



“Garden with Sunflowers”
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14TH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

September 3, 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

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541a

J. S. Bach

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God said "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God."

Jesus said 'Come to me, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens,
And I will give you rest."

As we worship, as we work, as we rest,
Meet us with your Holy Spirit and enliven our world with your presence.

* HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, our source of life and love, build up our faith. May we dare to believe things can be done differently. May we be willing to take necessary risks for others. May we persevere through our mistakes and missteps. With joy as our companion and wisdom as our guide, we place our trust in you....

The **Prayer of Confession** is from *enfleshed*.

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

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,

till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-33

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

Philippians 2:1-13

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

Children are invited to stay in worship with their families today. The sermon will offer interactive opportunities for all generations to respond.

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Skip Stradtman

Chancel Choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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SCAN ME

* 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

2 *Minister/Cantor* *All*
San - to, San - to, San - to, San - to, San -
Minister/Cantor *All*
to, San - to, es el Se - ñor, Dios del u - ni - ver - so; es el Se - ñor, Dios del
Minister/Cantor *All*
u - ni - ver - so; Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Heav - en and earth are
Minister/Cantor *All*
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na en el cie - lo. Ho - sa - na en el
Minister/Cantor *All mp*
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

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We continue to
welcome our new
Resident Ministers,
Nathaniel Fryer and
Tommy Langejans,
who will be with
us for the next two
years. Give them
a hearty First Pres
welcome at social
hour!

SENDING

* HYMN 536 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen* SURGE ECCLESIA

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Tuba Tune in D Major C. S. Lang

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the
marriage of Jennifer Day and David Deromedi on September 1, 2023.*

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

WELCOME TO FIRST PRES

We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at First Pres! We look forward to personally meeting you. Please let us know you were here by signing the Friendship Pad in the pew, then passing it down to others.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Are you interested in learning more about First Pres? Have you joined by fast-track and not attended a class? 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 Jeanette Kibler and Mary McKeever.

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

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| Rev. David Prentice-Hyers | <i>Minister of Music & Fine Arts</i> | <i>Greeters</i> |
| Rev. Hannah Lundberg | David VanderMeer | Marilyn Gibson |
| Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers | <i>Ushers</i> | Rebecca Gaffney |
| Nathaniel Fryer | Omer Bellfi | <i>Welcome Center</i> |
| Tommy Langejans | Cyndy Colton | Georgia Goodman |
| <i>Lector</i> | Clem Gill | |
| Astrid Robles-Breneman | Linda Lampman | |
| <i>Musicians</i> | Keith Molin | |
| Chancel Choir | Karla Olson-Bellfi | |
| Benton DeGroot, cantor | Joe Schmidt | |
| John Dorsey, percussion | Angela Yang | |
| <i>Organist</i> | Len Rezmierski, Captain | |
| David Hufford | | |

FALL KICKOFF NEXT SUNDAY

We're excited to kick off our new program year next Sunday! Don't miss out on all the amazing opportunities to connect and grow with us.

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| 8:30 am, Contemplative Communion Service Monteith Hall | 10:45 am, Children's Choir (K-8th Grade) Lemon Chapel |
| 9:30 am, Worship Sanctuary and Livestream | 11:00 am, Adult Faith Formation Various Classrooms |
| 9:30 am, Children & Youth Faith Formation Various Classrooms | 11:15 am, Worship Monteith Hall |
| 10:30 am, Social Hour/Engagement Fair Social Hall | |

NEWS & EVENTS

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.

YOUTH & FAMILIES

Tailgate @ First

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

The Youth and Family Ministry invites all ages to kick off the ultimate pre-game party at First Presbyterian on Friday, September 15! Join us for an electrifying tailgate extravaganza from 5 to 7 pm. For more info, visit firstpresbyterian.org

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Engagement Fair

Sunday, September 10
10:30 a.m. | Social Hall

Join us for a celebration of our ministries. On September 10, we will host an Engagement Fair during Social Hour. Come find ways to use your gifts and talents to volunteer. Representatives from each ministry area will be present to answer questions.

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 12
9:00 a.m. | Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86466149357>

Prayer Group will not meet tomorrow, Labor Day. Beginning September 12, our prayer group meets on Tuesday mornings, 9 -9:30 a.m. online. All are welcome!

MISSION

Communion Sunday Food Drive

Give generously today and throughout the month to support our neighbors through the SOS food pantry. SOS Community Services is a community-based nonprofit located in Ypsilanti dedicated to preventing and ending family homelessness in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. As part of its mission, SOS operates one of the largest food pantries in Washtenaw County. Donate non-perishable food and personal care items in the Welcome Center on weekdays. You may also give by check or online via the First Pres Monthly Food Offering.

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.