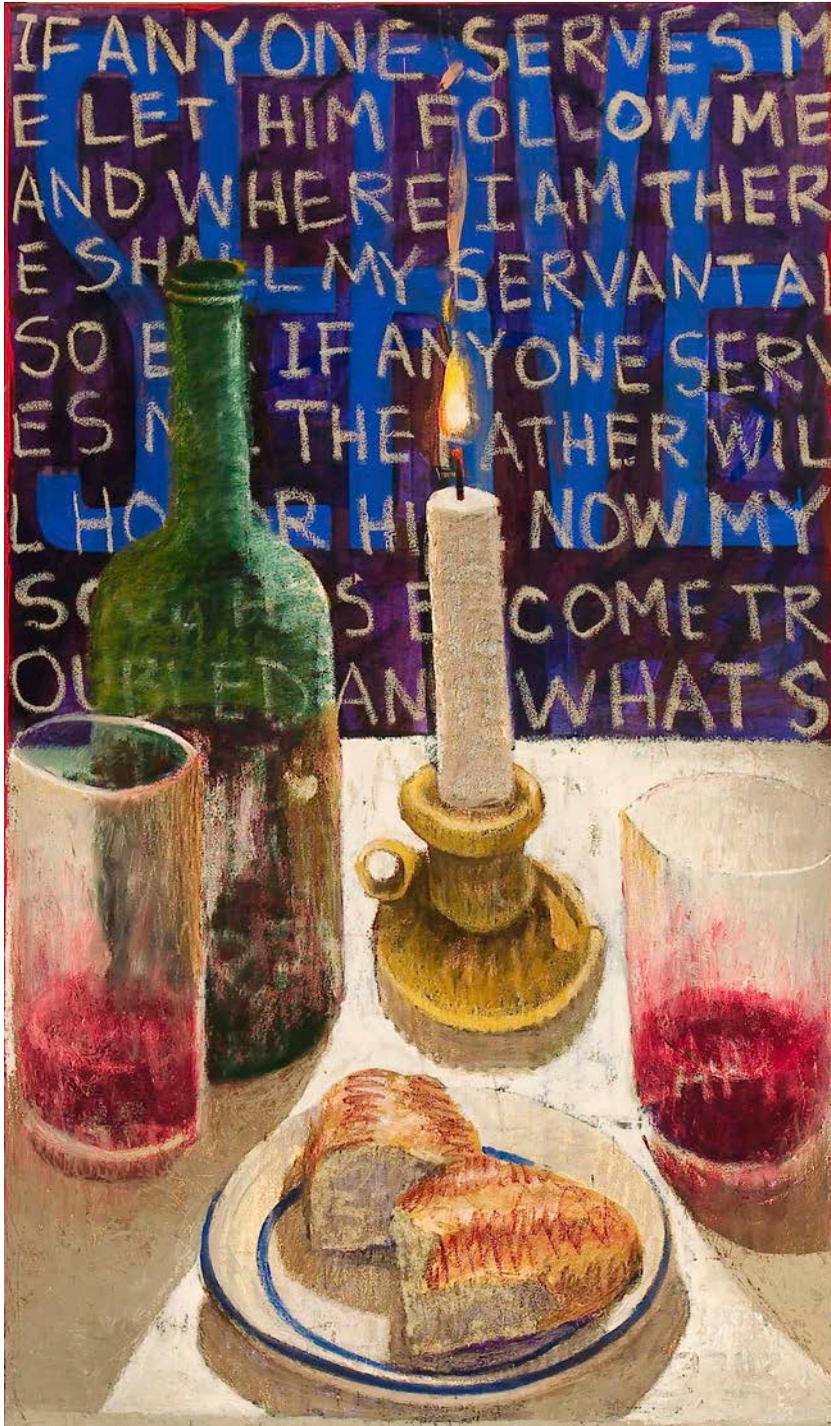


FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2020 • 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Family Worship Sunday



Communion by Wayne Forte



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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Making God's Love Visible

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Cover Artist Wayne Forte was born in Manila, Philippines, in 1950. He has been a member of CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts) for 25 years.

Lent paraments:

Thank you to member Gail Grady for making the new purple Lent paraments for the Sanctuary and Monteith Hall.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Aria

Paul Manz

As the voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Andrew Frazier (9:30)

Rev. Johnson (11:00)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For God so loved the world;

All: The sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish, and the people.

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: In success and failure,
in sickness and health,
in the mediocre and the extraordinary.**

One: For God so loved the world;

**All: Enough to become one of us,
enough to suffer along with us,
enough to offer new life for us.**

One: For God so loved the world;

All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Those seated on the pulpit side of the Sanctuary will read the passages labeled "left."

Those seated on the lectern side will read the passages labeled "right."

