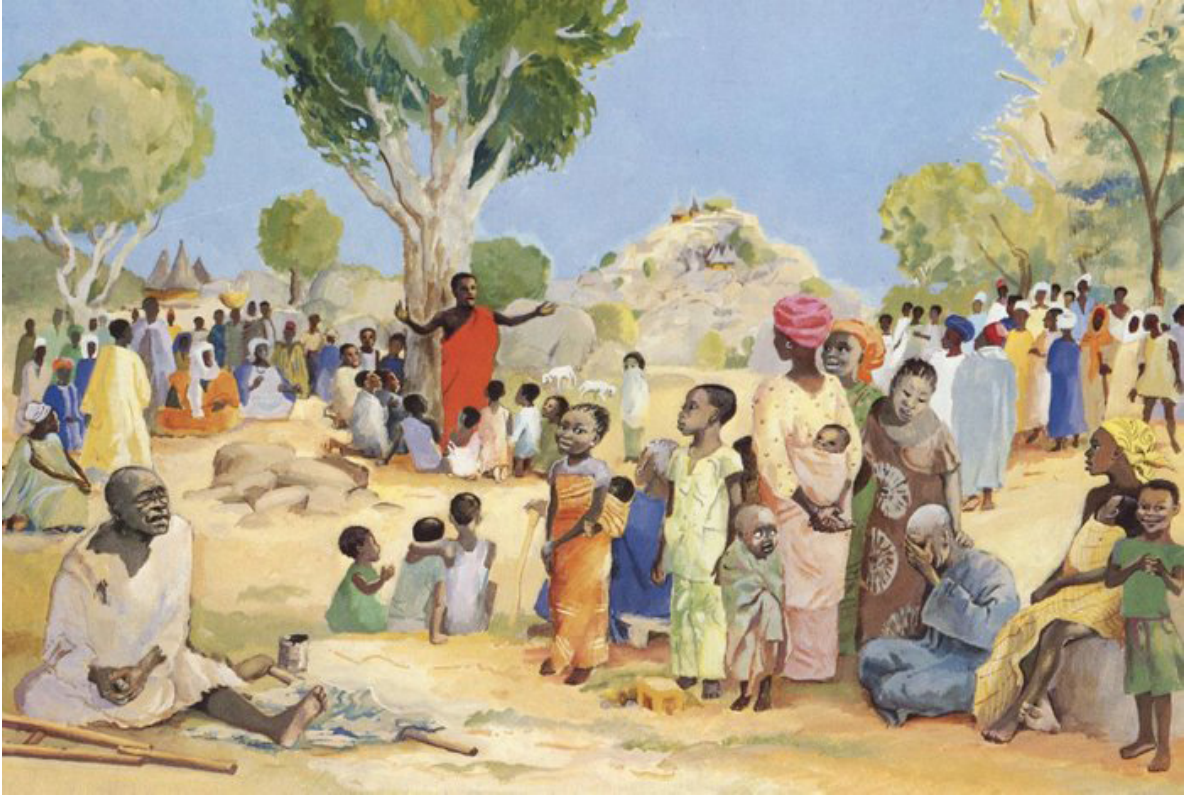




First  
Presbyterian  
Church *of Ann Arbor*

SIXTH SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY  
February 16, 2025  
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship

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Sermon on the Mount by JESUS MAFA  
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8:30 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## Sixth Sunday *after* Epiphany

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### GATHERING

#### Welcome and Centering

#### \*Call to Worship

Open unto me, light for my darkness

**Open unto me, courage for my fear**

Open unto me, hope for my despair

**Open unto me, peace for my turmoil**

Open unto me, joy for my sorrow

**Open unto me, strength for my weakness**

Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion

**Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins**

Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness

**Open unto me, love for my hates**

Open unto me, Thy Self for myself

**Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

by Howard Thurman, from *Meditations of the Heart*

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**O God, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call for unity among our kindred and siblings. Forgive us when we are bound by our narrow understandings of discipleship. Forgive us when we turn our backs on opportunities to secure a place in your Beloved Community. Forgive us when we make excuses to be advocates of fairness and justice for the oppressed. Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge each other.**

**Dear God, through your Holy Spirit, we are drawn to the flame of your empowering love. Through your Holy Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship, and through your Holy Spirit we seek to follow the loving ways of our brother Jesus.**

written by Rev. Charmain Bailey

#### Silence

#### Assurance of Pardon

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## PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Meditation

## 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

## SENDING

Charge and Benediction

Passing of the Peace

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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### GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Psalm-Prelude Op. 32 No. 1 (Psalm 34:6)* Herbert Howells  
“This poor man called, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.”

