First Presbyterian Church *of Ann Arbor*

Reign of Christ
November 22, 2026
8:00 & 9:30 am Worship



Seven Works of Mercy
house wall mural, Dialoghotel Neuendettelsau, Neuendettelsau, Germany

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. To learn more about membership, contact Rev. Mel 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) from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm on the first floor. If you need assistance, please ask an usher.

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 in the Social Hall!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR ASSISTANTS: Heidi Dodson, Sharon Dort, Cathy King
COOKIE BAKERS: Presbyterian Women

TODAY AT FIRST

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Worship | Monteith Hall
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Worship | Sanctuary
10:25 am –11:00 am	Lemon Chapel Singers (2nd-8th grade) | Lemon Chapel
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Fellowship | Social Hall
11:00 am –11:30 am	Fast Track to Membership | Lead Pastor's Study
11:00 am –12:00 pm	Faith Formation Classes for All Ages | Classrooms
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm	Youth Group | Youth Room

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Dream Variation* Hale Smith

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

*Call to Worship

To you I lift up my eyes, O God,
enthroned in the heavens.
Our eyes look to you, O Lord;
have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us,
O Lord, for we have had too much contempt.
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*Hymn 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we come to You distracted, ashamed, and yearning.
Still our minds, our hearts, our souls.

You call us to be Your people, to place Christ at the center, to care for others.
Yet we have forgotten, glorified other gods, and trampled our neighbors.

Silence

Who are we, Lord, that You care for us?
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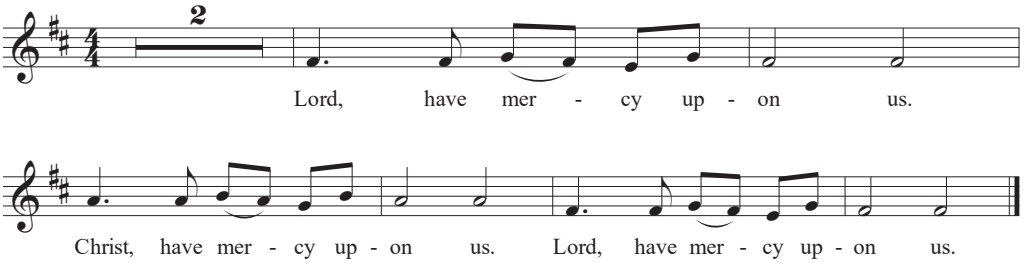
Our hearts are heavy with what we have done and left undone, Lord, and still You care for us, still You love us, still You forgive us.

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Heal us in our brokenness, that we may share that healing with the world.
For this, Lord, we rejoice. Amen.

Kyrie Afdahl



Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
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Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:15-23

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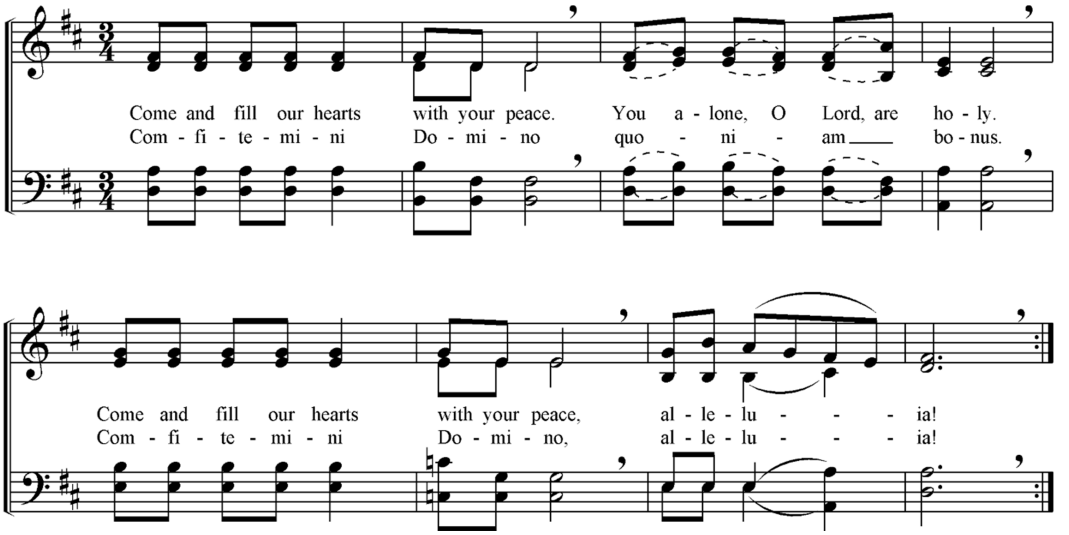
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Sermon

