

Behold I Tell You a Secret
Hilma Af Klint

25TH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

November 19, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Air in D minor* Henry Purcell
FPC Orchestra

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

CHORAL INTROIT *How Can I Keep from Singing?*
Lemon Chapel Singers

My life flows in endless song,
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the real though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing,
It sounds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes unto the hills from whence my help doth come;
What though the darkness 'round me close?
Still truth its light is giving.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
While to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth,
How can I keep from singing?

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In every generation, people from all places
have found their home and resting place in God.
We gather to worship and praise the God of all time.

All creation since time began, has been shaped,
and given life, through the hands of their Creator.
We gather to worship the God of all creation.

From everlasting to everlasting, God's love
echoes throughout time.
Let us worship the God of abundant love.

* HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION

An English
composer of
the middle
Baroque period,
Henry Purcell
composed
music for the
church, the
stage, the court,
and private
entertainment.
Purcell was just
twenty when
he was made
Organist of
Westminster
Abbey.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Creator God, when we cling to the familiar, block the possibilities, and insist on the old ways, even if those old ways make no sense anymore. Forgive the fears that bind us to the past and keep us from living as new creations. Teach us instead to trust the Spirit's leading, to risk new expressions, to offer this day and beyond, knowing your love is there on every path....

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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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

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

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 25:14-30

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Rev. Mark Mares

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by the Rev. Shannon Kershner

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.

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

Online

<https://bit.ly/FPCvanco>

Vanco Mobile App



RESPONDING

* HYMN 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Kyrie from Requiem* W.A. Mozart
Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* DOXOLOGY NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

* 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.**

SENDING

* HYMN 719 *Come, Labor On* ORA LABORA

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Now Thank We All Our God arr. Steve Coldiron
FPC Orchestra



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by Charley, Marta, Mark, David and their families.*

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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. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Rev. Hannah Lundberg
Nathaniel Fryer

Lay Reader

Michael Oswald

Musicians

Chancel Choir
FPC Orchestra
Lemon Chapel Singers
Michael Haithcock, Orchestra Director
Shayla Powell, Lemon Chapel Singers Director
Brent Ivey, Accompanist

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Aidan Majorprice
Chloe Majorprice
Holly Majorprice
Paul Smith
Carol Smith
Mary Schudel
Jenna Mares
Beth Gerwig
Angela Yang

Welcome Center

Michele Derr
Al Beery

Greeters

Cyndy Colton
Barbara Dobson

Hillegonds Chapel Prayer Partners

Sharon Dort
Nancy Fox

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

12:30 PM

College Group
Youth Room

6:00 PM

Youth Group
Social Hall

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

Keeping Sabbath as a Parent

Lewis Room
Host: Rev. Mark Mares

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament Epistles:

James; 1, 2, & 3 John
French Room & Zoom
Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

Neuroscience, Mental Health and the Church

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

ADMINISTRATION

Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 22-24, in observance of Thanksgiving. The staff of FPC wishes you a Thanksgiving filled with blessings and joy!

CHILDREN & FAMILY

Advent Is Happening!

Saturday, December 2
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Social Hall

Everyone, of all ages, is invited to join us for Advent-themed crafts, cookie decorating, and more! FREE!

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." Children and youth will gather in the Youth Room. Childcare is available for children 5 and younger.

MATURE MINISTRIES

Frankenmuth Adventure

Tuesday, December 5
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Two Michigan favorites—Bronner's Christmas Wonderland and Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn Restaurant—have been lined up to offer Santa's FPC friends a second-to-none start to the Christmas season. Bronner's is home to the largest Christmas store on the planet and Bavarian Inn serves up classic family style, all-you-can-eat chicken dinners. Santa thinks this will make a spectacular day! Register by Tuesday, November 28.

Cost: \$75.00 (\$35 for family style chicken dinner; \$40 bus)

Register online: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4FAAAF2DAA8-mature#

Lunch and Learn

Thursday, December 14
11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Holiday Sing-Along
12:15 - 1:40 p.m. - Guest Speaker Dr. Meng Tan,
"Innovations in Diabetes Treatment"

We will gather in the Sanctuary to enjoy a fun-filled collection of the most beloved Christmas songs and carols, accompanied by Brent Ivey and David VanderMeer with a special appearance by Santa Claus. Following lunch, Dr. Meng Tan will share highlights from his research on innovations in diabetes treatment. Dr. Tan is Professor Emeritus of Internal Medicine in the Division of Metabolism, Endocrinology and Diabetes at the University of Michigan.

MISSION

Rotating Shelter

January 1 - 15, 2024

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Last call for Presbyterian Women's "Undercover Operation" donations!

Bring your gifts of new children's socks and underwear of all sizes to church and place them in the box by the Welcome Center. Monetary contributions are welcome as well! Your donations will be given to HOUSE by the Side of the Road. Learn more at housebythesideoftheroad.org.

