



18TH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 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**.

Opening Voluntary

Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos (1887-1959) was one of the foremost Latin American composers of the 20th century, whose music combined indigenous melodic and rhythmic elements with Western classical music.

“And from our Lord, Jesus Christ,” will be spoken during the **Pouring of Water** by:

Sheryl Powell
French

Anne Andrus
Italian

Ankie Schuitema
Dutch

Cheong-Hee Chang
Korean

Anna Gehrke
American Sign Language

Daniel Chen
Taiwanese

Victor Stoeffler
German

Silvia Pedraza
Spanish

Angela Yang
Chinese

Todd Austin
Ukrainian

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

arr. Camil Van Hulse

Aria (Cantilena), Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5 - Heitor Villa-Lobos

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we are here, together in hope!

With community and creation

With neighbors near and far

With those known and new

With Christians across geography and time,

Together in hope!

Let us worship God!

* HYMN 637

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

(Please sing stanza 1 in Spanish and stanzas 2 through 5 in English)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we thank you for all the light, grace, and life seen and known in the church which nurtured us.

Praying that, still may we be set free from narrow-mindedness and complacency. Open our eyes that we may recognize the work of your Spirit among other people and under different forms. And should we yet walk in some things on separate ways, then present before us the common goal towards which we travel....

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

Caribbean Folk Song

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -
lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

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 21:23-32

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

World Communion

Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. It is now celebrated in many denominations throughout the world on the first Sunday in October. Gathered around the table in cities and towns, in countries near and far, we affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church in every time and place.

Thank you to the many members who provided fabrics for the communion table, pulpit, and lectern.

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



SCAN ME

OFFERTORY

South African Gloria William Bradley Roberts
Chancel Choir and percussion

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.*

* 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

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

...and so we rejoice with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the song of your unending praise.

SANCTUS

Zaragoza

San - to, San - to, San - to, San - to, San -
to, San - to, es el Se - ñor, Dios del u - ni - ver - so; es el Se - ñor, Dios del
u - ni - ver - so; Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. Ho - sa - na en el
cie - lo. Blest is he who comes, blest is he who comes,

Minister/Cantor **mf** *All*

comes in the name of the Lord; comes in the name of the Lord;_____

Minister/Cantor **f** *All*

Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo._____ Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo,_____

Minister/Cantor **mp** *All* 3

en el cie - lo; en el cie - lo.

...as we remember Christ life and his rest in you,
as we celebrate the good news of lightened burdens,
we speak of that mystery we call faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister/Cantor

Este es el mis - te - rio de la fe, Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death,
Let us proclaim the mys - ter - y of faith.

All mp *Minister/Cantor*

dy - ing you de - stroyed our death;_____ ris - ing you re -

All mf

stored our life,_____ ris - ing you re - stored our life._____

Minister/Cantor *All f*

En glo - ria ven, Se - ñor Je - sús,_____ En glo - ria ven, Se -

Minister/Cantor *All mp*

ñor Je - sús,____ Ven, Se - ñor Je - sús. Ven, Se - ñor Je - sús.

... fill our hearts with longing for your heavenly banquet,
where you will be all in all, one God, Creator, Christ, and
Spirit, for evermore. Amen.

AMEN

Minister/Cantor

For - ev - er, a - men._____

All *Minister/Cantor*

For - ev - er, a - men._____ To - dos can - ta - mos A - mén.

All

To - dos can - ta - mos A - mén._____

...and now let us pray the words our Lord taught us praying,

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 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata on GREAT DAY* Adolphus Hailstork

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The chancel flowers are given by Brad Taylor to the glory of God and in memory of Diane Kirkpatrick, scholar, mentor, friend.

The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Eden Mae Keil on September 25, 2023. Parents are Evan and Maddie Keil and grandparents are FPC members Dave and Jenny Keil.

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Following worship, join us in the Social Hall for a special reception to honor Lead Pastor Rev. David Prentice-Hyers on his 20th anniversary of his ordination.

Contemporary African American composer **Dr. Adolphus Hailstork** (b. 1941) is one of the most prolific American composers today. He has written more than 250 works for chorus, solo voice, piano, organ, various chamber ensembles, band, orchestra, and opera. A native of New York and a graduate of Michigan State University, Dr. Hailstork is professor emeritus of composition at Old Dominion University.

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WELCOME

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. 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.

Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin to follow the service.

Children in Worship

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.

Parking

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. 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](https://www.youtube.com/FirstPresA2).

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are there to assist those seeking prayer. Today's prayer partner is Nancy Fox.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Rev. Jay Sanderford
Nathaniel Fryer

Lay Reader
Zyaire Shih

Musicians
Chancel Choir
Cary Kocher, congas
Noah Lopez, percussion
Walker Walker Weirts,
percussion

Organist
David Hufford
Minister of Music & Fine Arts
David VanderMeer

Ushers
Keith Bilby
Sheila Bilby
Jim Cameron
Carol Carter
Spaulding Clark
Joe Schmidt

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM	Contemplative Communion Service Monteith Hall
9:30 AM	Worship Sanctuary & Livestream
10:30 AM	Social Hour Circle Terrace
10:45 AM	Children & Youth Choir Lemon Chapel
11:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Classrooms
11:15 AM	Worship Monteith Hall
6:00 PM	Youth Group Youth Room

Greeters
Catherine Kendall
Joyce Weinhold
Paul Weinhold
Welcome Center
Mary Schudel

FAITH FORMATION @ FIRST

11:00
AM

Adult Formation

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Health and Spiritual Wellness

Lewis Room

Host: Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Spiritual wellness is defined as expanding a sense of purpose and meaning in life, including one's morals and ethics, and involves finding meaning and purposes, and understanding the values, beliefs and morals that guide your actions. When we are spiritually well, we have a deep sense of interconnectedness and oneness with all of life. Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, pastor and therapist, will help us consider our spiritual wellness and discuss intentional practices that will enhance it. For more information on the five-part Health and Wellness series, visit firstpresbyterian.org

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Today: Singing Justice

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The Adult Faith Formation and Worship and Music Ministries are pleased to present the seminar recital, "Singing Justice: Recovering the African American Voice in Song." Centered on the creative contributions of Black musicians, poets, singers, and composers through song (words and music), "Singing Justice" is an initiative of the Humanities Collaboratory of the University of Michigan. Childcare is available. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the performance.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Welcome College Students!

