



First
Presbyterian
Church of Ann Arbor

FIFTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

April 6, 2025

8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



THE PERFUME FILLED THE LEPER'S HOUSE.

The Perfume Filled the House
by Wayne Forte ©Eyekons



8:30 AM WORSHIP | APRIL 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday *in* Lent

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and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Centering

*Call to Worship

We come to worship because we long for mercy.

We long for community.

We long for God.

We come to worship because we need a good word.

We need connection.

We need moral reminders.

We come to worship because we are in between:

hope and grief,

faith and doubt,

joy and longing,

curiosity and conviction.

So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the
middle!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.

When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and

again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way....

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

John 12:1-8

Meditation

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

Sacrament of Baptism

Being baptized today is Charis Brown, daughter of Tina and Frederick Peebles.

Thanksgiving over the Water

*Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Congregational Response

BUNESSAN

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

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

SENDING

Charge and Benediction

Passing of the Peace

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Cantabile, Symphonie VI for Organ* Charles-Marie Widor

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church Melissa Anne Rogers

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Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle!

*Hymn 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

When we fail to be righteous, show us mercy.

When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right.

Again and again, bring us closer to you.

Again and again, show us the way....

Silent Prayer



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

Please sing 5 times

Stacie Barrett and Jillian Hopper, Liturgical Dancers

Assurance of Forgiveness

Family of faith, hear and believe this good news:

When we fail to be righteous,

God is merciful.

When we fail to be merciful,

God invites us to try again.

Again and again,

God moves closer to us.

Again and again,

God shows us the way.

Thanks be to God for this unending love.

Amen.

***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 126

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

David Prentice-Hyers

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

John 12:1-8

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. Gregory Pysh

Chancel Choir, Brandon Cota, cello, Yuki Harding, Oboe

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
Hide me. O Savior, hide till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Thou, O Christ art all I want; more than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity!

*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

Tommy Langejans

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Sanctus

PICARDY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly. Reign - ing God of
pw'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry,



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. 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.

When receiving each element, please respond as follows:
 The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**
 The cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Music

Moderato Cantabile, Symphonie VIII for Organ C-M Widor
arr. for Violoncello and Organ Jean-Paul Imbert
 Brandon Cota, Cello

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 201 *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

***Charge and Benediction**

Choral Response *God to Enfold You* John Bell
 Chancel Choir

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.





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Pouring the Water

Welcome & Centering

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

Side A: We long for community.

Side B: We long for God.

Leader: We come to worship because we need a good word.

Side A: We need connection.

Side B: We need moral reminders.

Leader: We come to worship because we are in between:

Side A: hope and grief,

Side B: faith and doubt,

Side A: joy and longing,

Side B: curiosity and conviction.

Leader: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**All: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us
in the middle!**

***Opening Hymn 463**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

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Again and again, bring us closer to you.

Again and again, show us the way....

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 126
John 12:1-8

Homily

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING

Response Activity

On the slip of paper provided, we invite you to name an unexpected gift you carry—something you might offer, or allow to be offered through you, on behalf of God.

SENDING

*Hymn 201

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*Benediction

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

Closing Voluntary



CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

Hold onto your slip of paper, and as the week unfolds, return to it. Let it be a quiet companion as you wonder how this gift might be offered or lived into.

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.

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

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.

SYMBOLS OF LENT

Throughout the season of Lent, the sanctuary is adorned with symbols that invite us into reflection and repentance:

- **Purple Fabric:** The color of Lent, purple, is displayed in the fabric hangings from the wooden beams, symbolizing penitence and preparation.
- **Curly Willow:** The bare branches on the Reredos, framing the cross, represent the dry and barren land of the wilderness, recalling Jesus' time of fasting and temptation.
- **Gold Cross Painting:** Below the main cross hangs a gold cross painting created in 2022 by artist Lucy Baum of Atlanta, GA. The painting was inspired during a Lenten recital given by David Hufford, in which Lucy interpreted the music through her art.
- **Bumblebee:** Representing the energy and movement of *Allegro Vivace* from *Symphony No. 5 for Organ* by Charles-Marie Widor, the bumblebee symbolizes vitality amid the stillness of Lent.
- **Wheat:** Symbolizing nourishment and labor, the wheat reflects *Theme and Variations on ORA LABORA* by Richard Fitzgerald, reminding us of the work and sustenance found in our faith.
- **Thorns:** Representing Christ's suffering, the thorns evoke *The "Wedge" Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548* by Johann Sebastian Bach, a piece marked by tension and release.
- **Jerusalem Cross:** The shape of the painting reflects the Jerusalem Cross, a symbol of Christ's command to share the gospel to the four corners of the earth.

May these symbols deepen our reflection and draw us closer to the heart of Lent.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Jackie Vercler, Lay Reader

11:30 AM WORSHIP

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Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

MUSICIANS

9:30 WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

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 of Hal Rex by his wife Linda.