STEWARDSHIP

When Hands Reach Out

As of November 14, we have 333 pledges totaling \$1,549,611 which is 77.8% 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, use the QR code or visit www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute

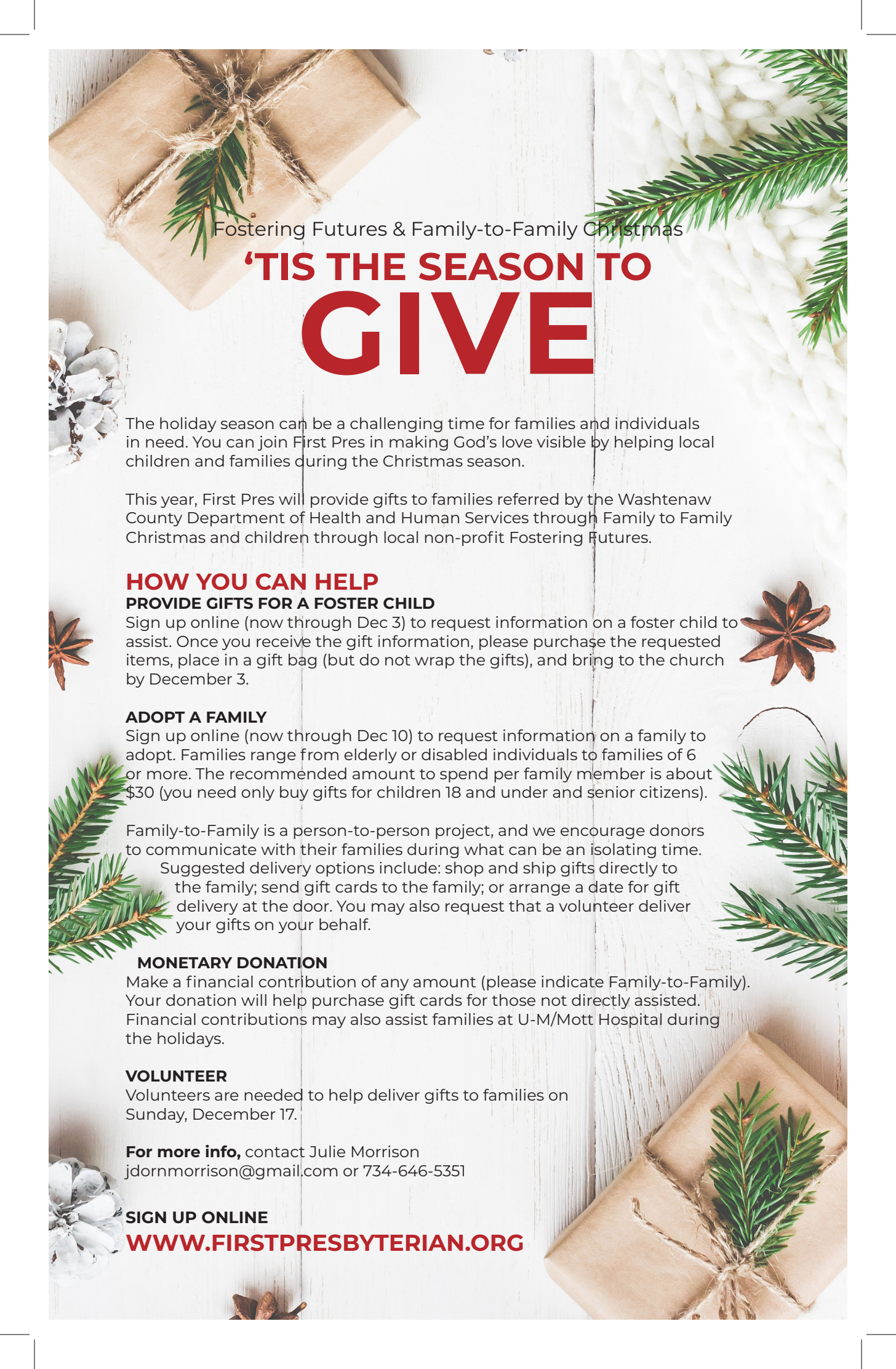


WORSHIP

Advent Taizé Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 5
7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

Experience a beautiful form of prayer, inspired by the ecumenical community in Taizé, France.



Fostering Futures & Family-to-Family Christmas

'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE

The holiday season can be a challenging time for families and individuals in need. You can join First Pres in making God's love visible by helping local children and families during the Christmas season.

This year, First Pres will provide gifts to families referred by the Washtenaw County Department of Health and Human Services through Family to Family Christmas and children through local non-profit Fostering Futures.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

PROVIDE GIFTS FOR A FOSTER CHILD

Sign up online (now through Dec 3) to request information on a foster child to assist. Once you receive the gift information, please purchase the requested items, place in a gift bag (but do not wrap the gifts), and bring to the church by December 3.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Sign up online (now through Dec 10) to request information on a family to adopt. Families range from elderly or disabled individuals to families of 6 or more. The recommended amount to spend per family member is about \$30 (you need only buy gifts for children 18 and under and senior citizens).

Family-to-Family is a person-to-person project, and we encourage donors to communicate with their families during what can be an isolating time.

Suggested delivery options include: shop and ship gifts directly to the family; send gift cards to the family; or arrange a date for gift delivery at the door. You may also request that a volunteer deliver your gifts on your behalf.

MONETARY DONATION

Make a financial contribution of any amount (please indicate Family-to-Family). Your donation will help purchase gift cards for those not directly assisted. Financial contributions may also assist families at U-M/Mott Hospital during the holidays.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts to families on Sunday, December 17.

For more info, contact Julie Morrison
jdornmorrison@gmail.com or 734-646-5351

SIGN UP ONLINE

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