

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2025 8:00 & 9:30 am Worship



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Children are always welcome in worship! In the Sanctuary, you will find children's Bibles in the pews and activity resources in the Narthex. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm on the first floor. If you need assistance, please alert an usher.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin to follow the service.

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.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

This offering proclaims Christ's peace in a fractured world by equipping the church to confront injustice, heal divisions, and offer hope—locally, regionally, and globally. This year, 25% supports A Brighter Way, a local ministry for returning citizens from incarceration through peer-led mentoring. The remainder supports global peacemaking (50%) and regional reconciliation efforts (25%).

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us after worship for fellowship time! Enjoy cookies, conversation, and a cup of coffee as we spend time together. Fair Trade coffee is also available for purchase at \$12 per bag—your support makes a difference for growers around the world.

TODAY AT FIRST

Worship Monteith Hall
Worship Sanctuary
Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8 grade) Lemon Chapel
Fellowship Social Hall
Faith Formation for All Ages Classrooms
Confirmation Class Youth Room
Blessing of the Animals Circle Terrace
Youth Group Social Hall, Youth Room



8:00 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 5, 2025 World Communion Sunday

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary Medley: From Invitation to Journey arr. Spencer Perilloux
Uyai Mose (Come All You People)
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona (Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises)
Sizohamba naye (We Will Walk with God)

Spencer Perilloux, Marimba and John Dorsey, Diembe

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Lord, Grant Us Loving Hearts (stanza 1, see page 7)

TERRA BEATA

*Call to Worship

Faith in Action

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the banquet of God is prepared for the table. We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 317

In Christ There is No East or West

MC KEE

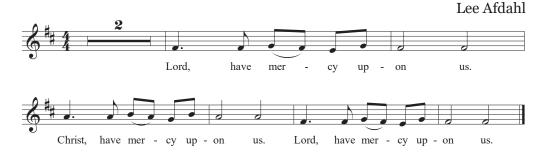
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We long to be fountains of hope, O God, yet our hearts grow hard. We yearn to be transformed, but pride keeps us from bending to you. Forgive us, Christ who comes close. Split open our frozen hearts, let compassion flow to the hurting here and around the world. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may follow Jesus into your kingdom of grace and hope....

Silent Prayer

Kyrie



Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Lamentations 1:1-6

Anthem

You Can Tell the World Choral Ensemble Alice Parker

Refrain: You can tell the world about this, You can tell the nations about that; Tell 'em that the comforter has come, tell 'em what the Lord has done, That he brought joy to my soul.

My Lord done jes' what he said. Yes, he did; He healed the sick an' he raised he dead. Yes, he did. (Refrain)

He took my feet out de miry clay; Yes, he did. He placed them on the rock to stay. Yes, he did. (Refrain)

I remember the hour, I remember the day, Yes, I do! When Jesus washed my sins away. Yes, he did! (Refrain)

Reflection

RESPONDING & SEALING

Congregational Response





Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Prelude No. 4 in D, Op. 23

Sergei Rachmaninov

*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!

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*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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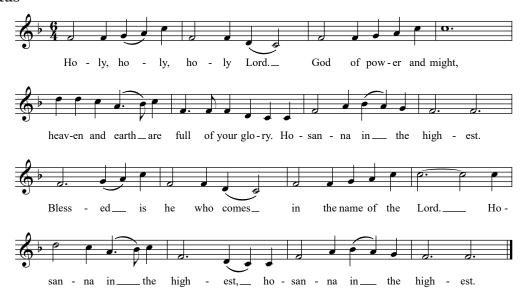
Lift up your hearts.

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



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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Table. 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 637 O Sing to the Lord CANTAI AO SENHOR

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary Prelude No. 10 in Gb, Op. 23 Sergei Rachmaninov

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Lord, Grant Us Loving Hearts

For First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan



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Rosie Bird (German) Linda Speck (Russian) Meeilei Chen (Taiwanese)

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Hana Kaehr (Japanese)

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Mira Collins (Indoesian) Armando Tena (Spanish) Anna Gehrke (American Sign Language)

*Congregational Response

SINE NOMINE

Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Vercler

First Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Sandy Talbott

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 17:5-10

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

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Words of Institution

All are welcome at the Table. The two inside stations offer cups of juice and bread.

