



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

October 18, 2026
8:00 & 9:30 am Worship



Gathering Courage by Jan Richardson

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: Barbara Brewster, Barbara Concannon, and Wendy Krinitsky
COOKIE BAKERS: Marilyn Gibson, Wendy Krinitsky, and Kathy Wirstrom

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
12:15 pm – 1: 45 pm	Mission and Justice Committee Vance Room
400 pm – 6:00 pm	Deacons Picnic Hodgson's Home
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Youth Group Corn Maze Adventure off site
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Young Adults Dinner off site

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8:00 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 18, 2026

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

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Robert Schumann

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

***Call to Worship**

Come, you who arrive with joy, and you who arrive carrying sorrow.

**Come, you who are certain of your faith,
and you who are still searching for God.**

Here there is room for the weary, room for the wondering, room for the
wandering, room for the hopeful.

**Come, for there is room for all of us here.
Let us worship the God who gathers us in.**

***Hymn 415**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

Call to Confession

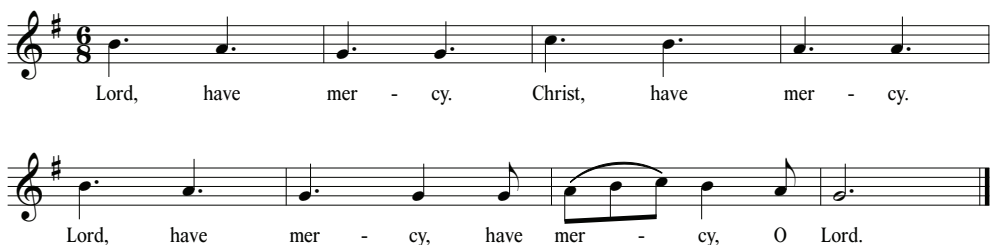
Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we do not always see one another as you do. We decide
who someone is before we have heard their story. We dismiss a
neighbor because of their politics, their religion, their accent, or
their appearance. We look away from suffering we would rather
not see. We stay silent when speaking would cost us something.
In the assumptions we make, the jokes we excuse, the people we
overlook, the doors we keep closed, we make the world smaller.
Teach us to choose compassion over contempt, curiosity over
certainty, and courage over comfort....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Gillepsie



Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

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

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Melissa Anne Rogers

RESPONDING & SEALING

*Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Der Nussbaum

Robert Schumann

*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

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 511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

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*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

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Robert Schumann

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 18, 2026
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GATHERING

- Opening Voluntary
- Offertoire in E Major*
- Théodore Dubois
- Pouring of the Water
- Welcome and Life in the Church
- Faith in Action
- *Call to Worship

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Silent Prayer

- Kyrie
- Gillepsie



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

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*Passing of the Peace

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A Conversation with Young Disciples

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Presentation of Bibles

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

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

Sermon

Melissa Anne Rogers

RESPONDING

*Hymn 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our hearts to work and praise.
Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces,
fight to set all free.
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*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

Litany of Parting

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



May God be with you there. May God be with you here.

*Hymn 511

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Sortie

Théodore Dubois



Leading in Worship

8:00 AM WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP
Melissa Anne Rogers
Sarah Rutherford

MUSICIANS
Josh Marzan, *Pianist*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP
Sandra McDonald
David Prentice-Hyers
Melissa Anne Rogers
Sarah Rutherford
Henry Peters, *Lay Readers*

MUSICIANS
Chancel Choir
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Cynthia Colton	Leonard Rezmierski	Angela Yang
Linda Lampman	Marita Servais	
Karla Olson-Bellfi	Bruce Thomson	

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Don and Carnation Breckle by their family who misses them dearly.

Today in Faith Formation

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

4TH SUNDAYS
Art & Mission Together

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

ADULTS _____
EXPLORING THE FAITH
Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?
11:00 AM, LEWIS ROOM & LIVESTREAM

Dr. John Fea, Distinguished Professor of American History at Messiah College, asks whether we are asking the right questions about the relationship between religion and the American founding. What if both the Christian nationalists and progressive secular views of the founding get it wrong? How should we think about Christianity and the birth of America during the country's 250th anniversary?
Host: Nancy Oliver

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](https://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
Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: Ch. 4 Shaped for Community, Not For Individuality
11:00 AM, CURTIS ROOM
ZOOM: [US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89503587438](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503587438)

What does it mean to be formed by faith in a culture that prizes independence and individual choice? In Chapter 4, we explore the Presbyterian understanding that Christian faith is not a solo journey. Together, we'll consider how community, shared practices, and life together shape who we are as people of faith.

