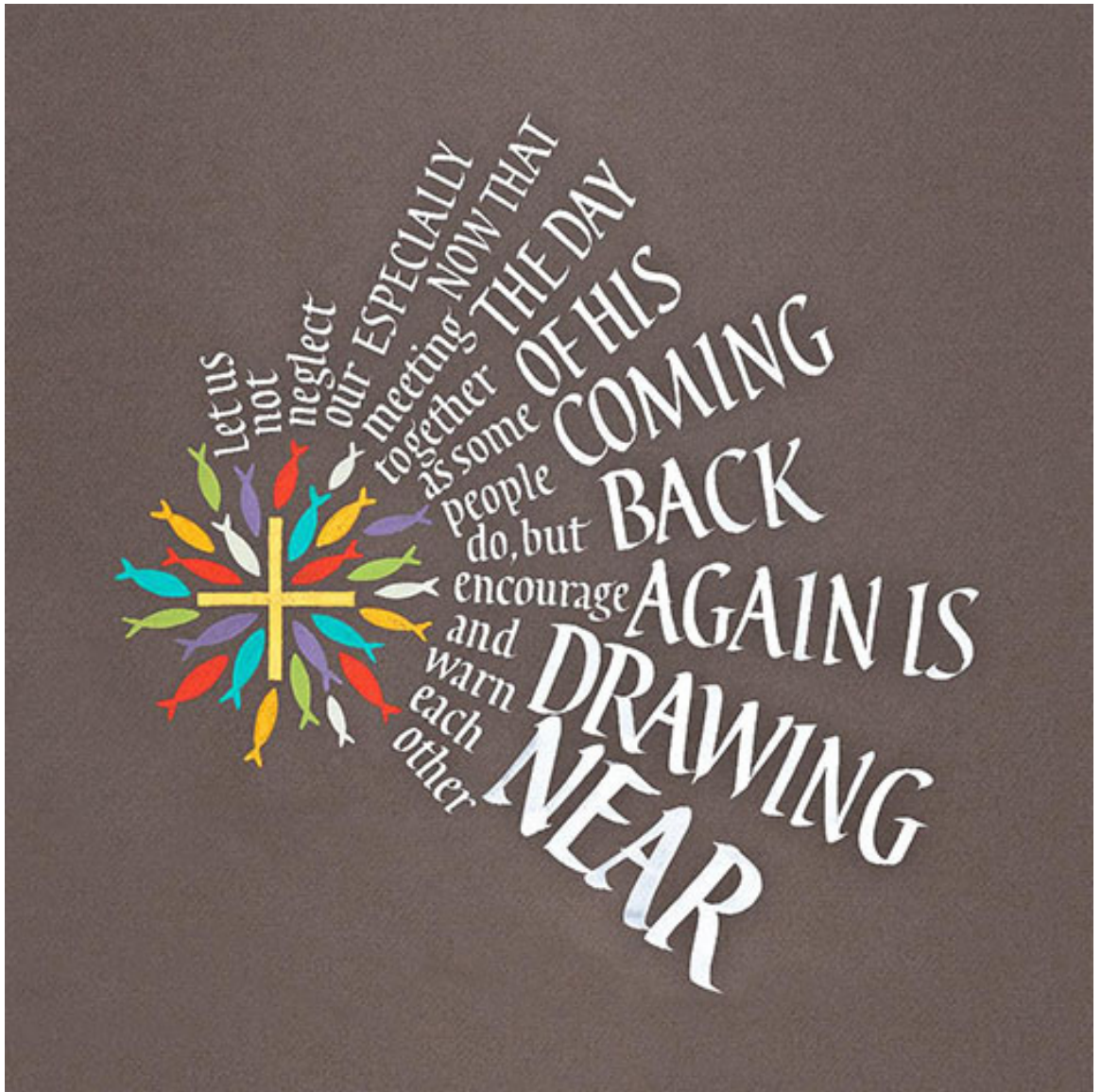




First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 17, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday *after* Pentecost

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

POURING OF THE WATER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord's Name!

All you who stand in the Lord's house –
who stand in the courtyards of our God's Temple,

Praise the Lord, because the Lord is God.

Let us worship the Lord together.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

To you, the Angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.

To you the Cherubim and Seraphim continually cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God.

Heaven and Earth are full of your majesty and glory.

Hosana in the highest.

Amen.

OPENING READING

An excerpt from *Paul's Letter to the American Christians* by MLK

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession is a time for repentance, accountability, and taking responsibility for our actions. Friends, draw near in faith. Let us confess our sins together through the responsive prayer of confession and then confess individually.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you,

In thought, word, and deed.

By what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved others with our whole heart.

We have ignored the vulnerable and the marginalized.

We have strayed far from your teachings.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Help us in our unbelief.

[Silence is Kept]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND ABSOLUTION

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. The Spirit spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 Samuel 2:1-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:1-8

HOMILY “The Temple of God”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Oh, Happy Morning
Joyful Ringers and John Dorsey, Djembe

Cathy Moglebust

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

***Call to Worship**

Whether we are sure of God's work in the world
or still waiting for a sign,

**let us worship the Lord,
encouraging one another in hope.**

Whether we are confident
in what the future will bring
or carry more questions than answers,

**let us worship the Lord,
strengthening one another in faith.**

***Hymn 49**

The God of Abraham of Praise

LEONI

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Caring God,
You are the ground of all being,
the name above all names.**

**We are always with you,
but sometimes, that can be hard to remember.**

**When it feels like we are praying alone,
grant us confidence that we belong to you.**

**When we struggle even to find the words to pray,
May your Spirit intercede with wordless cries**

**In times when our spirits feel more settled,
help us to share that peace with neighbors who need it....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

PARDINI

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us;

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*Congregational Response

AUSTRIAN HYMN

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 16:1-3, 5-11

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1-8

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

Sermon

RESPONDING

*Hymn 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Eric Nelson

Chancel Choir, Brandon LePage, Flute, and Judith Vander Weg, Cello

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms,
Safe and secure from all alarms; leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning.