If you are an undergrad or graduate student, we'd love to welcome you more fully into the life of First Pres! Email Hannah Lundberg at campus@firstpresbyterian.org to learn more about programming for college students and young adults.

CARE & COMPASSION SERIES

Diagnosing and Treating Chronic Pain

Monday, October 9

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

Speaker: Dr. Daniel J. Clauw

Join us on Monday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., for our Care and Compassion Series on chronic pain. Dr. Dan Clauw, an esteemed expert in the field, will be our guide as he unravels the mysteries of pain that originates from the brain. He will share the latest insights into the underlying causes of chronic pain and the wide range of treatment options. The event will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

MATURE MINISTRIES

Loaves and Dishes Cooking Class

Thursday, October 5

10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Social Hall Kitchen

Nutritionist and chef Karin Elling will teach you how to make nutritious and delicious meals that are good for your overall health. Join us on October 5 when Karin will teach us "roasted vegetable three ways." Cost is \$50 per person. Class size is limited to 10 people. Five more classes will be offered this year. To register, visit firstpresbyterian.org.

MISSION

Food Donations

Our October food donations and special financial contributions support the hunger ministry of Food Gatherers, the food bank and food rescue program serving Washtenaw County. Food Gatherers supports a network of 170 community partners with free and low-cost food! Non-perishable food may be placed in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Habitat - West Willow Beautification Day

Saturday, October 14
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join First Pres and Habitat for Humanity along with West Willow (WW) residents in activities to beautify the West Willow community. Activities will include cleaning out flower beds, working in the community garden, cleaning and organizing inside the WW Community Resource Center and Tool Lending Library, yard clean-up, landscaping, litter pick up, and helping residents dispose of items in dumpsters.

This is a great family volunteer opportunity. Youth ages 14 and up are able to help out with the beautification activities, and youth ages 8 and up are able to build birdhouses. Register online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Today: Peace and Global Witness Offering

Today we will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering which enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. First Presbyterian will forward 25 percent of this offering to the Dispute Resolution Center, an Ann Arbor based not-for-profit organization that offers affordable, constructive, restorative, and healing approaches to conflict resolution for all people in Washtenaw County.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Open Doors Creative Arts Series Rising Tide - The Crossroads Project

Sunday, October 8
4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Presented by physicist Dr. Robert Davies and the Fry Street Quartet, Rising Tide is a performance piece that draws on music, painting, photography and scientific research in an attempt to entertain, enlighten and, ultimately, encourage people to live sustainably. With an original score by composer Laura Kaminsky, the music erects a contemplative space within each vignette for the audience to process what we now know. The event is free and open to the public. A reception follows in the Social Hall.

RESIDENT MINISTRY

Today: Ordination Service

Resident Minister Tommy Langejans will be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament today! We'll celebrate his ordination on Sunday, October 1, at 3 pm, at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church (7495 Cascade Road SE, Grand Rapids, MI). If attending in person, wear red (the liturgical color for ordination) and contact Hannah Lundberg if you are interested in coordinating a carpool. You can also livestream the service by going to fhpcusa.org and clicking "livestream" under "Worship Online."

WORSHIP

Taizé Service

Tuesday, October 3
7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall

Join us for our monthly Taizé service on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. This unique service combines prayer, meditation, and beautiful chants to create a peaceful and reflective atmosphere. Whether you are seeking a moment of tranquility, spiritual connection, or simply a break from the chaos of everyday life, the Taizé service offers a sanctuary for you to find peace and renewal.

When hands
REACH OUT

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



We are excited about what God will do in and through us in 2024 as we continue to be a place where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to study, learn, worship, and support one another.

Our annual campaign theme this year, “When Hands Reach Out” reminds us to celebrate the variety of gifts and abilities we bring through which we serve the church and world. We are grateful for the many ways you support the church.

Support Our Children & Families

We offer an extensive program for children and families that includes music, worship, faith formation, and fellowship. We continue to welcome young families into membership, and with a growing church, your support is critical for our future.

Help Our Neighbors

Our church’s hospitality is exceptional and local mission and outreach are vital to our mission. When you give, we are able to reach out beyond ourselves to boldly address the needs in our community.

OUR OPPORTUNITY

Worship Together

Each Sunday, we come together to explore, nurture, and deepen our faith. Through word, sacrament, and music we challenge the mind, nourish the spirit, honor tradition, and open ourselves to the Spirit, so that we may serve God’s purposes in the world.

Plan for Our Future

Our church is thriving and the contagious energy level that is felt each Sunday is much to be thankful for. As we celebrate our diversity, gifts, abilities, and all that we have, may we be generous with our time and gifts.

OUR GOAL
\$1,993,000

Every gift matters as we reach out together to make God’s love visible in our community and our world. Your generous pledge will help us to reach our goal.

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