



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

SECOND SUNDAY *in* LENT
March 16, 2025
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



Mother Hen
by Lauren Wright Pittman



8:30 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 16, 2025
Second Sunday *in* Lent

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

GATHERING

Welcome and Centering

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 66

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name;

give to the Lord glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, Lord, when we turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others. So often we are overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Our society is quick to sue and slow to heal. We succumb to those pressures in our fear. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. For we ask these things in Jesus' name....

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Joshua 2:1-24

Meditation

Meg Brown

Poem

Rahab, Matron Saint of the Incredibly Brave
by Beth Merrill Neal

RESPONDING & SEALING

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.

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

Prayer after Communion

Ordination and Installation

Statement on Ordination

Introduction of the Candidate

Diane Knibbs

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Diane as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead and serve in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she and the entire Session guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

The Laying On of Hands

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

SENDING

Benediction





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Jubilance
Joyful Ringers

Arnold B. Sherman

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Melissa Anne Rogers

Faith in Action

Presbyterian Women

*Call to Worship

Come as you are.

**If you have deep faith
or your faith has run dry,**

if you know every scripture
or none at all,

**if you have calloused hands
and live your faith through good works,**

or if you kneel at God's feet,
with a million hungry questions,

come as you are.

This is God's house.

None are turned away.

All are welcome here.

*Hymn 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,

We long to do the "right" thing.

We long to make the "right" choice.

We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.

**For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.
Show us the way....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Sally Ann Morris



God, we are sor-ry for what we have done and what we have failed to do. _____

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 27

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Mark Mares

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 13:31-35

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

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING

*Hymn 195

When Twilight Comes

DAPIT HAPON

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Nathaniel Fryer

Offertory

The Lord Is My Light
Chancel Choir

Daniel Nelson

Dominus illuminatio mea, (*The Lord is my light*)
The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?
The Lord of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?
One thing have I asked of the Lord,
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord
All the days of my life.
And I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
Dominus illuminatio mea, (*The Lord is my light*)
The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom shall I fear?

*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.**

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

*Hymn 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God to Enfold You
Chancel Choir

John Bell

God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
Lead you through darkness into the light.

Closing Voluntary

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 647

J.S. Bach





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Opening Voluntary

Pouring the Water

Welcome & Centering

***Call to Worship**

Side A: Come as you are.

Side B: *If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,*

Side A: If you know every scripture or none at all,

Side B: *Come as you are.*

Side A: This is God's house.

Side B: *None are turned away.*

All: All are welcome here.

***Opening Hymn 313**

Lord, Make Us More Holy

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

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Prayer of Confession

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We long to make the “right” choice.

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Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.

For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to

you. Show us the way....

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace with your neighbor, you are invited to reflect on what grace means for you.

Hymn 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

HALLE HALLE

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 27
Matthew 4:1-11

Homily

These 40 Days Part II

RESPONDING

Response Activity

There are four different prayer areas across Monteith Hall. Feel free to choose a station(s) that suits your prayer needs.

SENDING

*Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Benediction

...we go out in peace,
to love, to serve, to imagine.

Closing Voluntary



CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

1. Consider how you might approach a stranger in light of today's scripture reading. What might you do differently?
2. Consider how you might tell your neighbor why it is important to care for the stranger. How might you frame that conversation?

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? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org.

FAST TRACK TO MEMBERSHIP

Interested in becoming a member? Join us for Fast Track to Membership following 9:30 am worship in the Lead Pastor's Study. Meet others, hear from one of our pastors, and discover how you can be part of our faith journey together.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer and Compassion Room after the 9:30 am service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE

We love to have children in worship! Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month in the United States, a time to recognize the contributions of women to American history. This month, at the 8:30 a.m. service, we will learn more about the history of specific women in the Bible — specifically the Old Testament. We will learn about Ruth, Rahab, Jael, and Jehosheba. Lay women in our congregation will offer reflections in these services.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers
Meg Brown

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer
Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. David Prentice-Hyers
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

MUSICIANS

9:30 WORSHIP

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

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

PRAYER PARTNERS

Leslie Christensen
Nancy Fox

FLOWERS

During Lent, the Sanctuary remains free of flowers, symbolizing the transition from celebration to repentance. Instead, the arrangement is displayed in the Social Hall. The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Emily Ann Andrea by Dave, Katie and Lizzie.

The rosebud is to celebrate the birth of Beatrice Haggin, born February 21, 2025. Parents are Haley and Patrick Haggin, and grandparents are Barb and Russ Brewster.

