



“Woman Asking God for Wisdom”
Olusola David, Ayibiowu

15TH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

September 10, 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**.

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GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

Air on a G String from *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D (BWV 1068)*
for Violin and Organ
Sonia Lee, Violin

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Faithful people, let us pause and take notice

The pace of these days distracts and overwhelms

In the company of one another,

we ground ourselves in a different rhythm

We make space for Holy Wisdom; we make room to consider

Taking stock of our lives, collective and personal

Let us open our hearts to the truths that bring life.

* HYMN 550

Give Praise to the Lord

LAUDATE DOMINUM

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Divine Companion, you know what our daily lives hold. You know
how difficult it is just to be present to a moment. In our weariness,
we can reject the wisdom we need most. We seek solace in screens.**

**We place our fortunes only in the future. Give us strength to show
up honestly and with courage to that which you ask us to face.**

**Systemically. Personally. May our love for all generations of land and
people sustain us....**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

Song of Forgiveness from *Oh, Jonah!*

Allen Pote

Jackie Vercler, soloist and Music & Fine Arts Campers

O Lord, have mercy on us, have mercy.

O Lord, have mercy on us, we pray.

O Lord, forgive us, forgive us all our sins,

as we walk in the light of your love.

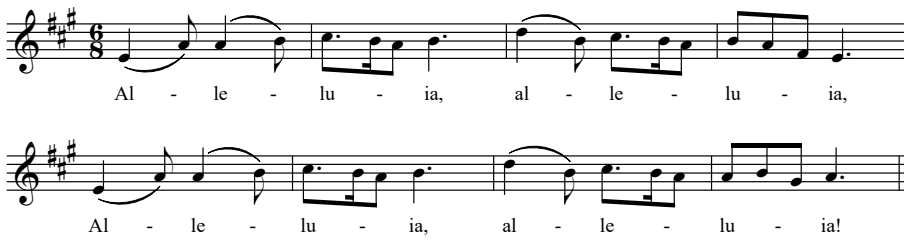
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 149

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

*HYMN 316

Where Charity and Love Prevail

TWENTY-FOURTH

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Taylor Davis

(My Life Flows on in Endless Song)

Chancel Choir, Sonia Lee, Violin, Yuki Harding, Oboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.

I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.

It sounds an echo in my soul; How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.

And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.

Since love is lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing?

**Ways to give:
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When tyrants tremble sick with fear,
and hear their death knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?
Prison cells and dungeon vile, thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled. How can I keep from singing?

* 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.**

SENDING

* HYMN 637

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SEHNOR

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for the Closing Voluntary.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Gavotte

arr. Susan Marchant

Yuki Harding, Oboe

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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 in the Social Hall following worship for Social Hour.** There will be cookies and coffee and lots of friendly faces.

New Member Class

Are you interested in learning more about First Pres? A New Member Class will be held September 24, at 4 p.m. at the home of Jane Dutton (5555 Red Fox Run). We want you there! There will be an opportunity to learn, connect, meet staff, and join the church at the end of the class. Contact: Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

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. Today's prayer partners are Felicity Williams and Amy Lindauer.

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.

Worship Leaders

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Nathaniel Fryer
Tommy Langejans

Lectors

Zane Yntema
Calvin Yntema

Musicians

Chancel Choir
Sonia Lee, violin
Yuki Harding, oboe
Oh, Jonah! campers

Organist

David Hufford

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

David VanderMeer

Ushers

Omer Bellfi
Cyndy Colton
Clem Gill
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Karla Olson-Bellfi
Joe Schmidt
Angela Yang
Len Rezmierski, Captain

Greeters

Mary Schudel

Welcome Center

Michele Derr
Deborah MacVey

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

8:30 AM

**Contemplative
Communion
Service**
Monteith Hall

9:30 AM

Worship
Sanctuary &
Livestream

9:30 AM

**Children &
Youth Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

10:30 AM

**Social Hour/
Engagement
Fair**
Social Hall

10:45 AM

**Children's
Choir**
Lemon Chapel

11:00 AM

**Adult Faith
Formation**
Classrooms

11:15 AM

Worship
Monteith Hall

6:00 PM

Youth Group
Youth Room



Join us following 9:30 a.m. worship for a celebration of our ministries at the Engagement Fair. Come find ways to use your gifts and talents to volunteer. Representatives from each ministry area will be present to answer questions.

