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24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST  
November 12, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

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*The Ten Young Women*  
Jesus Mafa

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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

Cathy Moglebust  
(b. 1958) has  
written over 450  
compositions and  
arrangements for  
handbells.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Cathy and David Moglebust

*I Will Lift Mine Eyes unto the Hills (Psalm 121)*

Sanctus Ringers

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

A light shines in the darkness,  
**and the darkness will not overcome it.**

We gather together to worship the Lord of light,  
**the creator of all light, of sun, moon, and stars.**

God fuels our lamps of faith with the oil of the Holy Spirit.  
**Let us follow the path illuminated before us.**

\* HYMN 362

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Radiant God, your goodness shines for all creation to see. We come before you unsure of how to live into your light. Our world is so hurt and divided, we don't even know where to start to make things better. We feel incapable of making a difference, so we stop trying. In our own hurt, we hurt others, and turn to division for comfort instead of you. Lord of light, reveal to us what we might do differently. Show us how we can help our communities, our worlds, and even ourselves with the gifts you have given us. Help us see your work of healing and reconciliation, especially in times when it's hard to find, so that we might see the hope you bring and join you in it...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - 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

AMAZING GRACE

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:1-13

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

SERMON

"Be Prepared"

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

RESPONDING

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Refrain

Chord progression: G, C, G, Em, Bm, Em, Am7, D, G, Dsus, D, Em, Em7, C, Am7, D, G, Am7, G

Lyrics: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Brent Ivey

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plate or in the mail

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Keep Your Lamps*

André Thomas

Chancel Choir and John Dorsey, percussion

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary until your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

\* 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND  
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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SENDING

\* HYMN 384

*Soon and Very Soon*

SOON AND VERY SOON

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Soon I Will Be Done*

arr. Calvin Taylor



*The chancel flowers are given by Angela Yang to the glory of God and in honor of all the usher teams; and by Ellen Johnson to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Carolyn Johnson, and in honor of her niece, Amanda Carolyn Johnson, both born on this day.*

*The yellow rosebud is in honor of Perry Alden Wolf born October 19, 2023. Parents are Holly and Spencer Wolf of Alexandria, VA. Great-grandmother is Patricia Gilbreath.*

# 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.

## 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.

## Children in Worship

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children 2nd grade and older will be independently dismissed from their classrooms at the conclusion of worship. Children in 1st grade or younger will remain in their classrooms and must be picked up by an adult. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

## Worship Leaders

Rev. Tommy Langejans  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers  
Rev. Hannah Lundberg  
Nathaniel Fryer

### Lay Reader

Price Burton

### Musicians

Chancel Choir  
John Dorsey, percussion

### Organist

David Hufford

### Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

### Ushers

Beth Gerwig  
Diane Tamblyn  
Pat Tamblyn  
Angela Yang

## New Members

Emily Ashjian  
Tom and Marti Burbeck  
Nan Burlingame  
Franklin and Meeilei Chen  
Carol and Graeme Fairweather  
Tamara Gay  
John and Jill Goldstein  
Bill and Regina Gruber  
John Gruber  
Michael and Melinda Haithcock

Paul and Sosa Kocheril  
Jann Lardo  
Patrice Lyans  
Mark and Sharon Osbeck  
David and Sandy Pollock  
Shayla Powell  
Daniel Slosberg  
Brian and Cynthia Smith  
Dennis and Paula Thompson

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative  
Communion  
Service**  
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

**Worship**  
Sanctuary &  
Livestream

9:30 AM

**Children Faith  
Formation**  
Classrooms

9:30 AM

**Confirmation**  
Lower Level

10:30 AM

**Social Hour**  
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Lemon Chapel  
Singers** (K-8th grade)  
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith  
Formation**  
Classrooms

11:15 AM

**Worship**  
Monteith Hall

6:00 PM

**Youth Group**  
Social Hall

### Welcome Center

Julie Wheaton

### Hillegonds Chapel

Prayer Partners

Brad Taylor

Marsha Kershaw

## FAITH FORMATION @ FIRST

9:30  
AM

### Children's Formation

Children will move to their classrooms with their teachers after the Conversations with Young Disciples

4 Years Old - 5th Grade  
K-1st - Room 302  
2-3rd - Room 303  
4-5th - Room 304

### Youth Formation

Middle School  
6-8 Grade  
Youth Room

11:00  
AM

### Adult Formation

EXPLORING THE FAITH

#### Roles of Women in the New Testament

Lewis Room  
Speaker: Deborah Forger, PH.D., Middle Eastern Studies, University of Michigan

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

#### New Testament Epistles:

##### James; 1, 2, & 3 John

French Room & Zoom  
Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

#### Simon Peter:

##### Flawed but Faithful

Curtis Room & Zoom  
Host: Carol Pawloski

Childcare (5 & under) is available from 8:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in First Level Classrooms

For a full listing of offerings and upcoming events, please visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

## FAITH FORMATION

### Do I have time for that?

#### Keeping Sabbath as a Parent

Sunday, November 19  
11:00 a.m. | Lewis Room

Join us for a parent conversation as we create intentional time to rest and share about ways we find restoration in the midst of "all the things." Youth and children will gather in the Youth Lounge. Childcare is available for children 5 and younger.

## MISSION

### Hope Clinic Thanksgiving Bags

Help us make Thanksgiving Bags for Hope Clinic! Once you have filled your bag please drop it off at the Welcome Center before November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Contents for Thanksgiving Fixings Baskets

- 1 can of gravy (or packet dry mix)
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can french-fried onions
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can pumpkin pie filling
- 1 crust/bake mix
- 2 cans vegetable (carrots, corn, yam, peas, etc)

All items must be shelf-stable (no refrigeration needed) and please avoid glass containers. Make sure your bag has all of the items listed, and no extras.

### Fostering Futures and Family to Family Christmas

Help children and families in need of assistance during the Christmas season through the Family to Family and Fostering Futures programs. You can help in two different ways: provide gifts for a foster child (sign-up November 5 through December 3), or help a family by purchasing and delivering gifts (sign-up November 12-December 10). To sign up, stop by the information table in the Social Hall during Social Hour or visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).



## **Rotating Shelter**

Rotating Shelter returns to First Pres in January! Save the date: January 1-15, 2024! Please consider volunteering to donate food/snacks/warm clothing/hospitality when we turn our church home into an overnight home for a select group of 18-20 un-housed men. Watch for sign-up opportunities this month.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### **Care & Compassion Series: How Trauma Affects Relationships**

Monday, November 13  
7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall  
Speaker: Kate Roos, MSW

Kate Roos is a registered art therapist, certified trauma sensitive yoga facilitator, and a mindful meditation practitioner. For many years, Kate has worked with adults and kids in a variety of settings including schools, teen centers, clinics, hospitals, and non-profit organizations. She deeply believes in the power of the expressive arts to support us in healing and well-being, creating connections with ourselves and others, building community, and sparking moments of joy.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### **Do you like to bake cookies? Then Presbyterian Women needs YOU!**

Volunteers are needed to bake the cookies used for memorial receptions. Can you help? You can bake just before a reception or if you prefer, make cookies whenever you have time and we'll freeze them! Find out the details by contacting Michele Derr.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **When Hands Reach Out**

As of November 7, we have 316 pledges totaling \$1,501,111 which is 75.3% of our goal. Thank you to the individuals and families who have made a financial pledge to First Pres. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, First Pres still needs your help as we plan the 2024 budget. Thank you for all you do to support the ministry and mission of First Pres! To make a pledge online, visit [www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute)



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