At the outer stations, clergy will offer you bread to dip into the cup.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.

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.**

Communion Music

Wana Baraka

Shawn Kirchner

Chancel Choir and John Dorsey, Djembe

Wana baraka wale waombao; Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya! Wana amani, wana furaha

Wana uzima.

They have blessing, those who pray; Jesus himself said so, Alleluia! They have peace, they have joy!

They have well-being.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Litany of Parting

Students (Kindergarten through 8th grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Lemon Chapel Singers (our children and youth choir).

All: May God be with you there. Children: May God be with you here.

*Hymn 637

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAI AO SENHOR

On Communion Sundays, we invite you to help those facing food insecurity in our community by donating non-perishable food (and other essentials) to benefit our local partner, Food Gatherers. Drop items in the shopping cart during the last hymn or drop off items in the Welcome Center. Financial contributions may be made online at fpca2.org/give.

*Charge and Benediction

Anne Andrus (Italian)

Closing Voluntary

From March to Celebration arr. Spencer Perilloux Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)
LINSTEAD (Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ)
Amen siakudumisa (Amen, We Praise Your Name)
Spencer Perilloux, Marimba

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Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:00 am

Mark Mares

Melissa Anne Rogers

9:30 am

David Prentice-Hyers

Mark Mares

Hanna Richards

Melissa Anne Rogers

Sarah Rutherford

Elizabeth Vercler, Lay Reader

MUSICIANS

8:00 am

Joshua Marzan, Pianist

9:30 am

Chancel Choir

John Dorsey, Diembe

Spencer Perilloux, Marimba

David Hufford, Organist

David VanderMeer, Minister of Music and Fine Arts

USHERS

Karla Olson-Bellifi

Omer Bellifi

Angela Yang

Joe Schmidt

Bruce Thomson

Cvnthia Colton

Len Rezmierski

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers in celebration of 30 years of ordained ministry—in gratitude for colleagues who have offered equal measures of inspiration, collaboration, laughter, and grace; and for all of you—past, present, and future—who have shown her the unconditional love of God, the dedicated hands of Jesus, and Christlike compassionate care day after day. Soli Deo Gloria!

A rosebud is placed in the chancel today to celebrate the birth of Luke Benjamin Miretti, on September 7, 2025, to Emily and Juan Miretti. 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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Today in Faith Formation

CHILDCARE & NURSERY		
AGES 5 AND YOUNGER		
9:15 AM to 12:15 PM Room 101		

CHILDREN & YOUTH _

LEMON CHAPEL SINGERS 10:25 AM I LEMON CHAPEL

Children in grades K-8 are invited to join the Lemon Chapel Singers! Each Sunday, we learn songs of faith and joyfully sing together.

PRESCHOOL 11:00 AM | 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS - RM 102 | NURSERY - 3 YEAR OLDS - RM 101

Our preschoolers are invited to explore the wonder of sacred worship spaces through songs, stories, and crafts. This joyful time of learning helps our voungest children begin to experience God's love and the beauty of worship in age-appropriate ways.

K-5TH GRADE 11:00 AM | LEMON CHAPEL

Kids will gather on the third floor for music, movement, creative activities, and prayer, all centered on the same scripture used in worship. Children begin together in Lemon Chapel for a gathering time before moving to classrooms.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL 11:00 AM | LL4

Join us for a faith formation class that explores faith practices, through scripture, art, & conversation.

CONFIRMATION 11:00 AM | YOUTH ROOM

All 8th graders, along with any high school students who have not yet been confirmed, are invited to take part in our confirmation journey. Together, we'll explore faith, ask questions, and grow in community. To learn more, please contact mmares@fpca2.org.

