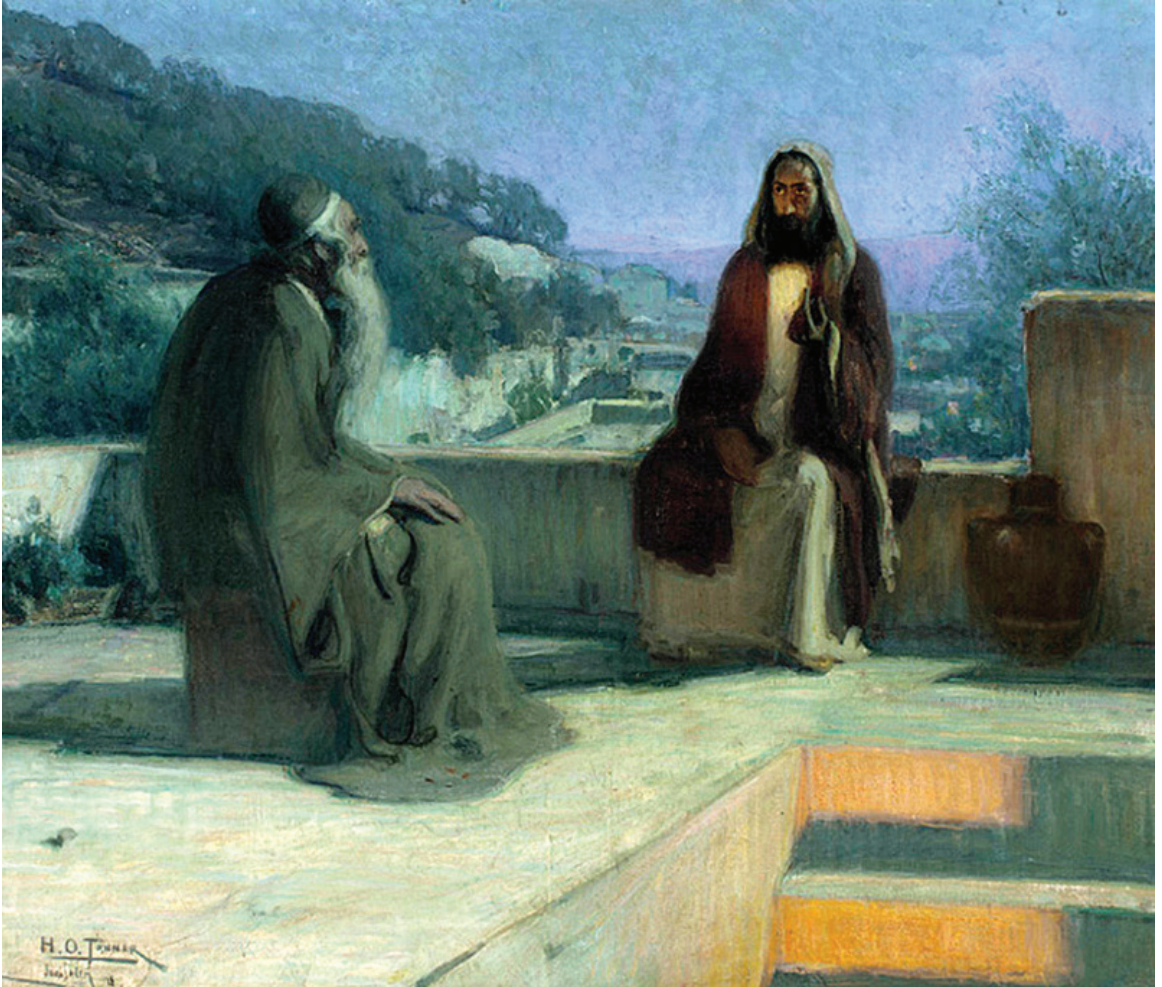




First  
Presbyterian  
Church *of Ann Arbor*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 1, 2026  
8:00 & 9:30 am Worship



Nicodemus  
by Henry Ossawa Tanner

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

## THE SEASON OF LENT: REMEMBER & RESTORE

Repair is our theme for the Second Sunday in Lent. As we continue this Lenten journey, we turn our attention to God's work of mending what is broken—in our lives, our relationships, and our world. Repair is not quick or easy; it asks for honesty, patience, and a willingness to see clearly what has been harmed. Yet it is also holy work, shaped by grace and guided by hope.