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
Levels 1 and 3 Classrooms

Youth Formation

Middle School
6-8 Grade
Youth Room

11:00
AM

Adult Formation

EXPLORING THE FAITH
**Bringing More Awe
into Our Lives**

Lewis Room
Host: Jane Dutton

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

**New Testament Epistles:
1 & 2 Peter; 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

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Bringing More Awe Into Our Lives

Lewis Room
Host: Jane Dutton, Adult Faith Formation Chairperson

First Pres member Jane Dutton will lead us as we explore the experience of awe, its amazing benefits, and how to cultivate it in our lives.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

**New Testament Epistles:
1 & 2 Peter; 1, 2, & 3 John**

French Room and Zoom
Host: Ed Koster

Join us for a study through some shorter New Testament epistles this fall as we dig deep into scripture. Throughout the study, we will explore the historical context in which these letters were written, examining the cultural and societal challenges faced by the early Christians.

FIRST FRIENDS

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful

Curtis Room and Zoom
Host: Carol Pawloski

Join us for a six-week video series on Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton. This week's discussion will cover episode one, "The Call of the Fisherman."

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Youth Group

Today
6:00 - 7:00 pm | Social Hall/Youth Room

Hey everyone! Just a reminder that our youth group kickoff event is happening this Sunday, September 10, at 6 p.m. in the Social Hall and Youth Room. We're really excited to see all of you there! Don't forget to spread the word and bring your friends!

Tailgate @ First

Friday, September 15
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Let's kick off the fall season with friends! Pop the trunk, bring some food, and your favorite lawn games. Music and fellowship provided. All ages are invited.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Listening for Life

Monday, September 11

7:00 p.m. | Monteith Hall & Livestream

This Monday, Patricia Taylor Johnson, author of *Listening for Life: Cultivating the Courage to Connect*, will present the value of listening to those we serve and those we love. Pat is a Board Certified Chaplain (APC) with more than 15 years of combined hospital and hospice experience. She will be signing books after her presentation. Watch the livestream on our YouTube channel.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Smartphone 101

September 11 - October 9

10:30 a.m. - Noon | Curtis Room

Are you frustrated by your smartphone? Would you like to learn how to get the most out of it? Sign up for Smartphone 101, a five-week course for iPhone and Android users offered Mondays, September 11 – October 9, 10:30 a.m. – Noon in the Curtis Room. James Giordani from Clear Computing leads the class, covering key phone components, concepts, and techniques in a friendly, easy-to-follow format. Experienced instructors and friendly helpers will be on hand to provide personalized assistance, so you'll never feel left behind. This class is open to all. Cost is \$40. Make checks out to First Presbyterian Church, with "Smartphone 101 class" on the memo line. Register: firstpresbyterian.org

GOVERNANCE

Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for Sunday, September 17, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2026.

MATURE MINISTRIES

LUNCH AND LEARN

This month we have two special presentations at Lunch and Learn:

Introduction and Basics of Sound Baths

Thursday, September 14

11:00 a.m., Monteith Hall

Rob Meyer-Kukan

First Pres member Rob Meyer-Kukan will introduce us to a sound bath, a meditative practice involving the use of resonant music. This creates an immersive sound that fills the room and the body, aiming to help people relax and let go of stress, anxiety, or other worries and concerns.

FedUp Ministries: Faith and Food Justice

12:00 p.m., Social Hall

Rev. Anna McCants

Rev. Anna McCants of Zion Lutheran Church will be our guest speaker. She will share about the church's FedUp Ministries, which serves good, healthy, food truck-style food with dignity to communities that are food insecure and economically exploited by unjust racial and economic systems in the United States. Lunch will be catered by FedUp Ministries. Cost for lunch is \$15 per person. Call the office or register online at firstpresbyterian.org

Fall Trip

Thursday, September 21

Our fall trips begin with a September 21 journey by chartered bus to the Gilmore Car Museum, Schuler's for lunch, and the Honolulu House. We have space and all ages are welcome to join us. Contact Rev. Rogers for the link to sign up and more information.

MISSION

Food Rescue Program

We need 5-6 volunteers per home game to collect and store the food in the stadium's freezer for approximately 2 hours. The collected food is donated to local food ministry partners. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org or contact Don Redding at dredding58@yahoo.com for more information.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Children's Choir Expands to Include Middle Schoolers

The Children's Choir, led by conductor Shayla Powell, is now accepting middle school students in addition to grades K-5. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. in the Lemon Chapel, starting on September 10th. This expansion provides older students with a chance to enhance their musical talents and develop a love for choral singing. All students, regardless of experience, are welcome to join.

WORSHIP


Are you a "Greeter-in-the-Pew?"


We are building our email list of folks who have served in this way. GIP-pers, as we call them, are those who agree to speak to someone they don't know when they are at church for worship. They keep their eyes open for guests and visitors in the pew and reach out with a kind "hello" and welcome. It's a simple task that everyone can do. There are no meetings, and if you agree, you'll just simply get a reminder email and some words of encouragement. This is the secret sauce of First Pres hospitality. Willing to serve? want to know more? email Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.



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