RESPONDING & SEALING

Response



Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *This Little Light of Mine* Hale Smith

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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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 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *My Scarf Is Yellow* Hale Smith

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary — *Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord* — William Mathias
Chancel Choir

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before God's presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord is our God; 'tis the Lord that hath made us,
And not we ourselves; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter into the gates with thanksgiving, and into the courts with praise.
Be thankful to the Lord and bless God's name.
For the Lord is good, whose mercy is everlasting;
And whose truth endureth to all generations. Amen.

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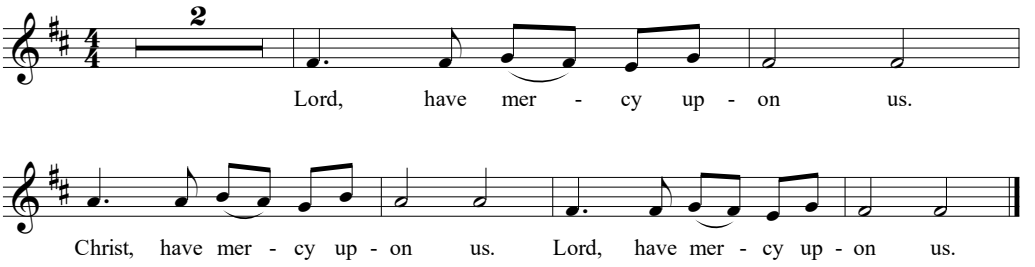
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Anthem — *Reach Toward What's Next* — Katie Houts
Lemon Chapel Singers

There will be days when the sky is dark,
the world feels cold and needs a spark.
There will be times when your soul is blue,
your heart feels gray, your mind does, too.

Rise up with those around you.
We're stronger when we go through hard things together.
We're not alone.
Won't you come with me?
Be all we can be?
Sharing joy and welcome, hope, and courage,

shining light that might encourage all God's children
to reach for what's next.

We are not alone as we walk this road,
so meet the need and share the load.
There might be someone who needs a smile
or may need time to rest a while.

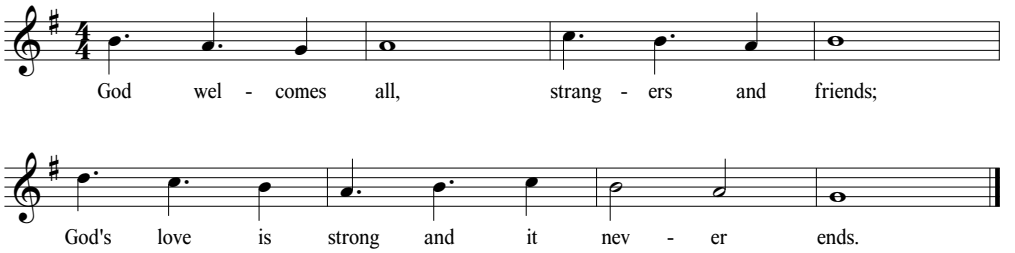
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Look beyond our reflection.
Can we make a connection?
Don't just look past, see the outcast
help them outlast the weight of the world.

Rise up with those around you.
We're stronger when we go through hard things together.
We can face hard things together.
We can do hard things together!
Won't you come with me? Be all we can be?
Sharing joy and welcome, hope, and courage,
shining light that might encourage all God's children
to reach for what's next, and take that last breath,
and take that next step to reach for what's next!

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Please join in singing as the children come forward.



