



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

THIRD SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

June 29, 2025
9:30 am Worship



Looking Back—The Man at the Plow by James Tissot



9:30 AM WORSHIP | JUNE 29, 2025

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

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Prelude on Kelvingrove* Aaron David Miller

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church Nathaniel Fryer

Faith In Action Local Mission Grants

*Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
With open hearts we gather;
Sharing our faith and hope.
How good it is to be together!
Honoring our creator, enjoying each other, celebrating this day,
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 432 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* REPTON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, you invite us to follow you, and we are thrilled to see the world as you see it. But then something surprises us, and we turn our heads. Something angers us, and we turn away. Something scares us, and we get turned around. We come to you now to repent, to turn again toward all that is good and true. Guide us to decide again, as many times as we need, to set our sights on you, and to trust you, so that we might with courage and compassion help build your kingdom on Earth....

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 Grace

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

LAUDA ANIMA

Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Phillip Suh

First Scripture Reading

Psalms 77:1-2, 7-12, 16-19

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Mark Mares

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

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

Sermon

Susan Whitlock

RESPONDING

*Hymn 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Creator, we belong to you, and you dwell within our hearts.
Though the road be rough, we will follow you with
the strength our grace imparts.
Though we be brought high, though we be brought low,
though we journey far from home,
Let us always seek to grow in love, no matter where we roam.

Refrain:
Now let us reach out with loving hands to accept, affirm, embrace
every child of God throughout the world and shower them with grace.
And let us reach out with grateful hearts and praise our God above
through our acts of light and justice as we warm the world with love.

Creator, let us understand that our covenant with you
is a covenant with humankind to honor and pursue the road of Christ,
Through the rocky fields, to the broken and unshod.
Let us heal with love, for each soul we meet is a precious child of God.
(Refrain)

*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

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 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

SURGE ECCLESIA

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Postlude in D

Healey Willan



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.

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Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Nathaniel Fryer
Mark Mares
Susan Whitlock
Phillip Suh, *Lay Reader*

We are delighted to welcome Susan Whitlock to the pulpit this morning. A long-time member of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Susan holds a B.A. in English from Harvard/Radcliffe, an M.A. in American Culture from the University of Michigan, and a Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary. She has served in a variety of roles over the years, combining deep theological insight with a heart for compassionate ministry. Her leadership and presence in our community continue to be a blessing.

MUSICIANS

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*
Glenn Miller, *Guest Organist*

Thank you, and welcome to Glenn Miller, our guest organist. Glenn is active in retirement as a freelance organist and church musician. For twenty-three years, he developed and led the music ministry of Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills. In addition to his work as a church musician, he has maintained an active career as a professional choral singer internationally. Known for his distinctive basso profundo voice, he specializes in music of the Orthodox tradition and is featured on many recordings in this genre.

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugh C. Higley, Jr.

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Announcements

ALL CHURCH

Summer Prayer Walks

Join us for a series of Summer Prayer Walks—an opportunity to slow down, connect with God, and enjoy the beauty of creation alongside others. Come to one or come to all! Questions? Contact Nathaniel Fryer, nfryer@fpca2.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 @ 5:30PM

West Park
meet at First Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, JULY 15 @ 9:30AM

Saginaw Forest

Jazz Vespers

SATURDAY, JULY 12

5:00 PM, FRONT LAWN

The Jazz Vespers worship service combines the ancient form of evening vespers with the musical improvisation of jazz led by the Paul Keller Jazz Quintet. Bring a lawn chair and join us on the lawn. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held indoors.

CARE

Blood Drive

MONDAY, JULY 7

12-6 PM, MONTEITH HALL

Our next blood drive at FPC will be on Monday, July 7, 2025, in Monteith Hall from noon-6 PM. Please sign up on the church website. Every pint of blood saves 3 lives! Be a lifesaver!

For questions, please contact the parish nurses: parishnurse@fpca2.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Art Fair Fundraiser & Parents' Date Night

PARKING FUNDRAISER: JULY 17-19

DATE NIGHT: JULY 18, 4-8 PM

Support our Youth Ministry by parking in the church lot during the Art Fair! Plus—join us for Art Fair Date Night on Friday, July 18. Enjoy the fair while we provide free childcare at the church for children from birth through 5th grade. Register for date night at fpca2.org

Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp

JULY 28–AUGUST 1

Rising 2nd - 9th graders are invited to join us for an exciting week of music, drama, and fun. Camp runs daily from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, culminating in a special Musical Proclamation during worship on Sunday, August 3. **Register by June 30:** fpca2.org/camp

MISSION

Food Donations Next Sunday

SUNDAY, JULY 6

On the first Sunday of each month, help those facing food insecurity in our community by donating non-perishable food (and other essentials) to benefit our local partner, Food Gatherers. Bring the items to worship to drop in the shopping cart during the last hymn or drop off items in the Welcome Center.