ADULTS _

EXPLORING THE FAITH All In: Cultivating Generous Discipleship 11:00 AM | LEWIS ROOM HOST: BRENT IVEY

Join Rev. Elizabeth Deibert, founding pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church (FL), for a class on whole-self stewardship. Explore what it means to offer head, heart, and hands to God-our intellect, passions, time, service, and resources. With grace-filled wisdom, Rev. Deibert will inspire us to live with grace, gratitude, and generosity as faithful stewards of God's gifts.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE Reading Revelation 11:00 AM | FRENCH ROOM **HOST: ED KOSTER**

Revelation can feel puzzling, but it is also one of Scripture's most hopefilled books. This class will explore its historical context and vivid imagery, highlighting themes of faith, perseverance, and God's renewal of creation. Together we'll discover Revelation as a vision of encouragement for every age.

FIRST FRIENDS **Christianity and Antisemitism** 11:00 AM | CURTIS ROOM

Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Phifer explores how antisemitism became intertwined with Christian history in this thoughtprovoking video series. Together, we will watch, reflect, and discuss how Christianity's beginnings as a Jewish sect shifted once it became the official religion of the Roman Empire—and how hostility toward Judaism took root.

Announcements

CARE ___

Let Us Pray MONDAYS 9:00-9:30 AM, ZOOM

Our Monday Morning Prayer team lifts in prayer both joys and burdens of our congregation and community. We meet from 9 - 9:30 am online and you are always welcome to join us anytime. The group is led by Rev. Rogers and our Parish Nurses.

Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Minister training begins in January. Stephen Ministers are caring companions who walk alongside those who are hurting, offering presence and listening. Training is held Monday evenings. To learn more or apply, contact Rev. Rogers (*mrogers@fpca2.org*), our Parish Nurses, or any Stephen Minister.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at FPC on Monday, October 27, from noon-6 pm. For more information, contact the parish nurses at parishnurse@fpca2.org or visit fpca2.org

CHURCH STAFF

Staffing Update

Our congregation is blessed by the dedicated ministry of Operations Manager Linda Robinson. At Linda's request, beginning October 6, she will move to a 24-hour work week, working Tuesday through Thursday from her home office in East Jordan, MI. Linda continues to provide oversight of our master calendar, management of our membership database and related activities, and oversees many of the details of our capital campaign

fundraising activities. We are grateful for her ongoing care for this congregation and encourage you to join us in sharing appreciation for her work among us.

FAITH FORMATION _

Journeys Book Study Group

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 2:00 PM, 1910 TRAVER RD

A new monthly group will explore books and articles on spiritual themes. The first discussion will be *Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth* by Pádraig Ó Tuama and Glenn Jordan. All are welcome! For details, contact Nancy Oliver (nancyoli72@gmail.com).

Men's Book Study

1ST & 3RD FRIDAY 8:30 AM, LEWIS ROOM

The Men's Book Study Group meets on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. The current book is *The Sabbath Way* by Travis West, and is available for purchase in the church office for \$17.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN_

Horizons Bible Study: Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

2ND THURSDAY 10:00 AM, CURTIS ROOM

Join us on the second Thursday of each month from 10:00–11:30 am in the Curtis Room or online via Zoom. Jane Bartman will lead the study on "Martha and Mary" on October 9. Study books are available for \$14. All women are warmly invited to come, learn, and grow together in faith!

SERVE

Volunteer for Food Rescue this Football Season!

Our Food Rescue/Feeding Our Neighbors Program delivers 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

WORSHIP _____

Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Worship

WEDNESDAYS 9:00 AM, ZOOM

Keanu Heydari, First Pres Deacon and UM PhD candidate, leads a 25-minute prayer meeting using the Book of Common Worship's Morning Prayer as its guide. All are invited.

Taizé Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 7:00 PM, MONTEITH HALL

Join us for a contemplative Taizé service on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 pm in Monteith Hall. Experience quiet reflection, meditative music, and prayers for wholeness. All are welcome.