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Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS _____

10:45 AM

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Social Media and Youth Mental Health: Content (Part 1)

Speaker: Jane Harness
Host: Jane Dutton
Lewis Room

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster
French Room

FIRST FRIENDS

Human Trafficking

Host: Carole Pawloski
Curtis Room

CHILDCARE & NURSERY _____

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

10:45 AM

K - 8TH GRADE

Lemon Chapel Singers
Lemon Chapel

HIGH SCHOOL

Faith + Creative Arts
Youth Room

Calendar

TODAY

- 8:30 am **Worship with Communion** | Monteith Hall
- 9:30 am **Social Hour** | Welcome Center
- 9:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary
- 10:30 am **Social Hour** | Social Hall
- 10:45 am **Fast Track to Membership** | Lead Pastor's Study
- 10:45 am **Adult Faith Formation** | Classrooms
- 10:45 am **Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8th grade)** | Lemon Chapel
- 10:45 am **Faith + Creative Arts (9-12th Grade)** | Youth Room
- 11:30 am **Worship** | Monteith Hall
- 2:30 pm **Compassionate Friends** | French Room
- 3:00 pm **Lenten Program: Healing from Hurt** | Lewis Room
- 7:00 pm **Small Group Bible Study** | Wahl home

THIS WEEK

Rotating Shelter Host Week & Alpha House Care Week

- Tues Mar 18 **Mature Ministries Field Trip** | 10:00 am | Detroit
- Tues Mar 18 **Lenten Home Worship** | 6:00 pm | Jenny & Dave Keil home
- Wed Mar 19 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room
- Thur Mar 20 **Journeys Bible Study** | 1:00 pm | Vance Room
- Fri Mar 21 **Men's Study Group** | 8:45 am | Curtis Room
- Fri Mar 21 **Lenten Walk** | 10:00 am | Sign up online, fpc2.org

Announcements

THE SEASON OF LENT _____

Lenten Weekly Walks

MARCH 6 - APRIL 13

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. Day, location, and time are posted on our website. Register: fpca2.org

Lenten Home Worship

**TUESDAYS, MARCH 11 - APRIL 8
6:00 PM**

Please join us for a time of fellowship, a simple meal and brief worship service in members' homes. Limited to 25 people per gathering. Register: fpca2.org

CARE _____

Caring Hands

Do you like to cook? If you're willing to help, you can join our email list for meal requests and sign up as needs arise. Please email Mel Rogers at mrogers@fpca2.org to be added to the list.

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp

JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Rising 2nd - 9th graders are invited to join us for an exciting week at our Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp, featuring the musical Elijah. Camp runs daily from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, culminating in a special Musical Proclamation during worship on Sunday, August 3. Register online at fpca2.org

MUSIC & FINE ARTS _____

ART EXHIBIT

Meditation and The Shabbat Project

Experience the work of internationally renowned fiber artist Laurie Wohl, known for her unique unweavings and interfaith message. Her latest collections, Meditation and The Shabbat Project, are on display in the Social Hall through June.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN _____

Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat: Consider the Lilies

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5
9 AM - 2 PM, SOCIAL HALL**

Come relax and rejuvenate at our spring retreat, Consider the Lilies, on Saturday, April 5. An optional "Gentle Yoga" session will begin at 8 am, followed by a continental breakfast, an inspiring speaker, fun breakout sessions, and a boxed lunch. Childcare will be available. The registration fee is \$20 per person to cover the cost of food. All women are invited. Bring a friend! Please register by March 21, at fpca2.org.

WORSHIP _____

Participate in the Creation of New Paraments

Beth Taylor is creating new Ordinary Time paraments and invites you to contribute! Share a small fabric piece or token (button, tie, broken earring, etc.) that reflects your life, faith, or connection to the church. These will be quilted into meaningful paraments. You may include a brief note about your item. Drop off contributions in the Welcome Center.



MARCH MISSION MADNESS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MISSION SUPPORT

HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

House By the Side of the Road has served our neighbors since 1970, founded by local churches, including First Presbyterian, and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Entirely volunteer-run, every dollar donated keeps its doors open. House provides FREE clothing and small household items in a welcoming, retail-like space.

Each fall, Presbyterian Women support the “Undercover Operation,” which this year donated 561 women’s underwear and 142 children’s garments, valued at over \$2,030. Many also donated gently used clothing and household items year-round.

