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"Scribe Stood to Test Jesus" | James Tissot

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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

*Prelude on UNION SEMINARY*  
David Hufford, Organ

Gerre Hancock

### POURING OF THE WATER

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

### FAITH IN ACTION

Dick Carlisle

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God teaches us the way of righteousness,  
**the way of love, the way of peace.**  
We glorify God,  
**gathering to hear God's word.**  
We glorify God,  
**enacting God's word in the world.**

### \* HYMN 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,**  
**you lead us by example**  
**through your generous love,**  
**and remind us that there is always more to learn**  
**about what it means to live a life of righteousness.**  
**Help us to keep our faith nimble,**  
**growing with each new neighbor we meet**  
**and each experience we live.**  
**May we be doers of a word that is deep and wide,**  
**letting our lives reflect the love we have received....**

### 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

Children are welcome at worship. We offers age-appropriate resources for our youngest worshipers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available for children 5 years and younger.

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\* 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

HOLY MANNA

**All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Lift Thine Eyes from Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn  
Sopranos and Altos of the Chancel Choir

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
Whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord.  
The maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.  
Thy keeper will never slumber.  
Lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
Whence cometh help.

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

SANCTUS

LAND OF REST

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

The Antiphonal divisions of our pipe organ presently are undergoing restoration of their deteriorated wind reservoirs which date from 1966. During this time, the pipes located in the rear gallery are out of service.

The Antiphonal pipes primarily are used to help support congregational singing.

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## SENDING

\* HYMN 529

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

UNION SEMINARY

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Allegro maestoso e vivace, Sonata II for Organ* Felix Mendelssohn



## WELCOME

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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.** Sign it then pass it down to others.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, join us for our **Fast Track to Membership** on Sunday, September 15, at 11:00 am in Rev. Prentice-Hyers' Study located on the second floor.

### **Prayer**

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

### **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 and resources are available.

### **Parking**

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. Accessible parking spaces are available on the church campus in the north lot near the Sanctuary. The accessible spaces are marked. A state-issued placard or license plate or a church-issued permit should be displayed while parked. If you would like a church parking permit for an accessible parking space, please speak to one of our Parish Nurses, Barb DeLancey or Stacey Pakela.

### **Subscribe to our YouTube channel.**

Find recordings of our 9:30 a.m. worship service, Adult Faith Formation classes, concerts, and more. Become a subscriber and don't miss a thing! [youtube.com/@FPCA2](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCA2)

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*  
Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*  
Cyndy Colton, *Lay Reader*

### MUSICIANS

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

### USHERS

Linda Lampman  
Joe Schmidt  
Angela Yang

### GREETER

Marilyn Gibson

### PRAYER PARTNER

Martha Kershaw

*The chancel flowers are given in gratitude to our long-time Head Usher Bill Austin. Bill began ushering at First Pres just a few months after he and his wife Pat joined the church in 1959. After 65 years of service, Bill has retired from ushering. Session recently named Bill the Head Usher Emeritus. We are grateful to Bill's over 10,000 hours of service as an Usher!*

*Bill and Pat Austin were married in July of 1959 and he began ushering immediately with Head Usher George Dibble. He joined the Finance Committee in 1960 and has continued to serve since then. He has served as an elder on Session three times. He has served as First Pres' Treasurer for many years.*

*We encourage you to follow in Bill's footsteps and usher for our worship services when you can! We welcome your service for a meaningful way to contribute. Please contact our new Lead Usher, Joe Schmidt at [jschmidtspringvalley@gmail.com](mailto:jschmidtspringvalley@gmail.com). You can sign up to serve on a team or join as a substitute. All training is provided.*

We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also shoot videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant First Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MATURE MINISTRIES

### **Fall Kick-off: Two Presentations and One Great Lunch!**

Thursday, September 5  
11:00 am | Social Hall

Join us for “Celebrating Ann Arbor’s Bicentennial with SmartTours” with Norman Tyler, Bicentennial SmartTour Committee Chair. This is a project to encourage residents and visitors to become familiar with Ann Arbor’s diverse 200-year history. Fifteen tours were created to tour a total of 177 historically significant sites. After a hot lunch at Noon, provided by Fed Up! Ministries for \$10 per person, we present: “127 Years of Excellence and Tradition: Taking the Field with the University of Michigan Marching Band” with Dr. John Pasquale, Director of the Michigan Marching and Athletic Bands. Join us for a conversation about how this world-class organization operates and upholds the legacy of being the nation’s premier collegiate marching band. Sign up, please! Email Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@fpca2.org](mailto:mrogers@fpca2.org), or call the church, 662-4466, to reserve your spot for lunch!

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 7

### **Troop 7 Pancake Dinner**

Friday, September 27  
5:30 pm | Social Hall

Troop 7 is hosting a talent show and pancake dinner to raise funds for a trip to Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico in 2025. All you can eat pancakes and entertainment!

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS

### **Tranquility through the Seasons by Joan Jones**

Social Hall

Today is the last day to purchase a painting. Contact Dave VanderMeer, [dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org), for information.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### **Joining First Pres**

You already belong at First Pres, but we want to formally welcome you to membership if you have not taken that step. You can join as a full member or as an affiliate (meaning your primary membership remains elsewhere). To join, there are 2 parts to the process: Fast Track and New Member Class. Attend a 30-minute fast-track session on an upcoming Sunday where you’ll meet pastors and elders. Before or after that, attend an upcoming new member class. Our next fast-track opportunities are September 15 and October 13 at 10:45 am. Our next new member class is September 29 at 4 p.m. Interested? Contact Rev. Mel Rogers at [mrogers@fpca2.org](mailto:mrogers@fpca2.org) or 734-904-0049. You are welcomed and wanted at First Pres!

### **Yoga Returns!**

September 10  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Lewis Room

Join us on Tuesday evenings this Fall in the Lewis Room. Classes are led by Barbara Concannon and are free with a donation to the church. No registration required!

### **Grief Conversations**

Monday, September 16  
12:00 pm | Online  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88164422941>

Got grief? We all do! For those who are feeling it acutely, or those bearing fresh grief, join Rev. Rogers and others for an information conversation to learn about grief and share with one another. Please make a note and let others who may benefit from our time together. This is a place to find mutual support.

### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 2

The church will be closed tomorrow, September 2, in recognition of Labor Day.

— FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

# SUNDAYS

BEGINNING SEPT. 8

**8:30**<sub>AM</sub>

## **Worship with Communion**

Monteith Hall

Our earliest service is a quiet, contemplative service in the more intimate space of Monteith Hall. Communion is served weekly. *approx. 30 minutes*

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**9:30**<sub>AM</sub>

## **Worship**

Sanctuary

This service is a traditional worship style with liturgy, scripture and sermon, choir, and congregational singing accompanied by the organ and other instruments. *approx. 60 minutes*

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**10:45**<sub>AM</sub>

## **Faith Formation for All Ages**

Classrooms

First Pres values learning and spiritual growth and offers educational offerings for children, youth, and adults. *45 minutes*

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**11:30**<sub>AM</sub>

## **Worship**

Monteith Hall

This service is designed to be participatory, creative, and intergenerational. All are welcome in this space and invited to move around, create, and respond in a variety of ways. *approx. 45 minutes*

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