

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2020



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Making God's Love Visible

Will These Yet Come

Laurie Wohl

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Please know that, in recording all the parts of this liturgy — spoken, sung and played — we have carefully observed responsible norms of social distancing.

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

The opening voluntary

is drawn from Charles Tournemire's magnum opus *L'Orgue Mystique*, 51 volumes of music for the Sundays and major feasts of the liturgical year. Based on the Gregorian chants for the day, each volume includes a prelude, offertory, elevation, communion, and postlude

GATHERING

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OPENING VOLUNTARY

L'Orgue Mystique, Op. 57, No. 48: Offertory for the Feast of All Saints

Charles Tournemire

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: See how God loves us!

All: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

One: See how Christ loves us!

All: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

One: See how the Spirit loves us!

All: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

This hymn is found on the preceding page of this bulletin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come to you, Listener of our broken lives, with our hands soiled with the pain we have caused, with our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely, with our hearts stained with those lusts and hungers we would be embarrassed for others to know.

Forgive us and have mercy on us. As we seek to journey from the baptismal waters toward the feast you prepare in glory, may we turn our faces toward you in every moment, listen to your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Lift up your heads, saints of God! Your sin is gone, your hands once full of foolishness are now empty. God has clothed you with garments of joy to wear to the feast.

All: Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. All things are new – including us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 25:1, 6–9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 11:32–44

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

City Called Heaven

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I'm left in this old wide world alone!

Oh, I ain't got no hope for tomorrow, I'm trying to make it heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.

Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn

Oh, I heard of a city called heaven, I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting.

Though circumstances prevent us from passing an offering plate, they also require that we not take a pass on doing what we can to keep our ministries healthy during this crisis. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Ways to give: online on the First Pres homepage ... via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use our Give+ app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below. (Call Finance Manager Anna Miller if you need assistance.)



All Saints' Sunday is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, and for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation. We are reminded that God was with the faithful of the past and we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context we commemorate the lives of these who died during the previous year.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AND COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Commemoration 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.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty. . . . We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you, whose names we remember as we stand before you now.

Lucille Alford	Dorene Christensen
Fred Amorose	Helen Corey *
Evangeline Andrea	Roberta Cywin
Letha Staley Augustus	Homer Leon Dangler
Mary Ann Austin *	Robert Davison *
Catherine Baker *	Jeff Deardorff
Gail Ruth Bauer	Earl William Deardorff
Jane Bell	Mary Denyes
Maxine Bell	Greg Detmer *
John R. Bellefleur	Douglas Donofrio
Buck Bennett	Thomas H. Dooley
Louise Bennick	Louise Driscoll
Carolyon Beuhler *	Bernard Ralph Dunn
Ted Bidigare	Melvin Edwards *
Katherine Hoyt Price Blount	John Eman *
Virginia Bobick	Carole Ference
Carol Cecile Spahr Bogdasarian	Caryl Ferguson
Douglas Brevoort	Jill Warden Ford
Kenneth R. Brock, Jr. *	Beth Foster
Rob Brost	Christine Marie Foster
Shirley Burgoyne *	Cheryl Fox
Dorothy Butz	Jean Lau Gagalis
Jack Caldwell *	Jean-Louis Gavin
Gary Calhoun *	Hans Giethoorn
James Wood Chandler	Peg Gilbert

Cozette Grabb *
Greg Grieco *
John Hammond *
Mark Louis Harlen
Helen Hart
Beth Rosalyn Harting
Virginia Hartog
Peter Hess
William Ray Hottinger
Benjamin Hourani *
David Husted *
Alice Irani *
BJ Johnson
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Judith Judge *
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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music *Sing Me to Heaven* Daniel Gawthrop
In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

Cover art texts:

Will There Yet Come? The Struggle of Destinies by Laurie Wohl

Abdul Wahab al-Bayati

Iraq (1926-1999)

"Your cries were my cries
Our rivalry is pointless
I am tired of mortal
competition and the
struggle of destinies."

Mahmoud Darwish

Palestine (1941-2008)

"Teaching you to see us,
to know us, to listen to us,
to feel our blood safely,
Teaching you our peace."

Leah Goldberg

Israel (1911-1970)

"Will there yet come days
of forgiveness and grace"

Yehudah Amichai

Israel (1924-2000)

"Half of the people love,
Half hate. And where
shall I find my place
between these halves
who suit each other so?"

