



First  
Presbyterian  
Church *of Ann Arbor*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

August 24, 2025  
9:30 am Worship



“Praise the Lord | Psalm 103:2” (reproduction of Winter Sky), by Min Jung Hwang,  
Truth & Beauty Studio.



9:30 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 24, 2025

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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*\* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,  
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

### GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

KayCee Galano, Violin and Kristiann Lloyd Uchi Galano, Pianist

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

\*Call to Worship

Deborah Forger

Come, all who carry the week on your shoulders.

Come, all whose hearts are full  
and whose hearts feel a bit empty.

**We come to remember the One,  
who knows us inside and out,  
who meets us where we are,  
who embraces us with grace, healing, and love.**

Come, let us worship God.

**Let us worship the one who calls us by name.**

\*Hymn 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

You have known us since before we knew ourselves.

**You have called us by name, and still we say,  
Surely you mean someone else.**

You send us with words of hope,

**and we lose them or ignore them pretending it was meant for  
someone else.**

You ask us to love,

**and we keep a record of wrongs and pretend we didn't hear you.**

You offer us mercy,

**and we ration it as though it might run out.**

**Forgive us.**

**Loosen the grip of our fear.**

**Teach our hearts to bless you with every breath,  
and to trust that you have placed your words**

and your love right here, on our lips, in our hands, and deep in our bones. Give us courage, to live as you have called us....

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lee Afdahl

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Assurance of Grace

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Congregational Response

IN BABILONE

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving  
for the goodness of our Lord.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Grace Wallace

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 103:1-8

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Peggy Hodgson

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

Sermon

“I’m only...”

Mark Mares

RESPONDING

\*Hymn 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

HERE I AM

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Speak, Lord* Tom Trenney  
Chancel Choir, David Magumba, soloist, and Stacie Barrett, Liturgical Dancer

You are the way, the truth, and the life.  
You are our hope, our victory o’er the strife.  
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.  
Bringing good news to the oppressed,  
You call us to set the captives free!

*Refrain:* Speak, Lord, for you servants are listening.  
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.  
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.  
Speak your words of love in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart,  
To comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.  
You call us to preach the Gospel,  
Dream the dream till justice rolls down like water,  
Righteousness like a mighty stream. (Refrain)

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.  
Help us hear the beauty of a language our own.  
Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.  
When we love each other, you are known. (Refrain)

\*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 Ryan Boluyt & Ginny Rezmierski

**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

Blessing of the Backpacks & Prayer over the School Year Pat Gilbreath

\*Hymn 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* DUKE STREET

\*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART  
KayCee Galano, Violin and Kristiann Lloyd Uchi Galano, Pianist

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love visible in our congregation, community, and world.

## NEW TO FIRST PRES?

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. Please sign the Friendship Pad. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@fpca2.org](mailto:mrogers@fpca2.org).

## Leading in Worship

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Ryan Boluyt  
Deborah Forger  
Pat Gilbreath  
Peggy Hodgson  
Mark Mares  
Ginny Rezmierski  
Grace Wallace

### MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir  
KayCee Galano, *Violin*  
Kristiann Lloyd Uchi Galano, *Pianist*  
David Hufford, *Organist*  
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

### USHERS

Linda Lampman  
Joe Schmidt  
Angela Yang

### FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Wheaton on their anniversary by his wife, Julie Wheaton; and in loving memory of her sister, Karin Sue Wolff, by Margaret Reynolds.

A rosebud is placed in the chancel today to celebrate the birth of Leo Joseph Cooper, born to Colleen and Pat Cooper on July 8, 2025. We give thanks to God for this precious new life and join in prayers of joy and blessing for the family.

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# Announcements

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## ALL CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

### All-Church Tailgate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
5:30–7:00 PM

Come celebrate the start of our program year with food, fun, and fellowship! We'll provide hot dogs, burgers, veggie patties, and drinks (lemonade and water). Please sign up to let us know what dish you'll bring to share. Feeling competitive? Join the Bucket Golf Scramble for a lighthearted round of fun! This gathering is sponsored by the Children & Family and Youth & Family Ministry Work Groups.

Sign up: [fpca2.org](https://fpca2.org)

## FAITH FORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

### Men's Book Study

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY  
8:45 AM, LEWIS ROOM

The Men's Book Study Group meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:45 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome!

### Faith Formation for All Ages Begins September 7

SUNDAYS • 11:00 AM

Our fall season of Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 7, with classes for children, youth, and adults at 11:00 am. Adults will enjoy a variety of topics and speakers this year, including a special session on kickoff Sunday with former pastor, Rev. Michael Lindvall. Children and youth will gather for engaging lessons, activities, and community-building as they grow in faith together. Visit [fpca2.org](https://fpca2.org) for more information.

## MISSION \_\_\_\_\_

### Alpha House Host Week

AUGUST 25-31

Help support families experiencing homelessness by volunteering during our Alpha House Host Week! You can sign up to prepare a dinner meal, contribute two side dishes, or donate your time to serve and assist families at the shelter. Every act of kindness makes a difference. Sign up: [fpca2.org/local](https://fpca2.org/local)

### Volunteer for Food Rescue this Football Season!

Since 2011, our Food Rescue/Feeding Our Neighbors Program has delivered thousands of pounds of ready-to-serve food from Big Ten games to local organizations fighting food insecurity.

We need volunteers for the 2025 football season:

**Game Day Pickup:** Sort and collect food after the game (2 hrs, 6 people)

**Monday Load:** Help load the truck at 9:00 a.m. (30 min, 2 people)

**Monday Drive:** Drive the truck to Detroit (4 hrs, 1 person)

Sign up: [fpca2.org/local](https://fpca2.org/local)

## MUSIC & FINE ARTS \_\_\_\_\_

### Join the Chancel Choir

We welcome back the Chancel Choir to worship after their summer recess.

They have had their annual choir retreat this weekend with lots of singing, worship, and fellowship.

Join us on Thursday nights for rehearsal from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

Contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts for more information: [dvandermeer@fpca2.org](mailto:dvandermeer@fpca2.org)

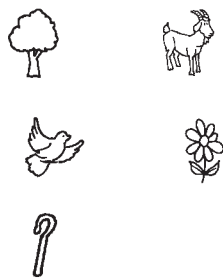
GOD CALLS JEREMIAH

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Find the underlined words in the word search.

The Lord reached out His hand and touched Jeremiah's mouth and said, "Now, I have put My words in your mouth."

Find the hidden objects in the picture.



God spoke to Jeremiah. He said, "I appoint you as a prophet to the nations."







SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

# *Fall* KICKOFF

## WORSHIP

8:00 am, Monteith Hall

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9:30 am, Sanctuary

## FELLOWSHIP

10:30 am, Social Hall

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

11:00 am, Classrooms

## ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

12:00 pm, Social Hall

## YOUTH GROUP

6:00 pm, Youth Room