*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!**

*Prayer of Dedication

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 357

The Days Are Surely Coming

LLANGLOFFAN

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue on AUSTRIA

Thomas Kuras

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11:30 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday *after* Pentecost

We welcome you to worship at 11:30. This communal and interactive gathering allows the spirit to flow through the unique image of God within each of us. You will find space to explore, participate, and create. An order of worship will be available at the service.

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. Interested in membership? **Come to the New Member Class TODAY, November 17, at 4:00PM, at the home of Brent Ivey and Dave VanderMeer.** Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, for more information.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer & Compassion Room, located just off the Lounge, 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 for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes are for all ages and meet on Sundays at 10:45 am, September through May. To learn more about our classes, visit our website at firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Are you interested in singing or ringing handbells or playing an instrument in worship with one of our choirs? Rehearsals are September through May. Contact Dave VanderMeer, dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org, for more information.

PARKING

Additional parking is located at the Forest Avenue parking structure located on South Forest Avenue between South University and Willard. Accessible parking spaces are available near the Sanctuary. A state-issued placard or license plate or a church-issued permit should be displayed while parked. If you would like a church parking permit for an accessible parking space, please speak to one of our Parish Nurses, Barb DeLancey, bdelancey@firstpresbyterian.org, or Stacey Pakela, spakela@firstpresbyterian.org.

GIVING

Through your generosity, we help build a stronger, more vibrant community, extending hope, compassion, and love to those in need, while ensuring the spiritual growth and vitality of First Presbyterian church for generations to come. To give online visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, Resident Minister
Marti Burbeck, Lay Leader
Mary Jane Chase, Lay Leader
Betsy McCallister, Lay Leader

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*
Donna V. Smith, *Lay Reader*

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Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*
Bill Austin, *Head Usher Emeritus*
Len Rezmierski, *Captain*
Leif Anderson
Cyndy Colton
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Carol Smith
Paul Smith
Pat Tamblyn
Angela Yang

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Ruby Fois McCallister on October 23, 2024. Ruby is the daughter of Drew McCallister and Stephanie Fois. Grandparents are Betsy and Ben McCallister.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Christine Black by Nikki and Bill Black.

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

GREETERS

Barbara Dobson
Marilyn Gibson
Nancy Oliver

PRAYER PARTNERS

Ginny Rezmierski
Elsa Stuber

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Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45AM

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | FRENCH ROOM

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

EXPLORING THE FAITH | LEWIS ROOM

Gaza Genocide: How Did We Get Here

A brief history of the roots of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. How did this conflict lead to the current genocide in Gaza? What's next?

Host: Brad Taylor

Speaker: Dr. Anan Ameri

FIRST FRIENDS | LEWIS ROOM

Will join Exploring the Faith today.

7:00 to 9:00PM

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY |

CHRIS WAHL'S HOUSE & ZOOM

The book of Daniel. For more information, email cgwahl@umich.edu

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15AM-12:15PM

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | ROOM 101

CHILDREN

10:45-11:25AM

K - 5TH GRADES | ROOM 300

Lemon Chapel Singers

COLLEGE STUDENT

12:30-1:30PM

UKirk | YOUTH ROOM

YOUTH

10:45-11:25AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL | ROOM 300

Lemon Chapel Singers

HIGH SCHOOL | YOUTH ROOM

Faith + Creative Arts

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE _____

Advent Poinsettias **Order by December 6**

If you wish to donate a poinsettia to beautify our December 15 and 24 worship services, the cost is \$15. You can donate in memory or honor of a loved one. Poinsettias will be delivered to those in need by our Deacons. The deadline for purchasing is Friday, December 6. Purchase online at firstpresbyterian.org

Decorating for Advent and Christmas

We could use your helping hands to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas seasons. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org

Hospitality Happens With Your Help!

There are several ways you can support the ministry of hospitality at First Pres on Sunday mornings. Whether you are a long-time member or regular attender, your help is so appreciated! What we do helps everyone to feel more welcome. The Congregational Life Committee welcomes your help and offers training for these opportunities:

Coffee Hour

Sign up: firstpresbyterina.org

Cookie Bakers

Sign up: firstpresbyterian.org

Greeters before worship

Sign up: firstpresbyterian.org

Ushering

Contact Lead Usher Joe Schmidt
jschmidtspringvalley@gmail.com.

Serve on the Congregational Life Committee

Contact Rev. Rogers
mrogers@fpca2.org.

Thanksgiving Bags for Hope Clinic

NOVEMBER 3-20

WELCOME CENTER COLLECTION BINS

Pack a grocery bag with the following items. All items must be shelf-stable and not in glass containers. Make sure your bag has every item listed, but no extras.

- 1 can gravy or packet of dry mix
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can French-fried onions
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can pumpkin pie filling
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 prepared crust or bake mix
- 2 cans of other vegetables

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN _____

Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:30AM | VANCE ROOM

The William Barclay Bible Study of the Book of Luke is open to all.

PW Mission

We're collecting new underwear, socks and pajamas for women and children of all sizes for House by the Side of the Road. Especially needed are XXL - XXXL women's sizes. Donations may be placed in a collection basket in the Welcome Center through November. Visit the church website to make a financial donation.

PW Thanks for Giving Celebration

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10:30AM | SOCIAL HALL

Enjoy coffee and cake and learn how YOUR gifts have enabled PW to assist mission partners.

MISSION _____

Family to Family Christmas & Fostering Futures

Online sign-up at firstpresbyterian.org



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