Left: Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,
and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,
and the beckoning power of sweet fruit,
and the vain promises of the world,
we need you, God.

Right: We need you, God.

Left: Because we see the broken before the whole,
and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task,
and the thirst in freedom's quest,
we need you, God.

Right: We need you, God.

Left: Because we trust in what we can see,
and we are blinded by our prejudices,
and we do not know what we do not know,
we need you, God.

Right: We need you, God.

Left: Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth,
and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded,
and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced,
we need you, God.

All: We need you, God.

Left: Because you came among us,
and breathed into our sinewy souls,
and healed our pain and let us wound you,
and loved us to the end,
and triumphed over all our hatred,
we need you, God.

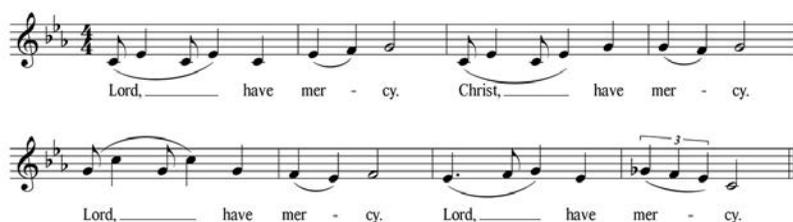
All: We confess we need you, God. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of faithful service through Jesus Christ, our Savior. . .

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us—saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andrew McInchak (9:30)

Ed Koster (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 2:15–17 (pew Bible page 2)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 3:16–17 (pew Bible page 94)

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Beca Torres-Davenport

Children through grade five are invited forward.

During this flu season, instead of handshakes we recommend passing the peace with fist bumps, elbows, or peace signs.

A Conversation with Young Disciples includes children in the service so that they grow up knowing they are part of the body of Christ, worshiping alongside the whole church. Every age matters to God. They will usually hear a short explanation of a verse or passage in the Bible for young people in need of God's grace, wisdom, presence, and direction. We want to meet them where they are and stretch them as they grow into maturing worshipers. Adults often find that the words for children speak powerfully to them, as well.

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:1–10 (pew Bible page 192)

The grass withers; the flower fades—
the word of our God endures forever.

SERMON

Undead

Rev. Sanderford

RESPONDING

* **HYMN 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE

WELCOME

Rev. Mares (9:30)

Rev. Ruhf (11:00)

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you!

During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

Jesus instituted a new way to pray—privately, addressing God in the familiar “Father,” and with humbleness. His prayer first focuses on God. God is above in heaven, to be honored. God's will is invited. Then, Jesus' prayer shifts to our prayers for ourselves. First, a prayer of recognition of God's provision every day. Then, for forgiveness. Finally, for deliverance from evil. Thanksgiving is not specifically spelled out, but does seem implicit in the prayer— from recognition of God as our heavenly Father to a reliance upon God for provision and protection.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott

Chancel Choir and Hannah Sparrow, soloist

God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten son that whoso believeth in him,
Should not perish but have everlasting life. God so loved the world.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Ruhf (9:30)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
Bless - ed is _____ the one who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -



heaven and earth _____ are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.
san - na in _____ the high - est. _____ Ho - san - na in _____ the high - est.

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 *Jesus, So Lowly* Harold Friedell
Chancel Choir

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth; christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

Taste and See TASTE AND SEE

The congregation is invited to join in on the refrain:

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, ____ O

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, ____ of the Lord.

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

- * **HYMN 165** *The Glory of These Forty Days* ERHALT UNS, HERR
- * **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**
- * **CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen* J. Brahms
- * **CLOSING VOLUNTARY** *Trumpet Tune in D* David N. Johnson

At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Food and financial donations for Hope Clinic may be brought forward and placed in the baskets provided as we sing the final hymn.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. **If you have questions, please visit the Welcome Center, just outside the Social Hall.** Greeting you there today are Jim Mulcrone and Robin Fosheim-Hoag.

Musical leadership is provided by Chancel Choir; Hannah Sparrow, Benton DeGroot, Heidi Hess-Willis, and David Magumba, soloists; and Brent Ivey, guest organist. **Music copyright:** All music is reprinted under OneLicense.net A-720542. All rights reserved. **Cover art copyright:** Communion_87 © 2016 Wayne Forte | Eyekons. **Acolytes** include Jackie Vercler. **Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Kenneth R. Brock III by his parents Ken and Jeanette Brock, and his brother John; and in loving memory of Nancy Avery Webster by her brother Earl Avery.

The Church Office is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Nelly Petrock (9:30) and Anne and Robert Andrus (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Nancy Fox, and Jean Song (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Len Rezmierski, Angela Yang, Olivier and Nicole Jolliet, Kay Fuller, Dean Gilchrist, Carol Smith, the Westfall family, and Holly Majorprice (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jeannette Middleton (captain), Jim Douglass, and the Pakela family (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team volunteers** are Marolin Bellefleur (9:30) and Linda Lampman (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "To pray diligently is more than half the task." — Martin Luther

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.** on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Ginny Horan and Jennifer Stahl. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour. Buying Fair Trade ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it.