## GUEST PREACHER AT 9:30 AM

We welcome our guest preacher this morning, the Rev. Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers. Mary Elizabeth is a former Resident Minister here at First and is the spouse of our Lead Pastor. Her presence today highlights the importance of our Resident Ministry Program, which provides emerging pastors with hands-on experience in worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, and community life. We are grateful for the ways the Resident Ministry Program continues to shape and strengthen both our congregation and the wider 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](mailto: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 alert 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! Our fellowship hour assistants are Wendy Krinitsky, Barbara Brewster, and Andrew Campbell. Cookie bakers this Sunday are Wendy Krinitsky, Anne Hoff, and Lynn Millward. For more information on how you can volunteer, visit [fpca2.org/church](http://fpca2.org/church).

Enjoy delicious Fair Trade coffee during Fellowship—and take some home, too! Bags of **Fair Trade coffee** are available for purchase this Sunday. Your purchase supports ethical farming practices and helps empower coffee-growing communities around the world. Stop by the table to learn more and pick up a bag!

## TODAY AT FIRST

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Worship</b>   Monteith Hall
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<b>Worship</b>   Sanctuary
10:25 am – 11:00 pm	<b>Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8 grade)</b>   Lemon Chapel
10:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Fellowship</b>   Social Hall
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Faith Formation for All Ages</b>   Classrooms
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Youth Group</b>   Youth Room



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**GATHERING**

Opening Voluntary                      *The Seasons, Op. 37a: January*                      Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

\*Call to Worship

The Lord God keeps us, saves us,  
and protects us in times of trouble.  
**Our help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

Even when fear strikes us,  
**we know that we are safe,  
for we belong to God.**

We shall never be shaken or moved,  
for we are shadowed by God's almighty hand.  
**We lift our voices together in thanks and praise.**

\*Hymn 165                                      *The Glory of These Forty Days*                                      ERHALT UNS, HERR

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Repairing God, we confess that we cling to the light we can control  
and resist the darkness where you meet us. We turn away from what  
is broken in us rather than trusting your mending grace. Meet us  
here, even now, close as breath and bone, and begin the work of  
repair again....**

Assurance of Grace

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Congregational Response

HOLY MANNA

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Reading

*I Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)*  
Choral Ensemble

Dan Forrest

I lift my eyes unto the hills, from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber,  
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will preserve your soul.  
The Lord will keep your going out, and your coming in from this time forth  
and forevermore.  
I lift my eyes unto the hills, from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

#### Second Reading

Ruth 3:1-18

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

#### Sermon

Sarah Rutherford

## RESPONDING & SEALING

### Congregational Response

STAY WITH ME

Stay with me; re - main here with me; watch and  
pray. Watch and pray.

### Offering of Tithes and Gifts

#### Offertory

*The Seasons, Op. 37a: March*

Pyotr Tchaikovsky

#### \*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days,  
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.  
And praise the Spirit who imparts  
God's love in Christ into our hearts. 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**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 440**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

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*Miserere Mei Deus*  
FPC Brass

Gregorio Allegri/arr. Matt Smith

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**A Conversation with Young Disciples**

BRADBURY

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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**Second Scripture Reading**

John 3:1-17

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

**Sermon**

Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers

## RESPONDING

### Offering of Tithes and Gifts

#### Offertory

*A Lenten Supplication*  
FPC Brass

R. Dittrich/arr. Andrew Lamb

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#### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.  
When receiving each element, please respond as follows:*  
The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**  
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## Communion Music

### 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).*

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

### \*Hymn 440

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ABERYSTWYTH

*If you have brought non-perishable food or other essentials to share, items may be placed in the shopping cart during the last hymn or left in the Welcome Center. Donations support our local partner, Food Gatherers, serving neighbors facing food insecurity.*

### \*Charge and Benediction

#### Choral Response

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*  
Chancel Choir

E. Fred Morris

The Lord bless you, the Lord keep you,  
May God's love ever always surround you;  
Protect you and guide you in all that you do;  
Our prayer for you. Amen.



## TAKING WORSHIP WITH US

### Questions for the week

Where might God be inviting you to be repaired not by trying harder or knowing more, but by being born again into trust, vulnerability, and love?

As you notice what feels frayed or unfinished what would it mean to receive repair as a gift, rather than a task?

### Prayer for the week

Repairing God, breathe your Spirit into the worn places of our lives. Where we are afraid to begin again, meet us with your patient love. Amen.