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Melissa Anne Rogers

\*Call to Worship

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
**whose confidence is in God.**

They will be like a tree planted by the water,  
**sending out roots by the stream.**

This tree does not fear when heat comes;  
**its leaves are green, its fruit endures.**

So come, let us place our trust in God!  
**Let us live in blessed faith together!**

\*Hymn 772

*Live into Hope*  
Hymn Introduction: *A Festive Intrada*  
Sanctus Ringers

TRURO  
Cynthia Dobrinski

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you,  
finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace.  
More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there  
by the winds of circumstance.**

**Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our  
commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted  
in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have  
shown us in Jesus Christ....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Congregational Response

STUTT GART

**There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration,  
to the God of endless life!**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Tommy Langejans



Guide my feet while I run this race; Guide my feet while I run this race;



Guide my feet while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 6:17-26

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

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn 741

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*Blessed Are the Pure of Heart*  
Chancel Choir

Woldemar Voullaire

Blessed are the pure of heart. They shall see the Father.

\*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 774

*There Is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

\*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

*Soon I Will Be Done*

Calvin Taylor

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*Side B: Open unto me, Thy Self for myself*

**All: Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

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\*Opening Hymn 729

*Lord, I Want to Be A Christian*

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Prayer of Confession

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*written by Rev. Charmain Bailey*

*Silence is kept.*

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace, share an answer to this prompt: Choose a plant that describes where you're at today, from a bush in the dry desert, to a tree sustained by a river.

Hymn 582

*Glory to God*

GLORY TO GOD

### PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Sermon

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\*Hymn 741

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

\*Benediction

...we go out in peace,

**to love, to serve, to imagine.**

Closing Voluntary

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## CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

Sometime this week, try writing a simple Definition Poem on the word "trust."  
Look up the definition of "trust." Choose one option and write it at the top of a page.  
Make space for 3 "As in" statements. Next to each one, write a sentence using the word trust.

Try to make each statement more reflective than the last. Start with something basic, move a step deeper, then end with your most powerful sentence.

*Example:*

Trust, noun

Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

As in, "I trust her about as far as I can throw her."

As in, "I want to follow God's plan, but it's hard to trust that I'm on the right path."

As in, "Since I'm not used to asking for help, I had to approach trust like a discipline."

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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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](mailto: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.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Marlee Brown for creating the posters used during 9:30 am worship today.

# Leading in Worship

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice Hyers

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Grace Wallace, Lay Reader

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Mark Mares

## MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Sanctus Ringers

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

## USHERS

Leif Anderson

Karla Olson-Bellfi

Jim Cameron

Paul Smith

Carol Smith

Joe Schmidt

Pat Tamblyn

Marita Servais

Len Rezmierski

## PRAYER PARTNER

Nancy Fox

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given by Molly Dobson to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Delia and Laurin Hunter. First Pres Congregation wishes Molly a happy 102nd birthday on February 18.

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# Today in Faith Formation

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ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_

10:45 AM

EXPLORING THE FAITH

**Celebrating Black History Month:  
Common Threads: An Introduction  
to Local Roots of Black History**

Lewis Room

Speaker: Bev Willis

Hosts: Helena Prince and Diane Hockett

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

**The Parables of Jesus**

French Room

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS

**The Call: The Life and Message of the  
Apostle Paul - Called to Be Faithful**

Curtis Room

Host: Carole Pawloski

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

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER

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

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

10:45 AM

Children and youth classes will not meet today.

## Calendar

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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 **Fast Track to Membership** | Lead Pastor's Study

11:30 am **Worship** | Monteith Hall

2:30 pm **Compassionate Friends** | French Room

5:30 pm **Young Adult Dinner** | Vance Room.

7:00 pm **Small Group Bible Study** | Wahl home

THIS WEEK

Mon Feb 17 **Grief Conversations** | 12:00 pm | Zoom

Tue Feb 18 **Gentle Yoga** | 5:30 pm | Lewis Room

Wed Feb 19 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room

Wed Feb 19 **Session Meeting** | 7:00 pm | Curtis Room

Fri Feb 21 **Men's Study Group** | 8:45 am | Curtis Room

# Announcements

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

LENTEN PROGRAM

### **Healing From Hurt: Forgiveness and Its Alternatives**

**SUNDAYS, MARCH 9 - APRIL 13  
3:00 - 5:00 PM | LEWIS ROOM**

This six-week Lenten program is designed to guide participants on a journey toward healing after harm. Led by Dr. Jennifer Griggs, a professional coach with expertise in forgiveness, this program offers a trauma-informed approach to understanding forgiveness, exploring alternatives, and reclaiming dignity. Through reflective sessions, participants will learn to tell their stories in new ways, navigate emotional hurt, foster empathy, and build resilience. Limited to 10 participants. Register online: [fpca2.org](http://fpca2.org)

opportunity to learn, create, and share the joy of music with friends! Register online at [fpca2.org](http://fpca2.org)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN \_\_\_\_\_

### **Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat: Consider the Lillies**

**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](http://fpca2.org).

## CARE \_\_\_\_\_

### **Caring Hands**

Are you interested in helping a family or individual who could use a meal while recovering or going through a difficult time? 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](mailto:mrogers@fpca2.org) to be added to the list.