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Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS _____

10:45 AM

EXPLORING THE FAITH

What Does It Mean that We Are an Earth Care Congregation?

Speaker: Susan Whitlock

Host: Diane Hockett

Lewis Room

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

French Room

FIRST FRIENDS

Christianity and World Religions:

Buddhism

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 **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
- 3:00 pm **Lenten Program: Healing from Hurt** | Lewis Room
- 4:00 pm **Open Doors Concert** | Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm **Youth Group** | Youth Room
- 7:00 pm **Small Group Bible Study** | Wahl home. Contact: cgwahl@umich.edu

THIS WEEK

- Tues April 8 **Lenten Home Worship** | 6:00 pm | Talbott-Lindley home
- Wed April 9 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room
- Thur April 10 **PW Horizons Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Curtis Room
- Thur April 10 **Journeys Bible Study** | 1:00 pm | Vance Room

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

Donate Shoe Boxes, Peeps, and Treats

We're gearing up for the Peeps & Pizza Eggstravaganza on April 19 and need your help! We're collecting shoe boxes, packages of Peeps, and candy and non-candy egg fillers for this fun-filled event. Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center—thank you for your support!

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. The deadline to order is Monday, April 7. Order online at fpca2.org/lent

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

MATURE MINISTRIES _____

Tiles, Tastes, and Treasures: A Day in Detroit & Hamtramck

TUESDAY, APRIL 22
9 AM - 4:30 PM
COST: \$90 PER PERSON

Join us for a special trip to Pewabic Pottery in Detroit! Enjoy a guided tour of the historic studio and create your own Pewabic tile. Afterward, we'll head to Hamtramck for a Polish feast at Polonia Restaurant, a stop at New Palace Bakery, and a visit to Hamtramck Disneyland folk art installation. Register: fpca2.org/trips

Belle Isle & More

TUESDAY, MAY 20
9:15 AM - 4:30 PM
COST: \$90 PER PERSON

Join us for a guided bus tour of Belle Isle, Detroit's 900+ acre historic park! We'll explore gardens, the Belle Isle Aquarium, the Conservatory, Scott Fountain, Peace Carillon, and historic monuments before enjoying a buffet lunch at the exclusive Detroit Yacht Club. After lunch, we'll stop at John K. King Used & Rare Books for some literary treasure hunting. Register: fpca2.org/trips

OPEN DOORS CONCERT

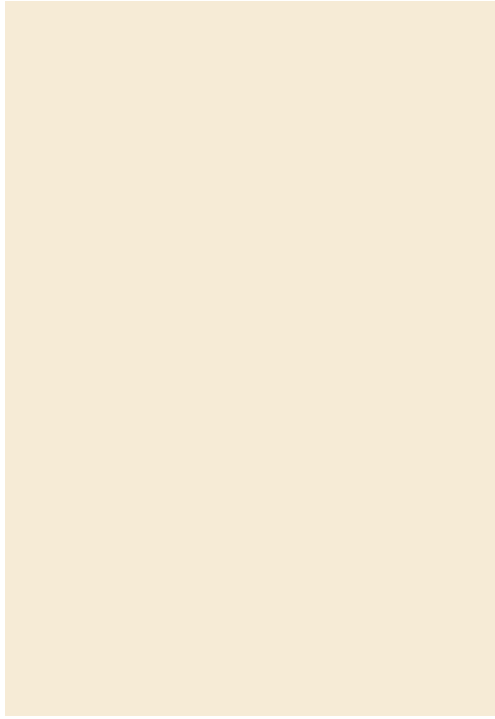
The Klezmer Fusion Band & Artist's Talk

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

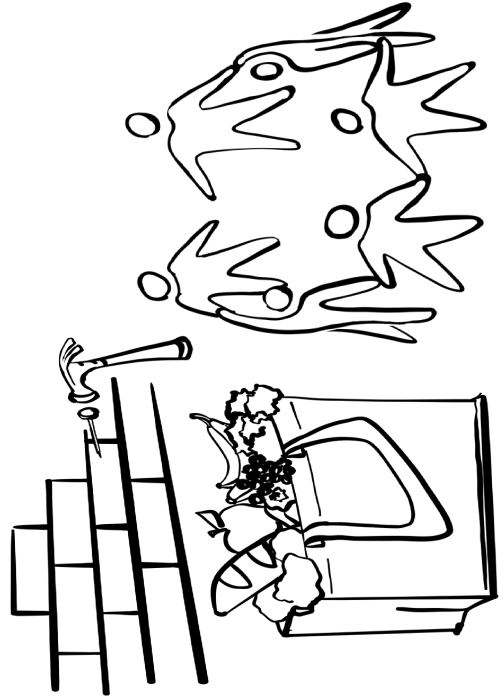
4:00 PM, SANCTUARY

Experience an afternoon of high-energy, cross-cultural music with The Klezmer Fusion Band. Known for their unique blend of Yiddish/klezmer, Israeli, and religious music infused with jazz, Latin, Caribbean, and rock rhythms, the band delivers a vibrant and danceable performance that bridges Old and New World sounds. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Jewish Family Services Resettlement Program, supporting refugee families in the Ann Arbor community. After the concert, stay for a reception and an artist talk with internationally acclaimed fiber artist Laurie Wohl in the Social Hall. Her exhibit, Meditation and The Shabbat Project, and she'll share insights into her powerful unweavings and interfaith message.