Lamentations 1:16 "This
is why I weep and my
eyes overflow with tears.
No one is near to comfort
me, no one to restore my
spirit. My children are
destitute because the
enemy has prevailed."

Samih al-Qasim

Palestinian Druze, Israeli
citizen (1939-2014)

"From the window of my
small cell I can see your
large cell."

"On the day you kill me
You'll find in my pocket
Travel tickets
To peace. . .
Don't waste the tickets."

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If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
Sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure,
Touch in me grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song, Sing me to heaven.

Prayer After Communion

Lord Jesus, thank you for uniting us with one another and feeding us in this meal. You call us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, to be faithful through the years, and to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love, trusting wholly in you. We ask it through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 326

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

This hymn is found on the next page of this bulletin.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,
but over the earth their power shall prevail;
all kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sway.
To God give the glory; sing praises for aye.**

This is Stanza 4 of Hymn 550, *Give Praise to the Lord* (LAUDATE DOMINUM).

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on "Sine nomine"

David M. Cherwien



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



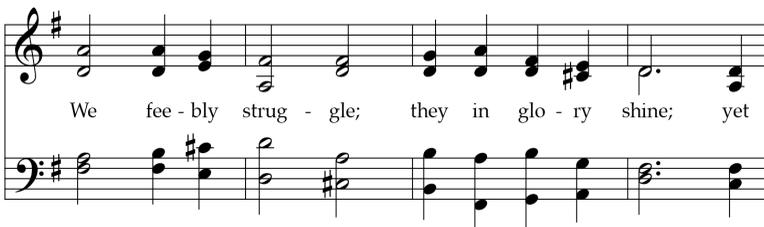
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong,
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



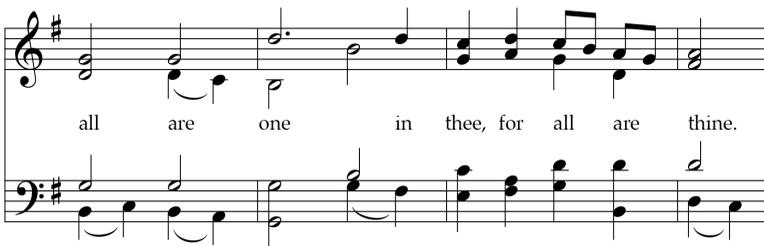
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet



all are one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Leaders of Worship: Welcome – Jay Sanderford; Liturgists – Khayla Johnson, Andrew Frazier, and Evans McGowan; Scripture Reader – Oskar MacArthur; Children’s Message – Amy Ruhf and Mark Mares; Preacher – Melissa Anne Rogers; Soloists – Lorna Hildebrandt, Imani Mchunu, Heidi Hess-Willis, Tyrese Byrd, David Magumba, Benton DeGroot, and Brent Ivey; Organist – Paul Haebig; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Videographer – Bill Hall; Sound technician – Rol Kibler

A word about our autumn theme, “Getting There Together” —

This autumn brings a new season of our life together. In our church we’re on our way to meet a new leader, to begin a new chapter of ministry, to discover new ways of rising to the challenges of a protracted pandemic. In our society we’re on our way through a season of polarization in politics and policy, vulnerability in public health, soul-searching and accountability for our values of justice, equity, liberty. During these weeks, with the exception of today, All Saints’ Sunday, we’re turning for guidance to the book of Exodus — the story of the long journey of the people Israel as God responded to their anguish, led them out of bondage, and accompanied them through crises of identity and faith and communal life to a new threshold. And we’re leaning on the company of Jesus, particularly in the latter chapters of the gospel of Matthew. Like us, the exodus people are on their way toward life in a promising future; but the process of getting there will help them, and us, learn how to live when they get where they hope they’re going.



Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Coffee Hour Sunday immediately following the Closing Voluntary. For the first 20–30 minutes, we have group conversation, and then we split into small groups. Around 11:15, Coffee Hour conversations end. If you have questions or need help, please contact Rev. Rogers. Special guests today are members of Chancel Choir and Sanctus Ringers. **Today’s conversation prompt:** What saints are you remembering today? Click here to enter Coffee Hour: <https://firstpresbyterian.org/event/virtual-coffee-hour>

Today our Chancel is filled with beautiful fall mums as we recognize those loved ones in whose memory or honor Easter Lilies were donated earlier this year. As we were not able to be together for Easter, this recognition was postponed until today, All Saints’ Day. Following the service, as is our practice, these flowers will be distributed by our Deacons to some among us who are experiencing illness, loss, or other difficulties at this time.

