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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 Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar

# POURING OF THE WATER

#### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

On our pilgrimage of faith, in a changing and uncertain world – we do not walk alone: the Lord is with us.

We remember all those who taught us faith – that cloud of witnesses whose example burns bright in our memory. God of grace, by whose love the world exists – show us your face once again and reveal to us your glory....

\* HYMN 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

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The Call to

**Worship** is from

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Will There Yet
Come?
- Laurie Wohl
The Struggle of
Destinies

A Hebrew text from Lamentations sets the stage for the other texts in this piece:

Lamentations 1:16
"This is why I
weep:

and my eyes overflow with tears. No one is near to comfort me, no one to restore my spirit. My children are destitute.

because the enemy has prevailed."

(boldface type indicates the part of the text embodied in the piece)

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us prepare to take our place at the table of grace with servants among us and saints above us, united in the joy of Christ our Hope.

Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us, forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors. We failed to follow their example and heed their wisdom. Free us from the legacy of their sins. Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendents. Our greed has threatened their well-being, and our hatred has damaged their peace. Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

AURELIA

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

# PROCLAIMING the WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

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 23:1-12

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

# RESPONDING and SEALING

OFFERTORY

Blow Ye the Trumpet
Chancel Choir

Kirke Mechem

Blow ye the trumpet, blow.

Sweet is Thy work, my God, my King.

I'll praise my Maker with all my breath.

O happy is the one who hears.

Why should we start, and fear to die,

With songs and honors sounding loud.

Ah, lovely appearance of death.

## \* 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!

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# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

#### Invitation to the Lord's Table

# **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

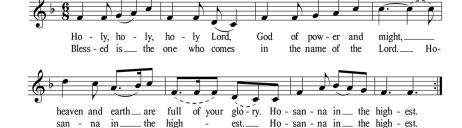
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. . . . (prayers continue)



One: You are holy, O God of majesty.... We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember as we rise in body or spirit before you now.

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# Prayer of Commemoration and the Lord's Prayer

Eternal Light, Immortal Love, we bless your name for these and all your servants who have kept the faith and finished the race. Help us abide in their fellowship and follow their example of faithfulness, that, with them, we may share the feast that Christ has prepared. This we pray in the name of our risen Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying: 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 Communion Music Prayer After Communion

# **SENDING**

\* HYMN 326 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.* 

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Toccata on SINE NOMINE Thomas M. Kuras



**The Chancel flowers** are given by Nancy Fox on this All Saints' Sunday in loving memory of all the loved ones lost.

**The yellow rosebuds** celebrate the births of twin boys to Dorothy and Catalina Piatt-Esguerra in Charlottesville, Virginia. Mateo Enrique and Gabriel Natán Piatt-Esguerra were born on October 26, 2023. Rev. Dorothy Piatt was a Resident Minister here, 2017–2019, and is now Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville.

<sup>\*</sup> First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor Member

# 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, please 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. This is only a 3-minute walk to 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.

## **Worship Resources Online**

A replay of today's service and select adult faith formation classes are available on our YouTube channel, youtube.com/FirstPresA2.

# Children in Worship

Children's Faith Formation Classes do not meet on Communion Sundays. Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level during the worship service. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship.

#### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

Rev. Mark Mares

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Nathaniel Fryer

Lay Reader

Carol Fairweather

Musicians

Chancel Choir

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

**Ushers** 

Aidan Majorprice

Chloe Majorprice

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Holly Majorprice

Cindy Crawford

Tom Crawford

Ethan Crawford

Callie Crawford

Jenna Mares

Beth Gerwig

Angela Yang

Tingera ran

Paul Smith

Carol Smith

Welcome Center

Nancy Tena



# **FAITH FORMATION @ FIRST**

9:30 AM

## Children's Formation -

Children's classes do not meet on Communion Sundays.

#### Youth Formation -

Classes for youth do not meet on Communion Sundays.

#### Adult Formation -

EXPLORING THE FAITH Lewis Room Host: Beth Gerwig Speaker: Kate Silbert

Topic: Where gender roles come from, how they shape the way we view biblical characters, and how to shift our perspectives

#### BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

# New Testament Epistles: James; 1, 2, & 3 John

French Room & Zoom Host: Ed Koster

#### FIRST FRIENDS

#### **Faith Journeys**

Curtis Room & Zoom Host: Carol Pawloski Speaker: Nathaniel Fryer

Childcare (5 & under) is available from 9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in First Level Classrooms.

For a full listing of offerings and upcoming events, please visit firstpresbyterian.org

#### **MISSION**

# Alpha House Week of Caring

Monday, November 6 through Sunday, November 12

Alpha House provides temporary housing and food and support services for homeless families in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. The shelter is always at capacity (6 families), and is located at 4290 Jackson Road. We are seeking volunteers to provide main dishes, side dishes, weekend brunch, as well as your time to provide childcare after dinner. The pantry list is now available. Questions? Please contact Diane Knibbs at dbreckle@umich.edu.
Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org.

## **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.

#### **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 in November.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN **Cybersecurity for Everyone**

Tuesday, November 7 2:00 p.m. | Lewis Room

Come learn four straightforward tenets anyone can follow for staying safe online. This presentation is an accessible look at how cyber criminals operate.

# MUSIC & FINE ARTS **All Saints' Sunday Concert Is TODAY!**

Sunday, November 5 3:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

W. A. Mozart's *Requiem* will be presented by FPC's Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Soloists, and Organ today at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. A love offering will be received in support of the Sacred Music & Fine Arts Fund.

#### WORSHIP

# Taizé Prayer Service with Wholeness and Healing

Tuesday, November 7 7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

# 11:15 Worship

Sundays. November 5 - 26 11:15 a.m. | Monteith Hall

This service is designed to be participatory, creative, and intergenerational with a slightly different tone than the 9:30 service. 11:15 Worship is currently in a trial period running until the end of November. Join us in Monteith Hall this month as we explore a theme of creation care!

November 5:

Generational Legacy, All Saints' Day

November 12:

Celebrating the Gifts of the Earth

November 19:

Lament and Climate Justice

November 26:

Creation as a Model of Rest



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