Second Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

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Sermon

RESPONDING & SEALING

Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation

Henry Robert Stehulak,
son of Haley and Timothy Stehulak

Cooper James Kirton-Newman,
son of Beth Kirton and Toby Newman

*Profession of Faith — Apostles' Creed

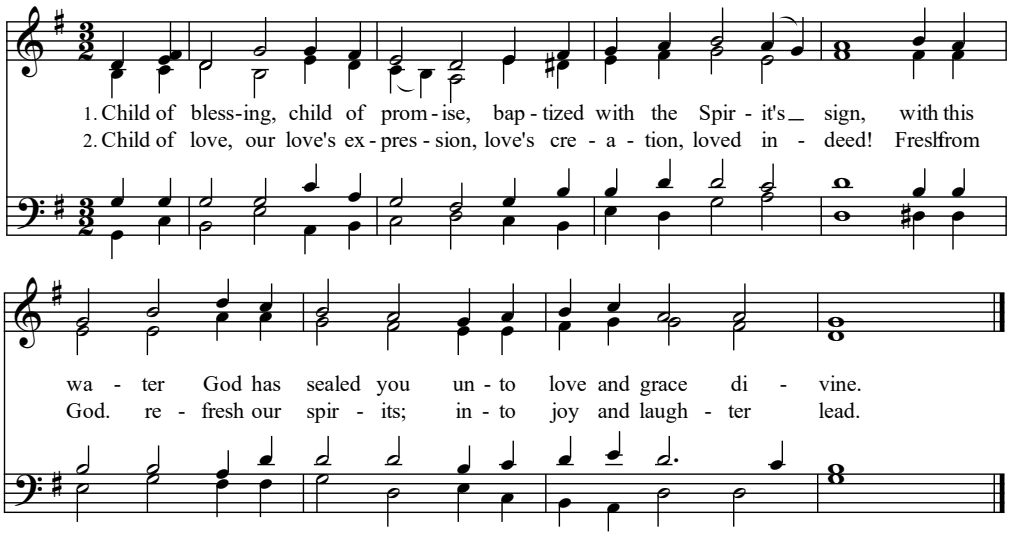
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Welcome

Congregational Response



Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory — *Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers* — Matthew Compton
Sanctus Ringers, String Quartet, and Piano

*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!

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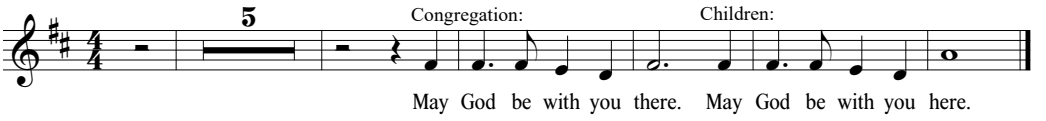
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

SENDING

Litany of Parting

Students (2nd through 8th grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Lemon Chapel Singers (children and youth choir).



*Hymn 394 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Crown Imperial (excerpt)* William Walton

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Leading in Worship

8:00 AM WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyers
Melissa Anne Rogers
Cheryl Gulbranson, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Josh Marzan, *Pianist*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

John Curran
David Prentice-Hyers
Sandra McDonald
Melissa Anne Rogers
Mel Kesterson, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
Sonia Lee, Daniel Winnick, *Violins*
Janine Bradbury, *Viola*
Debra Lonergan, *Cello*
David Hufford, *Organist/Pianist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS THIS MONTH

Holly Boucher
Ashley Bowles
Cindy Crawford
Tom Crawford
Jesse Feyen
Callie Feyen
Beth Gerwig
Delena Harrison
Greta Krapohl
Mark Lindley
Aidan Majorprice
Chloe Majorprice
Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers
Mary Schudel
Paul Smith
Carol Smith
Sandy Talbott
Diane Tamblyn
Angela Yang

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis and Maxine Profit by Kirk and Sharon Profit and family; and in memory of Elizabeth Musser and Amelia Nolen by their granddaughter.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 8, we welcomed the newest members of First Pres, including those who have joined our congregation since May. Please extend a warm welcome!

Stacie Barrett
Susan Barnes
Paul Bellefleur
Elizabeth Birmingham
Russ Brewster
Cathy Chance
Emma Doederlein
Elizabeth Edimo
Josh Elling
Sandra Elling
Donna Fry
Brad Hays
Dustyn Hofer
Kate Markey
Alexandria Mason
Caroline Older
Eric Older
Barb Robb
Dick Robb
Austin Seymour
Ryan Singer
Kurt Wilder

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

EXPLORING THE FAITH
The Peacemaker's Toolbox
11:00 AM, MONTEITH HALL & LIVESTREAM
Host: Michael Oswalt

Chad Engelhardt, a mediator, adjunct law professor and former law enforcement officer, will share techniques and principles to help resolve conflicts, restore relationships, and promote healing.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE
One True God: Israel, Monotheism, and the Roots of Global Faith
11:00 AM, FRENCH ROOM
ZOOM: US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86528108491
Host: Ed Koster

Explore the history of ancient Israel through the Old Testament, tracing the emergence and enduring story of belief in one God, creator, and sustainer of all things. We'll consider how this faith took shape in the ancient world and how Christianity fits within this long history shared by Judaism and Islam.