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

### **Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp**

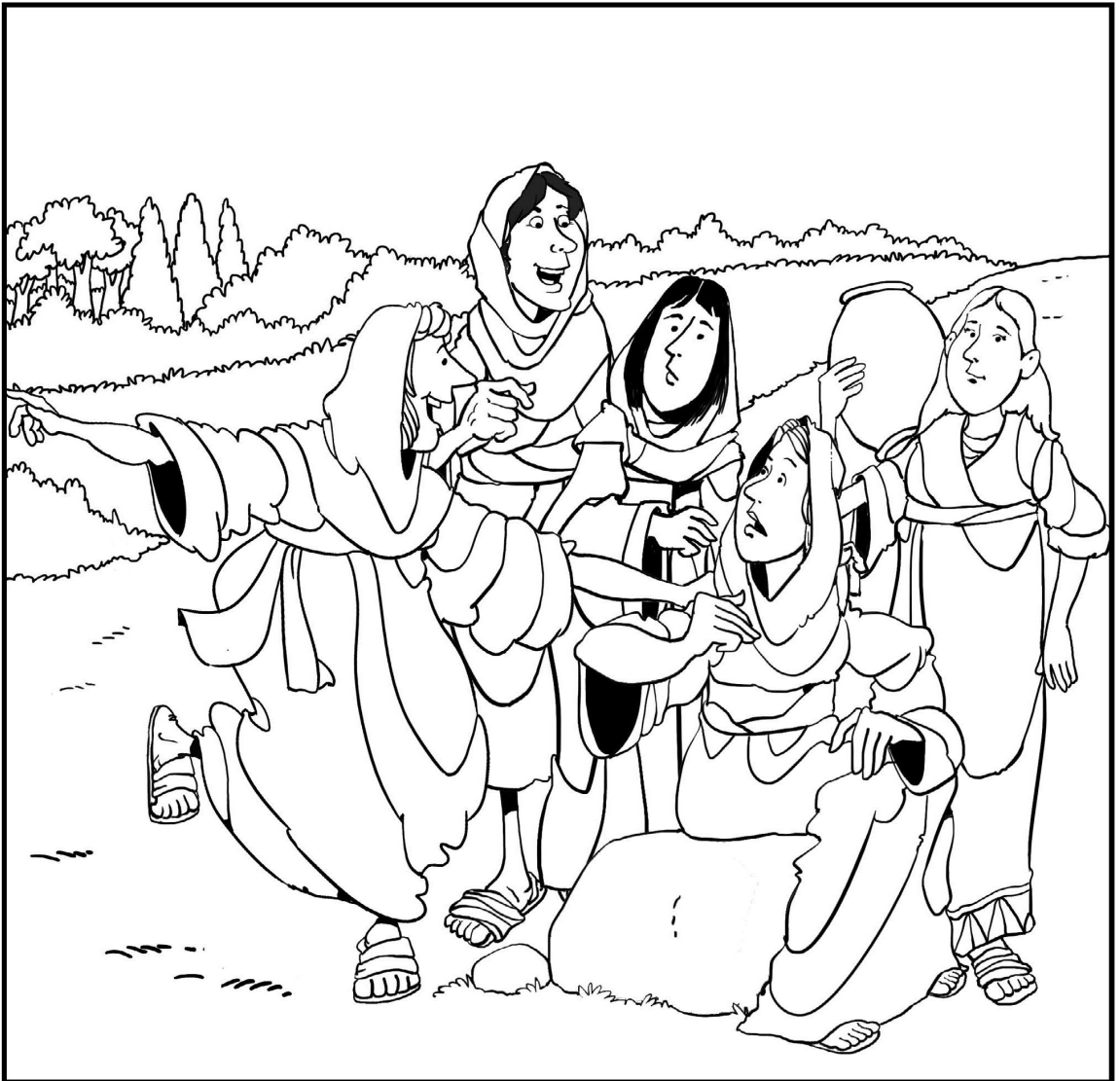
**JULY 28–AUGUST 1**

Calling all rising 2nd–8th graders! Join us for an exciting week of music, fun, and fellowship 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. Don't miss this

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

### **Participate in the Creation of New Paraments**

Beth Taylor is creating new Ordinary Time paraments for First Pres and invites you to contribute! You're encouraged to share a small piece of fabric or a token—such as a button, tie, broken earring, or other meaningful item—that represents your life, faith, or connection to the church. These contributions will be quilted together to create unique paraments filled with our collective stories and memories. If you wish, include a brief note or story about your item. Look closely when the paraments are displayed in the sanctuary and know they embody the spirit, gifts, and memories you bring to worship. Please drop off items in the Welcome Center.



## BIBLE STORY

based on Numbers 27:1–11

We are the five daughters of Zelophehad—Hoglah, Mahlah, Milcah, Noah, and Tirzah. Our father passed away, and according to the law, his inheritance will go to someone else, not us. As his daughters, we believe it's unjust that we can't inherit what we helped build. Does that seem right to you? Does that seem just? We don't think so. So, we are going to speak to Moses, who leads our community. He always takes our concerns to God, and we trust he will make a fair decision that will benefit us and the whole community.





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