Today is Family Worship Sunday. There is no Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Activity Totes and Busy Hands Activity Baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children joining in worship.

Children's Choir does not rehearse on Family Worship Sundays.

Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room to study Galatians.

First Friends meets in Monteith Hall to discuss *Entering the Passion of Jesus. Jerusalem: Risking Reputation*, by Amy-Jill Levine.

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall for "Won't You Be My Neighbor?," an intergenerational learning experience. With the help of Mr. Rogers, we will walk together through Lent, following Jesus and exploring what it means to be a neighbor.

Children's Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for crib through Kindergarten.

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** is available for crib through Kindergarten.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

"Lost Voices" Saving Lives, One Song at a Time" Benefit Concert sponsored by Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, is in our Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor—invites the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the Gospel of Luke. Contact us at T2A2@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

Lenten Small Group Study— *Lent In Plain Sight*

Lent in Plain Sight by Jill Duffield is available for purchase in the Church Office for \$14. Information about group study opportunities which begin today is available online and in the Church Office.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

Our monthly Taizé Prayer Service is this Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. This service includes songs, scripture, silence, meditation, and candles. A simple supper of soup and bread will be served in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road.

Women of Faith Brunch is this Saturday, March 7, 10:00–11:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. Our speaker is the Rev. Grace Lindvall, Associate Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Sign up for this event online or by contacting the Church Office. Cost is \$10. While the speaker's comments are geared towards the faith issues that women, in particular, connect with, we know that men can learn a great deal, too, and are welcome to attend.

Youth Lock-In is this Saturday, March 7. Contact Rev. Mares for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We hope you are receiving the daily Lenten email devotional written by our members. If you are not, please go to our webpage and sign up online.

Upcoming Opportunities to Join First Pres! We hope that you feel moved to become a member of our church family. Everyone belongs! Attend a class on March 15 (with joining on March 22) or on May 3 (with joining on May 17). Contact Rev. Rogers (355-2351 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Our Annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services is underway. Drop off donations of paper towels and laundry detergent in baskets provided in the Welcome Center.

Are you interested in helping children and parents who are experiencing homelessness? Sign up either online or at Coffee Hour for the March 23–28 ministry at Alpha House. You can also sign up for a March 22 tour of Alpha House. Questions may be directed to: Paula Doering (paulah-doering@gmail.com or 669-0555); Gail Einhaus (gail@einhaus.us or 646-6093); and Ruth Jensen (ruth.baulch@optum.com or 332-0323).

Easter Lilies in Memory or Honor of a Loved One add beauty to our Easter worship and bring joy to the sick and home bound to whom the lilies are delivered following worship. Lilies may be ordered online (click "Easter Lilies in Memory or Honor") or in the Church Office until Monday, April 6, at noon. Cost is \$17.

Our Special Mission Appeal for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Puerto Rico brought in donations of \$4,525 for ongoing hurricane and earthquake recovery efforts.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, March 8, 3:00 p.m. — Ordination Service for Andrew Frazier

All are invited to attend Resident Minister Andrew Frazier's Service of Ordination to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). The celebration begins with a hymn sing at 2:45 p.m., in the Sanctuary, and concludes with a reception in the Social Hall sponsored by the Resident Ministry Work Group.

Thursday, March 12 — Mature Ministries (60 and up) hosts "Lunch and Learn"

A hot lunch (\$5) at noon with 40 or more interesting friends is followed by a terrific presentation. Guest speaker, Nancy Villa Bryk, Chief Curator when the Elizabeth Parke Firestone couture collection was acquired by the Henry Ford Museum, will provide a look at Mrs. Firestone's life of privilege and how her use of fashion helped maintain her family's standing in a society in transition. Reservations are requested to the Church Office or on our website by March 10.

Wednesday, March 18 — Presbyterian Women Gathering

The gathering begins with Bible Study in the Lewis Room at 9:30 a.m. A brief welcome and business meeting at 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall, precede a Skype Session with Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Mission Co-Workers in Niger, Africa. Lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall. Men are welcome to attend the program and lunch.

Friday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. — Harvard Glee Club Concert

Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. — Peeps & Pizza Fun

Sunday, March 22 — De-escalation Training sponsored by the Safety Team

John Riley from Gentle Response will lead the training in the Social Hall, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 — Stations of the Cross Exhibit & Meditation Opens

Artist Angie Miller leads a discussion at 11:00 a.m. about how her artwork reflects the Stations of the Cross in the world today. Her artwork will be on display in the Social Hall through Easter.

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