Given in honor of:

McKenzie Barber
Betty Byrne
Pam Ehrhart
Mary Engelhardt
Jan Fisher
FPC ministers and staff
Margo & Clem Gill
Carol Gottliebsen
John LeDuc
Duane Locke
Clayton Paquette
Katie & Bill Parker
Jennifer Pylos
Chris Queen
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Rev. Jay Sanderford
Zona Smaltz
Rev. Dr. Rick Spalding
Gary Stahl

Diane Tamblyn
Pam Wood
Thomas A. Woodruff
First Responders
Health Care Workers
Social Workers

Given in memory of:

Emily Ann Andrea
John Andrea
Blanche Address
John Address
Joan C. Banfield
Ralph W. Banfield
Ryne C. Banfield
Bruce Bartman
Frederick Bartman
Merlee Bartman
Don & Carnation Breckle

Rev. Charles and Mary Brewer
George R. Brewer
Alexander D. Buchanan
Beverly B. Buchanan
David Clyde
Patricia Clyde
Guernsey Collins
Magdalena Collins
Reina Collins
Jack Colton
Nan Colton
Bernice E. Crandall
Rebecca Donally
Hugh & Anne Donofrio
Thelma H. Duffell
Marie Dumery
George Dutton
Katie Dutton
Suzanne D. Filion
Joseph R. Fletcher

Given in memory of:

Mae Fletcher	Paul & Ruth McCracken	Hal Rex
Robert W. Fletcher	Ellen Jane McMackin	John Smaltz
Francis Fox	William McPherson	Joan Snider
Marjorie & Edmund Galant	Dean Millard	Bob Snyder
Ardis Grady	Dolly Millard	Jean & Russell Stem
Marvin Grady	Dorothy McKee Mitas	Duel & Christine Stephens
Griffin A. & Mary D. Herold	Robert L. Mitas	Daryl Stone
Madeleine D. Himbeault	Peg Molin	Nan Crandall Stone
Paul Horan	Catherine Mount	Judy Stuart
Rudy Hrozencik	Elizabeth & Joseph Najpaver	Adeline Tarter
Frances Jelinek	Julia Nordin	Nick Tarter
Jerome Jelinek	Delia Ouimet	Addie H. Taylor
Carolyn Johnson	Edward Ouimet	Ernestine C. Taylor
J. Frederic Johnson	Larry Ouimet	Barbara Oldani Ternes
Robert & Gertrude Keegan	Magdaline Ouimet	Betty Tobey
Donald A. & June S. Kerr	Oscar Pan	Herbert Upton
Alma Kruger	Viola M. Pan	Ben Van Tuyl
Jennie Lombard	Mary Paquette	Marcia Van Tuyl
Marjorie & Robert Lyons	Niraide Moreira Pedraza	Edwin and Mary Ellen Vick
Nanette Martin	Silvia Lubián Pedraza	Jackie Voss
William G. Martin	William M. and Jeane Perrett	Ann Weinhagen
Dennis Maxey	Zachary E. Perry	Gaillard & Deborah Wendler
Jacqueline Russell Maxey	Vernon & Barry Piers	Paul Winters
Stuart and Ethel Maynard	Jerry Prescott	Doris Cummings Woodruff
	Margaret & Herman Primas	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is Communion Sunday. 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. Financial contributions and food donations throughout the month of November will be overseen by Campus Ministry. Monetary donations will be sent to Washtenaw Community College Student Emergency Fund which provides food cards to needy students. Donated foodstuffs will be taken to Community Action Network. Collection bins are provided at the Memorial Garden entrance to the church Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 to 3:00. Financial donations may be mailed to the church or made online at www.firstpresbyterian.org/donate. Please note the purpose of your check on the memo line.

Today is Family Sunday. Christian Formation classes for children and youth do not meet on Family Sundays and the Children's Choir does not rehearse. Families are invited to drive through the campus between 11:00 a.m. and noon today to receive November curriculum packs and "Communion in the Spirit" kits. You are invited to get out of your car to leave sidewalk chalk messages of hope and to light a candle in honor of All Saints' Day.