FIRST FRIENDS
A Child Is Born: The Conception and Birth of Isaac and Ishmael
11:00 AM, CURTIS ROOM
ZOOM: US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89503587438

Join us as we explore Chapter 1 of Amy-Jill Levine's *A Child Is Born,* examining the stories of the conception and birth of Isaac and Ishmael in Genesis. Through Levine's insightful approach to Scripture, we will consider the family relationships, cultural expectations, questions of promise and faith, and the complicated circumstances surrounding the births of these two sons of Abraham.

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER
9:15 AM TO 12:15 PM, ROOM 101

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Lemon Chapel Singers
(2ND-8TH GRADE)
10:25 AM, LEMON CHAPEL

Faith Formation for Pre-K–5th Grade
WORSHIP & WONDER
11:00 AM, 1ST AND 3RD LEVEL

AGES 4–1ST GRADE
Bible stories through Godly Play
Room 102

2ND–3RD GRADE
Fine Arts & Worship
Lemon Chapel

4TH–5TH GRADE
Scripture, Worship & Participation
Lemon Chapel

4TH SUNDAYS
Art & Mission Together
Lemon Chapel

Middle & High School
Getting into the Stories: Bible Lore
11:00 AM, LOWER LEVEL 4

Announcements

CHURCHWIDE

Poinsettias
ORDER BY DECEMBER 4

Help beautify our worship services December 13-24 by donating a poinsettia for $16. You may give in honor or memory of a loved one. After the services, the poinsettias will be shared with those in need by our Deacons. Place your order online at *fpca2.org* by Friday, December 4.

Deck the Halls for Advent and Christmas

MONDAY & TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 23 & 24
9:00 - 5:00 PM

Help make our church shine for Advent and Christmas! Come Deck the Halls as we decorate the church for the season. All ages are welcome—many hands make light (and joyful!) work.

Sign up to volunteer: *fpca2.org*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Give Thanks. Change Lives.

What blessing are you grateful for this year? The annual PW Thank Offering turns your gratitude into action.

Every gift goes to national Presbyterian Women, which awards grants of $5,000 to $50,000 for ministries that make a real difference. At least 40 percent of those grants support health ministries.

Please join Presbyterian Women during coffee hour this morning following 9:30 am worship to learn more about the impact of your gift.

Give online at *fpca2.org/pw* or mail a check payable to "Presbyterian Women," with "PW Thank Offering" on the memo line.

SERVE

Share the Joy of Christmas

Help local children and families in need through Family-to-Family Christmas and Fostering Futures.

- Provide a Gift for a Foster Child – Sign up by Nov. 28; bring gifts (unwrapped) to church by Nov. 29.
- Adopt a Family – Sign up by Dec. 11; recommended $30 per person for children (18 & under) and seniors. Gifts can be shipped, delivered, or sent with a volunteer.

Sign up online: *fpca2.org*

For more information, contact Julie Morrison at *jdornmorrison@gmail.com* or 734-646-5351.

Help Welcome Worshipers on Christmas Eve

This Christmas Eve, we'll welcome hundreds of worshipers, including members, guests and first-time visitors. Help us make everyone feel at home by serving as an usher at one of our three services: 5:00, 7:30 or 11:00 p.m.

Never ushered before? No problem! Our regular ushers will be there to guide and support each team. Please consider lending a hand!

To volunteer or ask questions, contact Carol Smith at *cesmith6641@gmail.com* or Karla Olson-Bellfi at *karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com*.

This Week

Monday, November 23
Deck the Halls | 9:00 am | Curtis Room
Prayer Group | 9:00 am | Zoom
AA Meeting | 12:00 pm | French Room
Sanctus Ringers | 7:00 pm | Handbell Room

Tuesday, November 24
Deck the Halls | 9:00 am | Curtis Room

The church building will be closed Wednesday, November 25 through Saturday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

All meeting Zoom links can be found online at *fpca.org/calendar*

GROUNDBREAKING *celebration*

Sunday, November 29
following 9:30 am Worship

Join us following 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 29, as we celebrate the groundbreaking of our Onward and Outward in Love capital campaign project! The first project to begin will be the construction of an outdoor ramp to the Sanctuary, creating a more accessible entry for all. Gather with us as we mark this exciting milestone and take the first step toward making our shared vision a reality.

To learn more about the campaign or make a gift, visit **fpca2.org/onward**



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