

Journey's Bible Study meets every second and fourth Thursday. This year we are studying the book of Acts. We meet in-person in the Curtis Room and there is a Zoom link for all who desire to participate online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. Would you like prayer for yourself or others? Use this form by Sunday evening: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-request/>. If you would like to join this group, email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link. For those in worship today, to share a prayer today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. We meet weekly and can be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Blest Are They

arr. Paul A Tate

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who are weary or feeling depleted.

All: **We gather close to the God who strengthens us.**

One: Come, all who are lonely, stuck, or feeling lost.

All: **We gather close to the God who finds us.**

One: Come, all who are grieving, afraid, or sad.

All: **We gather close to the God who heals us.**

One: Come, all who are happy, content, or joyful.

All: **We gather close to the God who celebrates with us.**

One: Come, all of you, everyone, from north, south, east, or west.

All: **We gather to worship the God who loves all!**

* HYMN 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, sometimes we lose our way and we feel lost. Sometimes we are lost or stuck and we don't even know it but realize later that we have gone astray, made mistakes, harmed others by our actions or inactions. Forgive us.

Open our eyes to see ourselves clearly. Call us to your table to be loved and healed. Fill us with strength and conviction to change our ways, to correct our mistakes when we can, to begin anew today. Help us.

Pour your compassion into our hearts. Where we are hungry, fill us. Where we think poorly of ourselves or others, give us a new mind, a new perspective. Where we feel compulsions, relieve us. Turn us again toward you. Heal us...

Mature Ministries presents Lunch and Learn with Ken Fischer, is this Thursday, October 14. We will begin at noon with a box lunch eaten outside (either on the Terrace or under the Canopy on the Hill Street Lawn). At 1:00 p.m., all are invited into the Sanctuary, where Ken will be interviewed by First Pres member and longtime member of the UMS Choral Union Marilyn Meeker. This will be followed by a Q&A session, and a book-signing of his recently published book, *Everybody In, Nobody Out*. Order your boxed lunch at: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/mature-ministries-fischer-lecture-boxed-lunch>. Payment is due by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

Christian Meditation meets in-person this Saturday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall. The purpose of the meditation is to quiet our hearts and minds in God's presence in a time of silence and to listen as God speaks to us through a text read from the Scriptures. We meet on the first and third Saturdays each month in Monteith. There is no preparation necessary other than bringing a notebook or a journal to write in. All are invited. Christian Meditation will be offered the first and third Saturdays of the month.

"How the World Has Changed: Cannabis," a bonus Mature Ministries online meeting, is October 21, at Noon. Mark Osbeck, who teaches in the UM Law School's Legal Practice Program and is a leading authority on marijuana law, is our speaker. Contact Rev. Rogers for the Zoom link.

Tell Me More About This Church! Are you a prospective member, regular attender, frequent guest, or someone new who really wants to know more? Join us Sunday, October 24, at 4:30 p.m., at the Session Room (3685 Jackson Road) for a cool beverage, snacks, and good conversation on the patio. We'll answer any questions you have and surely hear a few we didn't expect! It's a lively hour together for all ages. Contact Rev. Rogers so we know to look for you! (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 734-355-2351)

All-Church Bonfire is October 24! Families, members, couples, students, youth, kiddos — ALL are welcome for S'mores! Meet at White Oaks Farm, 6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Everything will be provided. Come enjoy a nice fall evening with fire, marshmallows, chocolate, and more. There is ample parking. RSVP to the Church Office or to Rev. Rogers so we know to plan for you!

Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert is Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at <https://www.whiffenpoofs.com/ann-arbor> or at the door.

The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room, for coffee, study, and conversation. This fall, we will read *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our October Communion Food Collection supports the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit. Non-perishable food may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and Fridays 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Presbyterian Women Celebrates 175 Years of Service on Sunday, October 17, at Coffee Hour. Presbyterian Women has been a part of the fabric of First Pres for 175 years. Come and help us celebrate! During worship, PW will present new paraments to the church for Monteith Hall woven by textile artist and First Pres member Lois Bryant. Come to Coffee Hour, enjoy a cookie, a gift and discover more about Presbyterian Women past and present. See displays on PW's involvement in the life of First Pres over the years and learn about the book and Bible studies, the mission activities, the peace and justice initiatives and more that PW has to offer women in our church.

Making God's Love Visible, Peace by Piece. *Loving God and loving neighbors, let us show what faith can do. God is making all things new...* To celebrate our return to in-person worship, the Annual Giving 2022 Work Group commissioned a special hymn for this stewardship season. This wonderful hymn, "Peace by Piece" by David Gambrell, contains beautiful images of renewal and restoration. We hope you enjoy singing this song of hope. A big thank you to David VanderMeer for making this dream come true! Thank you in advance for submitting your pledge and opportunity to serve forms by mail or online at <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022>.

Welcoming Refugees. As we continue to look prayerfully toward the crisis in Afghanistan, we are assembling a team of people who may be interested in supporting refugees seeking resettlement and welcome in our area. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Resident Minister Hannah Lundberg, hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org.

Visit the New Virtual Art Exhibit, "The Peace of the Earth" by local Ann Arbor Artist, Joan Cohen Jones. The exhibit is found at www.fPCA2art.org.

Meals for the homeless are needed at Mercy House, located at 805 W. Huron Street, in Ann Arbor, is an oasis of hope for people experiencing homelessness, providing meals, showers, clothing and personal care items. We are looking for individuals who could prepare and drop off a meal for 20 people on Mondays or Wednesdays, with a 5:45 p.m. drop-off at the house. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44AFAE22A2F49-mercy>.

SILENT PRAYER

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CALL TO GRATEFUL LIVING

* 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

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

This is the refrain of Hymn 415, Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

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

Ephesians 2:12–14, 17–22

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

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

Luke 5:27–32

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

A Gaelic Blessing
Chancel Choir Section Leaders

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

John Rutter

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Communion Card.

Communion Music Improvisation on *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

This is based on Hymn 773.

SENDING

* HYMN

Peace by Piece

Please sing stanzas 2 and 5. This hymn is found on the back of your Communion Card.

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —
Let us Love...with Open Hearts!
Let us Learn...with Open Minds!
Let us Serve...with Open Arms!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Higher Ground

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Matthew Warfield; Faith in Action – Brad Taylor; Scripture Reader – Nancy Fox; Preacher – Mark Mares; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Jean Song; Communion Servers – Michele Derr and Jean Song

Use the 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. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code on the right.



Join us for Coffee Hour on the Monteith Terrace following the Closing Voluntary.

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The PCUSA Peace and Global Witness offering, received throughout October, is intended to help people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone, everywhere—regardless of boundaries or the walls that separate us. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to address systems of conflict and injustice across the world. First Presbyterian will forward 25% of this offering in 2021 to A Brighter Way (ABW). In our community, ABW is dedicated to reducing recidivism rates in Washtenaw county by providing programs, resources, and advocacy for friends and family returning home from incarceration. They also provide education and a restorative space for the community. **Gifts may be made through First Pres, with checks marked "Peace and Global Witness."**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

Bible Study at 11:00 (Curtis Room)

Exploring the Faith (Social Hall)

First Friends (Lewis Room)

T2A2 Small Group (Founders Room)

Adult/Parent Confirmation Class (Vance Room)