



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

SEVENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 12, 2026

8:00 & 9:30 am Worship



Parable of the Sower by JESUS MAFA

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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? For more info, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children are always welcome in worship! You will find children's Bibles in the pews and activity resources in the Narthex. We provide childcare for children (infant to 5 years old) on the first floor. If you need assistance, please alert an usher.

PRAYER

If you are carrying any personal burdens or joys this morning, the Prayer Team will be available following worship in the Prayer and Compassion Room—just outside the Sanctuary doors near the Lounge.

GUEST PREACHER

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Melissa Lynn Allison as our guest preacher today at the 9:30 am service. Melissa serves as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit and brings extensive experience as a pastor, teacher, conflict mediator, and advocate for peace and justice. She has served congregations in Michigan and New York, holds degrees from Alma College, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and is co-author of *Girlfriends' Clergy Companion: Surviving and Thriving in Ministry*. Following worship, she will lead the Adult Faith Formation class, offering an overview of the recent General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and discussing its implications for the church. We are grateful for her ministry with us this morning.

FELLOWSHIP

One of the easiest ways we live out our faith is through hospitality. A smile, a greeting, or a brief conversation can help guests and longtime members alike feel welcomed. Join us after worship for fellowship time on the Circle Terrace! Our fellowship hour assistants are **Barbara Brewster, Kim Krahn, and Becky Gaffney**. Cookie baker this Sunday is **Barbara Brewster**.

TODAY AT FIRST

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Worship Monteith Hall
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Worship Sanctuary
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Fellowship Circle Terrace
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation Monteith Hall

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8:00 AM WORSHIP | JULY 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Tortues

Camille Saint-Saens

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

***Call to Worship**

The windows of heaven are open;
let us receive God's abundance.

God's mercy falls like rain,
God's goodness rises like the dawn,
poured out for all who hunger.

Come, then, with open hands.
Let us worship the God who fills them.

***Hymn 714**

God of Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in you there are no shortages, and nothing is lacking. Yet we have lived as though your love was scarce. We have hoarded what was meant to be shared and called our fear by the name of prudence. We have eaten from your flourishing fields and forgotten those who hunger at the gate. Form and reform us by your word, that we may loosen our grip, rejoice in your bounty, and share your inheritance of sufficiency, all the days of our lives.....

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 Grace

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

NETTLETON

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Cheryl Gulbranson

First Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-11

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

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hanna Richards

RESPONDING & SEALING

Congregational Response

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Le cygne

Camille Saint-Saens

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Sanctus

LAND OF REST



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.
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The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion of the People

When receiving each element, please respond as follows:

The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**
The cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 77

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

SAMANTHRA

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David Blackwell

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Chloe Majorprice

First Scripture Reading

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This is the Word of the Lord.
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

Romans 8:1-11

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

Sermon

"Life in the Spirit"

Melissa Lynn Allison

RESPONDING

*Hymn 171

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

SEACHRIST

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Allison Gaines and Abby Kasenow

If you want a world of hope, plant hope.
 If you want a world of hope, grow hope.
 In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs.
 If you want a world of hope, be hope.
 If you want a world of peace, plant peace.
 If you want a world of peace, grow peace.
 In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs.
 If you want a world of peace, be peace.
 If we water, if we nurture,
 then everyone will see the world of love God knows it can be.
 If you want a world of joy, plant joy, a world of joy.
 If you want a world of joy, grow joy.
 In our hands we hold the seeds to sow what our world needs.
 If you want a world of joy, be joy.
 If you want a world of love, plant, hope, peace, and joy.
 If you want a world of love, be love.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
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 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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Processional in D

David Johnson

Leading in Worship

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Cheryl Gulbranson, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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Melissa Lynn Allison, *Guest Preacher*

David Prentice-Hyers

Sandra McDonald

Chloe Majorprice, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

Holly Boucher

Ashley Bowles

Cindy Crawford

Tom Crawford

Callie Feyen

Jesse Feyen

Beth Gerwig

Delena Harrison

Greta Krapohl

Mark Lindley

Aidan Majorprice

Chloe Majorprice

Mel Prentice-Hyers

Diane Tamblyn

Sandy Talbott

Mary Schudel

Paul Smith

Carol Smith

Angela Yang

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Prue Heikkinen on her last Sunday with us before she moves to San Diego this week. Prue joined First Presbyterian Church in 1978 and has faithfully served as an elder, deacon, and chair of the Personnel Committee. Over the years, she has shared her gifts with members of every generation, enriching the life of our congregation in countless ways. We will miss you, Prue. Go with God, as God goes with you. If you would like Prue's new mailing address, please contact the church office.