Parish Nurse and Wellness Coordinator, Sandy Talbott, will retire from her position on November 22. We invite you to help us celebrate her. A new designated fund, the Sandy Talbott Speaker Series Fund, has been set up to provide an annual health and wellness speaker to help us deepen our devotion to the partnership of faith with physical and mental health and wellness. Donations to this fund are welcome through November 22, to First Pres, c/o Anna Miller, our Financial Manager. Please see the November newsletter for other ways to participate in thanking Sandy for her faithful service.

Publications Coordinator Mary Jones is retiring after serving First Pres for more than 17 years. Coffee Hour on Sunday, December 20, will be a time to celebrate Mary and to send her off with our gratitude and blessing. Contributions toward a special gift for Mary may be sent to the attention of Finance Manager Anna Miller or may be dropped off at the church Monday through Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00. Checks should be made payable to First Pres with the purpose noted on the memo line. Please see the December newsletter for other ways to participate in thanking Mary for her faithful service.

Stephen Ministers are available! So many of us are coping with tough emotions and heavy doubts these days. The pandemic continues, a long winter is coming, we are more aware than ever of racial disparity and injustice, related protests, and a hurting economy. The lack of in-person schooling is also taking a toll and we worry about our health. We have found outside gatherings to be an acceptable risk. Colder weather and flu season will further limit our social life and ability to worship together. Your pastoral staff is available to talk with you, as are our Stephen Ministers. As spiritual friends, they are fully trained to listen, to share, and to pray with and for you to help us through a period that, for some, will be very trying. Contact the Stephen Ministry program now through Rev. Rogers or Stephen Minister Kathy Wirstrom (kwirstrom@yahoo.com).

Welcome College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. Each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. there are in-person, socially-distant college lunches. Each Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. there are small group opportunities, both in-person and virtually. Contact Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Donate Chancel flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. There are available dates in upcoming weeks. Cost is \$50. Contact the Church Office (662-4466).

Our 2020 Advent Email Devotional is Coming! Based on our upcoming Advent theme, "Those Who Dream...", you are invited to write a 200-word or less devotional. Two or three scripture passages have been chosen for each day, and as the author, you choose from those on which to write your devotional. A poem and journaling prompt are also assigned to help guide your thoughts. Writers have until November 20 to complete their piece. New authors welcome! Sign up to write by emailing Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

Mature Singles are enjoying dinners in restaurants on Friday evenings, but planning only one or two weeks at a time. Please call Marcy (995-2519) if you would like more information.

Women: Stay Connected! PW Moderator Ginny Bell sends out timely information in email blasts. Contact Ginny (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children's Education & Family Ministry, is on family leave following the birth of her daughter. Please contact Diane Hockett (hockett@umich.edu), Chair of the Christian Formation Committee, for information about opportunities to connect and resources for children and families.

Children's faith formation classes and Children's Choir do not meet today as this is Family Sunday. Families are invited to drive through the campus between 11:00 a.m. and noon today to receive November curriculum packs and "Communion in the Spirit" kits. You are invited to get out of your car to leave sidewalk chalk messages of hope and to light a candle in honor of All Saints' Day.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Please contact Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth & Families, for information about the numerous ways youth are connecting at this time. Mark can be reached at mmares@firstpresbyterian.org.

Youth faith formation classes do not meet today as this is Family Sunday. Families are invited to drive through the campus between 11:00 a.m. and noon today to receive November curriculum packs and "Communion in the Spirit" kits. You are invited to get out of your car to leave sidewalk chalk messages of hope and to light a candle in honor of All Saints' Day.

Our confirmation class meets on Zoom the second and third Sunday of each month, and in person for the fourth Sunday. If you are interested in joining, it isn't too late – just let Rev. Mark know.

Our High School students will meet with Rev. Evans McGowan and other leaders throughout the semester to talk about faith and current events. We're really looking forward to thinking, talking, and imagining how our faith leads us in our everyday lives.

Middle School and High School Youth Group gatherings alternate between in-person (first and third Sundays) and virtual (second and fourth Sundays of each month). We gather together for games and fellowship as a large group and break out into Middle School/High School groups for conversations. Contact Pastor Mark for more information. All are welcome!

