we've constructed
to try and tame creation.

Come, the Love of God wells up—
everpresent, liberating,
washing away our narrow imaginations.

* HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Radical Spirit, thank you for love that is at once comforting and
challenging, soothing and demanding. Thank you for showing us
when love requires courage and dissent, when it requires softness
and rest. Forgive us when we fail to risk something big for
something good. Because our liberation is bound, we must move
in many ways. Because we are your friend, we are devoted to your
cause—life and life abundantly...**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CELTIC ALLELUIA



PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 10:44-48

A CONVERSATION with YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Children's Faith Formation classes will not meet this morning. Children are invited to stay in worship.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

John 15:9-17

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY

If You Love Me

Chancel Choir

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever.
E'en the Spirit of truth.
And ye know Him,
For He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

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* 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

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.

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.

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

SANCTUS

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All cups contain grape juice. Most stations are gluten free but contain eggs and milk. If you need an option that contains gluten but no other allergens, please come to the center station.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN 515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

* 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."



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Jim Wheaton by his wife Julie.*

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, Food Gatherers.

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WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

New to First Pres?

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. **Please sign the Friendship Pad.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. Sign it then pass it down to others.

Childcare

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. Children's Bibles may be found in the pew and children's resources can be found in the narthex.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

This week provides a time for mental health advocates across the country to come together as one unified voice to decrease the stigma surrounding mental health and illness, to increase visibility of treatment options and to support those who deal with mental health concerns.

What can you do in support of this important issue that is faced by so many of God's people?

- Visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) website, nami.org.
- Visit the PC(USA) Mental Health Ministry page, <https://shorturl.at/rDGII>
- Attend today's 11:15 AM worship or the Taizé service on Tuesday, May 7, at 7 PM. Both services will have a special focus on how we can support those with mental health concerns.

Communion Milestone

Within the church year, we hold several Milestone workshops to give our young disciples and their grown-ups opportunities to explore more about our beliefs and practices. Last month we held a Communion Milestone to focus on the meaning of this sacrament. We explored how shared meals are important in our church and home, learned and wondered about the Last Supper, and discussed the specifics of how Communion happens in worship.

As the second part of our milestone experience, many of our participants are helping in the service of Communion this morning. They are:

Sam Bowles	Angus Hyers	Elizabeth Vercler
Cora Meade	Rebecca Slosberg	Jackie Vercler
Evan Meade	Selena Slosberg	
Issac Meade	Alice Vercler	

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*
Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*
Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*
Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*
Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*
Keanu Heydari, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Cyndy Colton
Omer Bellfi
Karla Olson-Bellfi
Clem Gill
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Len Rezmierski
Joe Schmidt
Pat Tamblyn
Bruce Thomson

TODAY AT FIRST

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

10:30 AM

Social Hour
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Lemon Chapel
Singers (K-8 gr.)**
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Fast Track to
Membership**
Pastor's Study

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

6:00 PM

Youth Group
Social Hall,
Youth Room

7:00 PM

**Small Group
Bible Study**
offsite

SOCIAL HOUR

Fair Trade Coffee Sales during Social Hour

10:30 am | Social Hall

When you buy a bag of Fair Trade coffee at First Pres, you not only support the coffee growers around the world, you also help the church financially for its many activities where coffee is served. Fair Trade Coffee sales are offered September through May during Social Hour. Stock up now for your summer coffee needs. Fair Trade Coffee is also available for sale all year in the Welcome Center during office hours.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

First Pres Pilgrimages

11:00 AM | Lewis Room

Since 2011, First Pres pilgrims have traveled to Scotland, England, Spain, Iceland, and Italy. Pilgrims from each of these journeys will share memories and reflections on the process of pilgrimage – the year-long preparation, the hours of physical and spiritual training, and... What is the meaning of pilgrimage? How do we prepare to take an internal journey while on an external one? How is this different from a group travel tour? What experiences can they share with those who may never undertake such a daunting spiritual trek? They will explain why the most important words they hear after a pilgrimage are these: "Your pilgrimage begins now."

FIRST FRIENDS

Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?

11:00 AM | Curtis Room

Host: Carole Pawloski

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of John

11:00 AM | French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

Small Group Bible Study

7:00 - 9:00 PM | Chris Wahl's home

Open to all. Contact Chris Wahl, cgwahl@umich.edu.

**save
thedata**
registration begins soon

**ALL-CHURCH
PICNIC**
FOOD + GAMES + LIVE MUSIC

**09
JUNE**
10:30AM - 12PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWIDE

Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Deacon, and Nominating Committee for 2025. Nominees must be active members and have made a financial commitment. Elder and Deacon job descriptions are found at firstpresbyterian.org.

CARE & COMPASSION

Family Estrangement

Monday, May 13

7:00 PM | Monteith Hall

Speaker: Rose Rittinger, LLMSW

Navigating family conflict can be a challenge. Come learn a few of the reasons behind why family members become estranged and strategies for preventing estrangement.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 29 - August 2

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Get ready for an unforgettable week filled with music, art, and endless fun at our Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp! Register: firstpresbyterian.org.

Honoring Graduates

Graduation time is here! If you or your family member will be graduating this spring, please let us know so that we may honor our grads. Submit the name and photo at firstpresbyterian.org.

MATURE MINISTRIES

LUNCH AND LEARN

Stopping Climate Change:

A Citizen's Guide to Actions

Thursday, May 9

12 PM | Social Hall

Our guest speaker Mary Garton, a volunteer with the Ann Arbor chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby, will share ways to handle one's own climate anxiety and work towards viable solutions. A hot lunch is served for \$12. Call the church office to register.

MISSION

School Supplies for Philippines

Help us prepare for shipment the rescued and recycled discarded school supplies and

books that will be sent to our partners in the Philippines. If you own a pickup truck and are willing to transport donations from a local school any day June 3-14, email or call Ginny Rezmierski at 971-6221 or ver@umich.edu. If you can count books, sort pens, crayons, pencils etc. join us at the Rezmierski garage for packing from 9:00-4:00 on Friday, June 28 and/or Saturday, June 29.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Open Doors Creative Arts Series:

Art Exhibit by He Qi

The art exhibit featuring the breathtaking works of He Qi is now on display in the Social Hall. Renowned for his captivating blend of traditional Chinese art techniques with contemporary Christian themes, He Qi's creations are a mesmerizing fusion of culture, spirituality, and profound beauty.

WORSHIP

Taizé

Tuesday, May 7

7:00 PM | Monteith Hall

As part of Mental Health Awareness, this month's Taizé will be a wholeness and healing service. Join us as we center our hearts, quiet our minds, and connect with the divine in a gentle, meditative way.

Ordination of Nathaniel Fryer

Sunday, May 19

3:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Presbytery of Detroit and First Presbyterian invite you to the ordination of Nathaniel Fryer as Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Game Nights: Sunday, May 12 and 26, from 6:00-7:30pm in the Vance Room. Snacks provided!

Young Adult Pub Theology: Tuesday, May 14, from 5:30-6:45 pm at Blue Tractor (downtown Ann Arbor). Discussion begins around 5:45.

Young Adult Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 19, from 11am-12pm at the Panera Bread on Washtenaw Ave. (next to Barnes & Noble).



SUMMER MER *worship*

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 AM WORSHIP
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM WORSHIP
Sanctuary

As the warmth of summer envelops us, we invite you to join us for our uplifting worship services every Sunday. Our 8:30 AM service offers a serene beginning to your day, while our 9:30 AM service provides a vibrant atmosphere to kickstart your morning. We look forward to welcoming you to our summer worship services!