Back to School Supplies & Backpacks for Ozone House!

Donate to our School Supplies Drive in July supporting Ozone House! As we prepare for a new school year, many students in our community may lack the necessary tools to succeed. Together, we can make a significant impact by ensuring every student has the essential supplies. Find the complete list on our website, fpca2.org.

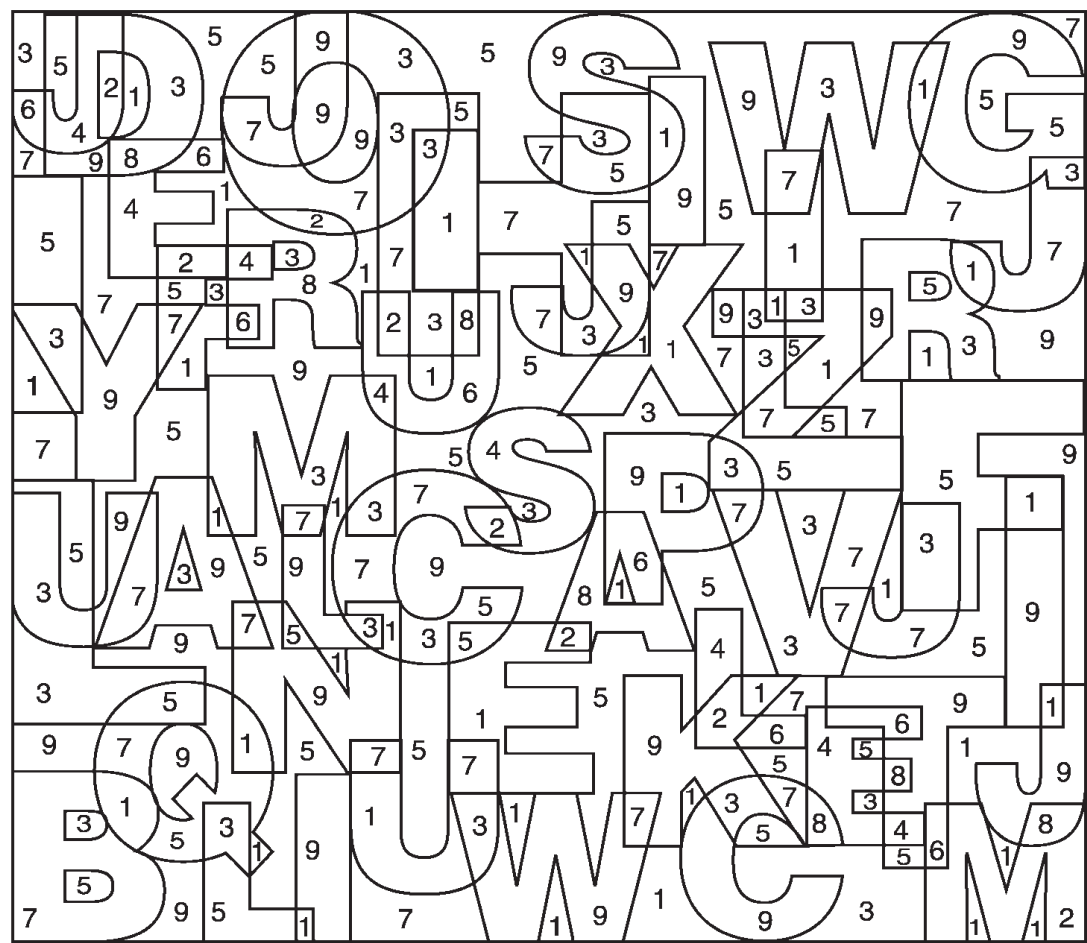
Worship Activities

Luke 9:51-62

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

It was near to the time when Jesus would be taken to heaven. Jesus and His followers were walking along the road. Where were they headed?

Shade in all the shapes with even numbers.



Add leaves to the tree
the sun and a cloud to the sky
and a rock to the path

Jesus and His disciples were walking along a road. A young man said, "I will follow you wherever you go."



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