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

First Friends meets via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. today to discuss "How to Deconstruct Racism, One Headline at a Time." Join the conversation at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85415813175>.

Exploring the Faith meets via Zoom at 12:15 p.m. to discuss "Racism and White Privilege." Join in at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89707880133>

Bible Study @ 5:00 meets via Zoom at 5:00 p.m. Rev. Ed Koster facilitates a study of the Gospel of Mark. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545144620>

"Crossroads – Conversations on Race & Racism" meets every Friday through November 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., via Zoom. Two books will be read and discussed: Layla Saad's *Me and White Supremacy* and Austin Channing Brown's *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. Books are available for purchase in the Church Office. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81766886164>

Journeys Bible Study meets via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>) this fall on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Rev. Frazier (afrazier@firstpresbyterian.org).

CONGREGATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Enjoy an Outdoor Labyrinth Walk today, November 1. You are invited to participate in this spiritual practice in the field behind the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig, off Ellsworth Road. Ten people may sign up per hour between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. This is a socially distanced, safe opportunity to enjoy the presence of God and one another. Sign up to participate at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-walk>

Our November Taizé Prayer Service is this Tuesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. Join us via Facebook.

The Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn series gathers on Thursday, November 12, at noon, via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5502657984>) for a virtual visit to Greenfield Village. We welcome Jim Johnson, Director, Greenfield Village, Curator, Historic Structures & Landscapes, as he presents "A Half-Century in the Making: The Magic Behind Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village." All are welcome!

Tea with the Residents! Join us every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. via Facebook Live for a cup of tea and conversation. This time together includes prayer, a brief check-in, and a bit of conversation.

Welcoming New Members. Are you interested in helping make First Pres a more warm and welcoming church home to new members? The Congregational Life Committee is looking for some friendly "Shepherds" to help new members find their niche and feel more at home and welcome after joining. Expressing interest isn't a commitment, just the potential to serve at some point in the future.

Explore our Virtual Art Exhibit by Robyn Sand Anderson at www.robysandanderson.weebly.com. Sand Anderson specializes in transparent watercolor and acrylic. She believes that combining the arts, music, visual art, drama and dance, enhances and strengthens the experience of the viewer. More of her musical interpretations along with the musical excerpts are found at www.RobynSandAnderson.com.



The Gospel Freed

Fast Track to Membership! If you'd like to become a member of First Pres, join us via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84143125355>) next Sunday, November 8, at noon, for about 20 minutes. Elders will be present to receive you.

Join our Stephen Ministers via Zoom for their next continuing education session on Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. What is your response to these buzz words: accessibility, diversity, inclusion, and belonging? How are they connected to the quality of life for persons with Parkinson's disease, dementia, and stroke survivors – many of whom have a communication disorder? How might music fit into the picture? These questions and more will be answered by Lynn Chenoweth, founder and director of the Aphasia Community Friendship Center (ACFC). Lynn will be joined by ACFC members of the Loud and Proud Singers. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89733372207>

Engage your Body, Mind, and Spirit! Join Rob Meyer-Kukan, a Licensed Sound Therapist for a dedicated time to center, relax, and restore. Come and explore a new way of connecting your spirituality to your everyday life. Consider this experience a mini-retreat to center yourself through gentle activities, focused meditation on poetry and scripture, and the soothing tones of singing bowls, gongs, and other therapeutic instruments. Join us for the final session on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m., by way of the FPC Facebook Page or YouTube channel. All are welcome! For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer (dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

Join us virtually for "Grief Conversations" this Tuesday, November 3, at 11:00 a.m.. We are all in grief over something — the loss of a loved one, the loss of expectations, the loss of life as we knew it to be, the loss of our relationships and close connections, the loss of our physical strength and invincibility that we once seemingly enjoyed. Contact Rev. Rogers (mr Rogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for the link to join our conversation as we compassionately care for one another.

Deacons will deliver home communion kits in December. If you would like a kit for Sunday, December 6, please indicate on the friendship pad or contact your Deacon.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

First Pres members have an opportunity to minister to children and their families at Alpha House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness, the week of November 9–15. You can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4faaaf2daa8-alpha5>. If you have questions about this ministry contact Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com), Anne Gere (argere@umich.edu), Paula Doering (paulahdoering@gmail.com), or Ruth Jensen (ruthannjensen@gmail.com).

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