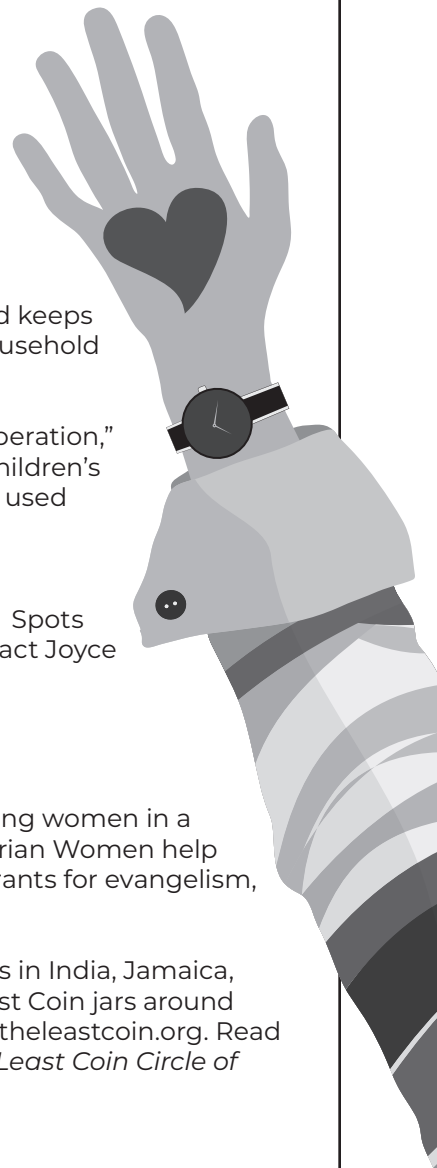
Take the Tour

Tour a tour of the House on **Wednesday, April 30, at 2 pm**. Spots are limited. Sign up at the House table on March 30 or contact Joyce joycehimebaugh@gmail.com

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global movement uniting women in a shared quest for peace, justice, and reconciliation. Presbyterian Women help support this mission, where small coins and prayers fund grants for evangelism, relief, and women’s programs worldwide.

In 2024, grants aided women and children affected by crises in India, Jamaica, and Bangladesh. Contribute your pocket change to the Least Coin jars around the church or donate online. Learn more: www.fellowshipoftheleastcoin.org. Read *Shanti Means Peace* in the church library or download the *Least Coin Circle of Prayer* meditation book.



Worship Activities

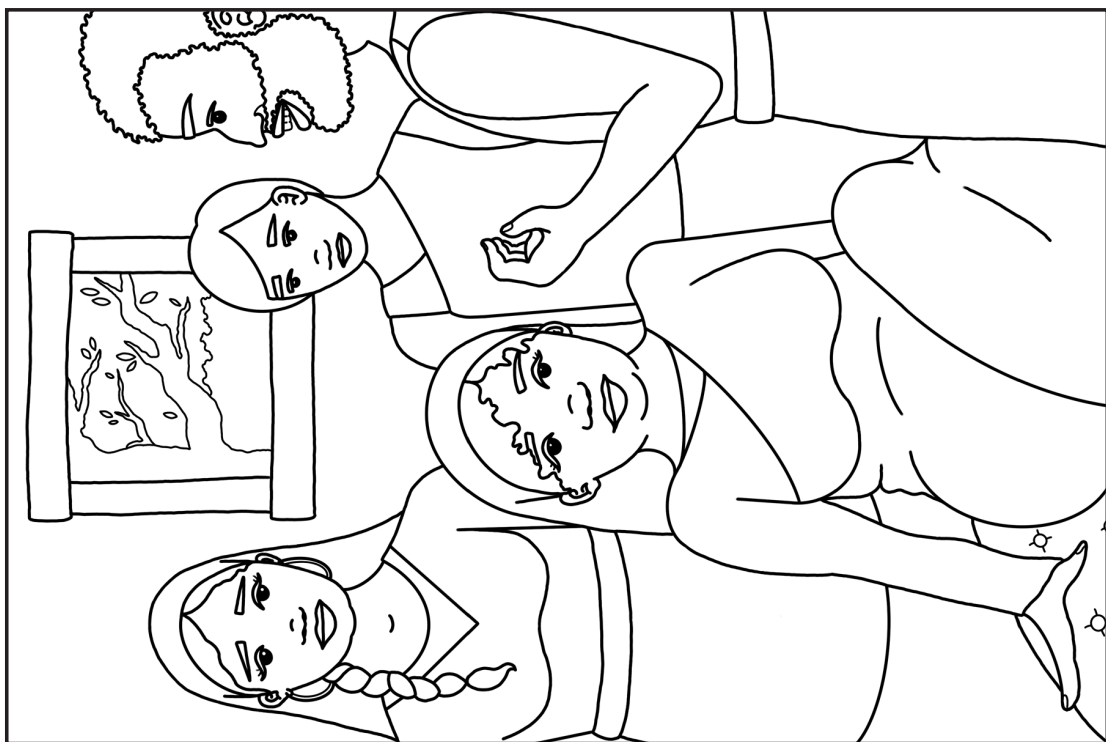
LUKE 10:38-42

Mary and Martha host Jesus

Find Find the words from scripture when you hear them spoken in worship. Words can be vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, and they can overlap each other.

I L F S L U O M C M S J Y L C
 S E E K T E R A S E I K G D O
 K M E A Z W E L Y N D T J Z E H
 S A D E N Q V V I A E Q O K D H W L
 T P D Q H W I A E Q O K D H W L
 H A B H W I A E Q O K D H W L
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ANSWERED **FEET** **MARY** **TAKEN**
ASKED **HELP** **NAMED** **TASKS**
CARE **LISTENED** **PART** **THINGS**
CHOSEN **MANY** **SAT** **WELCOMED**
DISTRACTED **MARTHA** **SISTER** **WORK**



Color in the story of Mary & Martha. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland

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