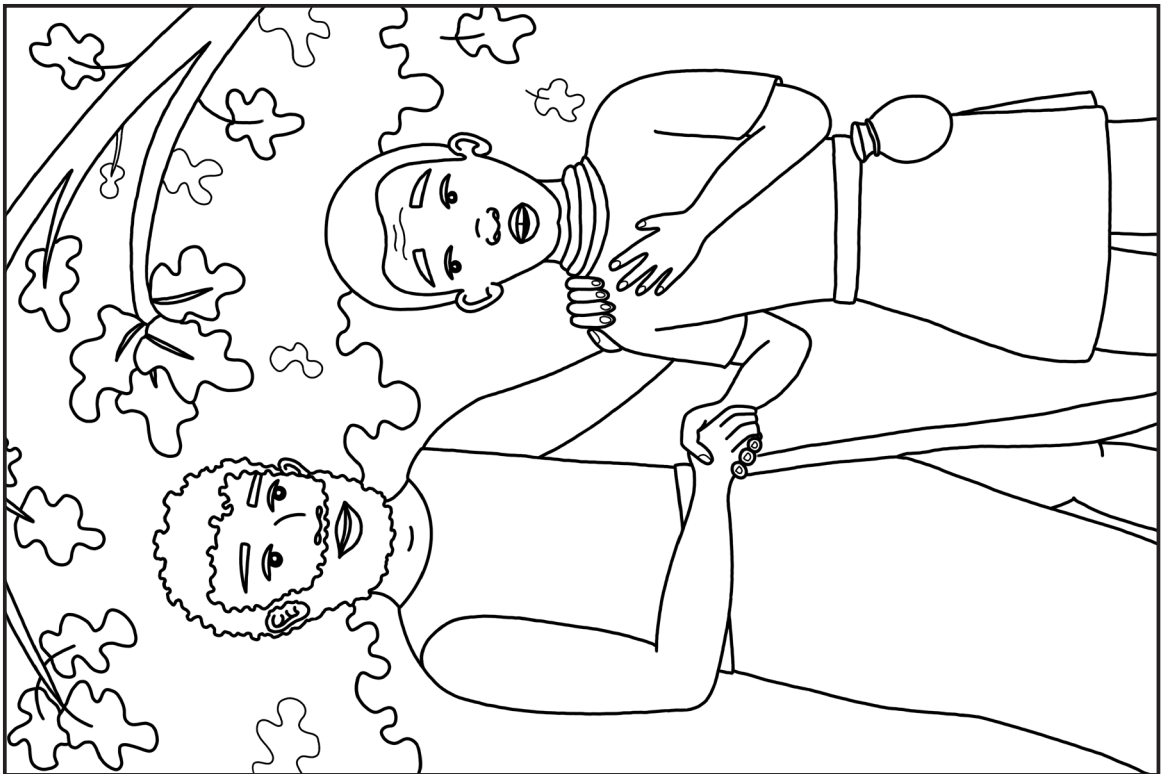
Draw Draw a picture of you fixing a mistake.



Color Color the things that help us make things better.



Color in the story of Zacchaeus. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland



HOLY WEEK & Easter

at First Presbyterian



APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY

8:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am Worship

Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and hearing the Passion narrative.



APRIL 17, 2025

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Worship

Join us for a Maundy Thursday service of communion and remembrance as we reflect on Jesus' final meal with his disciples.



APRIL 18, 2025

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 pm Worship

Join us for a Tenebrae service, where we remember Christ's crucifixion through scripture, music, and the gradual extinguishing of light.



APRIL 19, 2025

PEEPS & PIZZA EGGSTRAVAGANZA

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A fun Easter celebration featuring Peeps dioramas, an egg hunt, and pizza. Register at fpca2.org



APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

7 am Sunrise Service

Circle Terrace

9:30 & 11:30 am Worship

Sanctuary (livestream at 9:30 AM)

Pre-service music will begin 15 minutes before the 9:30 and 11:30 am services. Overflow seating will be available in Monteith Hall.

You are invited to bring fresh flowers to place on the Easter cross that will be located outside the front Sanctuary doors.