Blessing of the Animals SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 4:00 PM, CIRCLE TERRACE

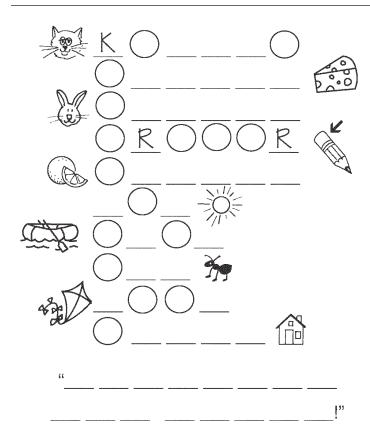
Join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals service, a joyful celebration of God's creatures both great and small. Bring your pets—or a photo of them—for a special blessing. As part of our worship, we will gather donations to support animals in need. You are invited to bring any of the following items with you to the service:

- Gently used or new bath towels (the bigger, the better!)
- Queen-sized blankets and smaller, and pet beds that can be laundered in a regular washing machine (no oversized items, please)
- Pet food in the original bag/can (accepted up to 3 months after expiration date)
- · Scoopable and lightweight cat litter
- Dog treats, spray cheese, peanut butter (Xylitol-free only)
- · Canned dog food
- Waterless pet shampoo
- Alcohol (must be 70% clear, unscented)
- Liquid Vick's Solution (for steam vaporizers)
- Small cat furniture

An offering will also be received, with all funds given directly to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.

This Week

Mon Oct 6	Prayer Team 9:00 am Zoom
Mon Oct 6	Congregational Life 5:30 pm Zoom
Mon Oct 6	Sanctus Ringers 7:00 pm Handbell Room
Tues Oct 7	Joyful Ringers 2:00 pm Handbell Room
Tues Oct 7	Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Lewis Room
Tues Oct 7	Taizé Worship 7:00 pm Monteith Hall
Wed Oct 8	Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Worship 9:00 am Zoom
Wed Oct 8	Barclay Bible Study 10:30 am Vance Room
Wed Oct 8	Faith Formation Committee 12:30 pm Zoom
Wed Oct 8	Capital Campaign Steering Committee 2:00 pm Zoom
Wed Oct 8	Board of Deacons 7:00 pm Classrooms, Monteith Hall
Wed Oct 8	Officer Training 7:00 pm Lewis Room
Wed Oct 8	Personnel Committee 7:00 pm French Room
Thur Oct 9	Presbyterian Women Bible Study 10:00 am Curtis Room
Thur Oct 9	Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Monteith Hall
Fri Oct 10	Men's Study Group 8:30 am Vance Room

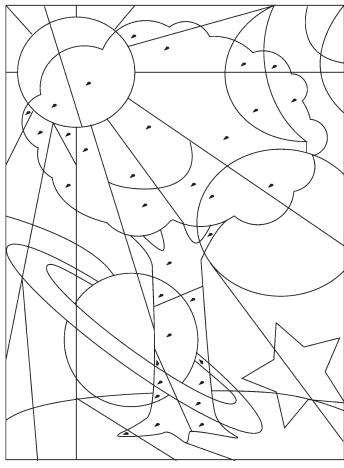


What did the apostles say to Jesus?

Write the name of each picture. Then transfer the letters, in order, from the circles to the lines below.

Faith is like a little seed that grows into a large tree.

Color in the shapes that have a mustard seed.



ALL in

With Loving Hearts

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

-1 Peter 4:10



Be a part of this love. Pledge today. This week we celebrate Loving Heartsthe first theme of our All In: With Loving Hearts, Willing Hands, and Open

Minds stewardship campaign.
Loving hearts are at the center of everything we do: from nurturing children and youth, caring for one another through life's joys and sorrows, serving our neighbors in mission, creating vibrant worship, and offering programs that inspire growth and connection. Every gift helps our community share God's love in countless ways.