Announcements

CARE

Blood Drive

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
12-6 PM, MONTEITH HALL

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at FPC on Monday, October 26, from noon-6 pm. For more information, contact the parish nurses at parishnurse@fpca2.org or sign up online at fpca2.org

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Beans with Benefits Chili Cookoff

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:30 - 7:30 PM, SOCIAL HALL

Join us for Beans with Benefits, a festive evening of chili and community giving. Costumes are encouraged, and everyone is invited to bring a nonperishable food item to help fill Thanksgiving baskets for families served by Hope Clinic. Have a gently used costume to pass along? Bring costumes of all ages and sizes to the Welcome Center October 4–25 for the Michigan Foster Care Closet. Want to enter the cookoff? Sign up to bring enough homemade chili to serve 8–12 people. Sign up online at fpca2.org.

MATURE MINISTRIES

Lightworkers: Film Screening & Conversation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
10:00 AM, MONTEITH HALL

Join us for a screening of "Lightworkers" a new documentary by filmmaker Bobby Roth, followed by a conversation and reflection hosted by Rev. Mel Rogers. The film asks a simple but urgent question: What can we do? Through conversations with environmental advocates, artists, civic leaders, and community organizers, "Lightworkers" explores what motivates ordinary people to respond to extraordinary challenges. Register to attend at fpca2.org

SERVE

Volunteer for Food Rescue this Football Season!

Our Food Rescue/Feeding Our Neighbors Program needs volunteers (middle school to adult) for the 2026 football season. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up: fpca2.org/local

Winter Coat Drive

Help share the warmth this winter! From October 3–31, we are collecting new and gently used winter coats for children and adults. Please make sure coats are clean and have all buttons and zippers in working order. Donations may be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

WORSHIP

Remembering the Saints

Please submit the names of your loved ones who have died since last November 2025 to be read in worship on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, 2026, at the 8:00 and 9:30 am worship services. Questions? Contact Rev. Mel Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

All Saints' Concert

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
3:00 PM, SANCTUARY

Join us for *Come Home*, the All Saints' Concert presented by the Chancel Choir and Orchestra. This afternoon of sacred music invites reflection, remembrance, and hope as we honor those who have gone before us and celebrate the love that endures beyond death. A love offering will be collected to benefit the Sacred Music Fund.

This Week at First

Monday, October 19

Prayer Group | 9:00 am | Zoom
PW Coordination Team | 9:30 am | Curtis Room
Finance Committee | 7:00 pm | French Room
Sanctus Ringers | 7:00 pm | Handbell Room

Tuesday, October 20

Joyful Ringers | 2:00 pm | Handbell Room

Wednesday, October 21

Barclay Bible Study | 10:30 am | Vance Room
Officer Training | 7:00 pm | Lewis & Vance Rooms
Session | 7:00 pm | Curtis Room

Thursday, October 22

Lightworkers Movie Screening | 10:00 am | Monteith Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 pm | Monteith Hall

Friday, October 23

Bicentennial Committee | 10:00 am | Vance Room

Saturday, October 24

Feeding Our Neighbors Food Rescue
Gentle Yoga | 10:00 am | Lemon Chapel

All meeting Zoom links can be found online at *fpca2.org/calendar*

Before You Book the Room...

Planning a ministry, group, or congregational event? Start with the Facility Request Form (*fpca2.org/quicklinks*)! It helps us keep the calendar tidy, avoid room conflicts, and make sure your space is ready to go with enough time for setup and cleanup. Please submit your request before making plans or advertising your event. All requests are subject to availability and approval. Thanks for helping us keep our church spaces and our calendars running smoothly!

A Witness of Welcome

We bear witness to God's love when we make room for others. In the way we greet a neighbor, share what we have, and create a place where others belong, we make God's welcome visible.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, let it be an expression of thanksgiving for God's goodness and a witness of welcome, helping our church be a place where all can experience God's love.

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2027 Annual Stewardship Campaign



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