# Leading in Worship

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## 8:00 AM WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Mark Mares

Sarah Rutherford

Dan Mitas, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Choral Ensemble

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

## 9:30 AM WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Melissa Anne Rogers

Sarah Rutherford

Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers, *Guest Preacher*

Stacey Barrett, *Lay Leader*

Elizabeth Herr, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir

FPC Brass

Horn: Carrie Banfield-Taplin

Trumpet: David Koch, Gordon Ward

Trombone: Donald Babcock, Elijah Emmons

Tuba: Randall Westmoreland

Timpani: Cary Kocher

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

Ashley Bowles

Delena Harrison

Mary Schudel

Cindy Crawford

Greta Krapohl

Carol Smith

Tom Crawford

Mark Lindley

Paul Smith, *Captain*

Callie Feyen

Aidan Majorprice

Sandy Talbott

Jesse Feyen

Holly Majorprice

Diane Tamblyn

Beth Gerwig

Mel Prentice-Hyers

Angela Yang

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# Today in Faith Formation

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## CHILDCARE & NURSERY \_\_\_\_\_

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM | Room 101

## CHILDREN & YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_

LEMON CHAPEL SINGERS

10:25 AM | LEMON CHAPEL

PRESCHOOL

11:00 AM | 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS - RM 102 |

NURSERY - 3 YEAR OLDS - RM 101

K - 5TH GRADE

11:00 AM | LEMON CHAPEL

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

11:00 AM | LL4

CONFIRMATION

11:00 AM | YOUTH ROOM

## ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_

EXPLORING THE FAITH

**Three-Part Series**

**Palliative Care and Faith: Living Well, Faithfully, and Fully**

*A Sandy Talbott Speaker Series*

11:00 AM | LEWIS ROOM & LIVESTREAM

SPEAKER: Ashley Kerns, MSW, Trinity Health

HOST: Melissa Anne Rogers

Ashley Kerns, clinical social worker, will speak about helping individuals and families navigate the emotional, relational, and practical challenges of serious illness. Topics include communication, balancing needs, accessing resources, and supporting caregivers. The focus is on strengthening families, reducing isolation, and building support systems grounded in dignity and compassion.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

**Reading Revelation**

11:00 AM | FRENCH ROOM

ZOOM: [US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86528108491](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86528108491)

HOST: Ed Koster

This class will explore Revelation's historical context and vivid imagery to reveal its hopeful themes of faith, perseverance, and God's renewal of creation.

FIRST FRIENDS

**Witness At the Cross:  
The Other Victims**

11:00 AM | CURTIS ROOM

ZOOM: [US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/89503587438](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89503587438)

In this video, Amy-Jill Levine broadens our focus beyond Jesus to consider those who also suffer in the crucifixion story—figures often overlooked or unnamed. Through guided viewing and discussion, we'll explore how paying attention to these "other victims" deepens our understanding of injustice, compassion, and shared humanity, and challenges us to see the cross—and the world around us—with greater clarity and care.

# Announcements

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

### Lenten Home Worship

**TUESDAYS,**  
**FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 24**  
**6:00 PM, MEMBERS' HOMES**

Join us for a time of fellowship, a simple meal and worship service in members' homes. The first gathering is limited to 40 people, subsequent gatherings are limited to 25 people.

Register: [fpca2.org/lent](https://fpca2.org/lent)

### Lenten Walks

As part of our communal Lenten journey we will take weekly walks along the scenic trails in our community. All ages and stages of life welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group. Register: [fpca2.org/lent](https://fpca2.org/lent)

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

10:00 AM, Hudson Mills to Dexter Trail

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

11:00 AM, Kensington Metropark

#### **TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

7:45 AM, Bird Hills Park

#### **MONDAY, MARCH 30**

10:00 AM, Greenview/Pioneer Nature Areas

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

### Music Camp 2026!

Music Camp will take place July 27–31, with the musical proclamation during worship on Sunday, August 2. Music Camp is open to rising 2nd–9th graders. New this year—We're excited to offer a Music Camp for Pre-K through rising 1st graders, running concurrently with the older camp. Register: [fpca2.org](https://fpca2.org)

## WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_

### Easter Flowers

Honor or remember a loved one by dedicating Easter flowers. After Easter worship, our Deacons will deliver the flowers to those in need of extra cheer. Each flower is \$20, and orders are due by Sunday, March 22. Order online at [fpca2.org/lent](https://fpca2.org/lent)



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