The rosebud placed in the chancel today celebrates the birth of Luke William Glanda on May 21, 2026 to Hannah and Jareth Glanda. Grandparents are Bruce and Carol Clyde. We give thanks to God for this precious new life and join in prayers of joy and blessing for the family.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE _____

Missing any dishes?

We have two shelves of bowls, mugs, serving plates, etc. that have been left behind after First Pres events. Please come and pick up from the open shelves in the main kitchen by July 30.

Blood Drive

MONDAY, JULY 20
NOON - 6 PM, MONTEITH HALL

Please consider signing up to donate. Every pint of blood can save up to 3 lives! Sign up: fpca2.org. For questions, contact the parish nurses: parishnurse@fpca2.org

Labyrinth Walk

SATURDAY, JULY 25
10 AM - 3 PM

The Hilligs invite you to walk their labyrinth at 7654 W. Ellsworth Road on July 25, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. No sign-up is needed. Long pants, closed-toe shoes, and a hat are recommended; insect repellent will be provided. For more information, contact Kathy Hillig at hilligk@umich.edu.

FAITH FORMATION _____

SPECIAL SUMMER SESSION
**PCUSA General Assembly 227:
What happened in Milwaukee?**

SUNDAY, JULY 12
11:00 AM, MONTEITH HALL

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in Milwaukee June 22–July 2, addressing issues including church governance, racial justice, gender and sexuality, climate concerns, socially responsible investing, and a proposed new confession. Join us for a conversation about the Assembly's actions, discussions, and implications for the church.

Presenters: Melissa Lynn Allison, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit, and Keanu Heydari, First Pres member and Ordination Inquirer

Host: Diane Hockett

SERVE _____

Get involved and serve this summer!

Volunteers this summer to help with hospitality and welcome. Sign up to bake cookies, help host the coffee hour on the Terrace, serve on the prayer team, volunteer for a Sunday morning usher slot, or welcome folks arriving as a morning greeter. Sign up: fpca2.org/church.

Volunteers Needed for Morgan Wallen Concert Food Rescue

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 25-26

Volunteers of all ages are needed for the upcoming Morgan Wallen concerts at Michigan Stadium on Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26.

Help is needed with:

- Post-concert food pickup and sorting (2 hours)
- Monday truck loading at 9:00 am (30 minutes)
- Monday delivery drive to Detroit (4 hours)

Volunteers get a behind-the-scenes stadium experience while helping provide food for neighbors in need. Sign up: fpca2.org/local

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

Parents' Night Out

FRIDAY, JULY 17
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Parents, enjoy an evening at the Ann Arbor Art Fair while we care for your children! Join us for Parents' Night Out on Friday, July 17, with free childcare at the church for children from birth through 5th grade. Parking is available in the church lot through our Youth Ministry's Art Fair parking fundraiser, with proceeds supporting youth programs, mission trips, and ministry activities.

Youth Art Fair Fundraiser!

THURSDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 16-18

Help us support our youth ministries and youth mission opportunities by volunteering to help us run the art fair parking fundraiser. Sign up for a slot and support our ministries at fpca2.org

Youth Farm Fun and Summer Grilling!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
6 PM, SORTER FAMILY FARM

Join us for a fun evening at the Sorter Family Farm (6891 S Custer Rd, Monroe)! There will be games, kickball, Alpaca sightings, and summer grilling — bring a friend and join us! Email Mark Mares, mmares@fpca2.org, to let him know if you plan to be there!

LET US BUILD A HOUSE WHERE LOVE CAN DWELL...

Make a pledge to the Onward and Outward
in Love capital campaign by August 21.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [FPCA2.ORG/ONWARD](https://fpc2.org/onward)

