



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

FIFTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER

May 18, 2025

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





8:30 AM WORSHIP | MAY 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome and Opening Sentences

To you O God, we lift up our souls
This day and all days.
Lead us always in your humble path O God
and lead us always in the path of justice and mercy
Therefore let all who are faithful to you, O God, offer you prayer.
Let us worship the Lord together.

Responsive Prayer of Adoration

God of Grace, Give us strength today and all days
**To do what is right, to love the vulnerable, and help the
marginalized.**
Help us walk humbly with you O God, and seek justice in all that we do.
All praises are due to You God. Amen.

The Psalms

Psalm 148

Praise be to God
Amen.

Morning Prayer by Ogden Nash

Psalm 121

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for the Morning by Audette Fulbright

The Readings from the Gospel

Mark 4:1-9

God's word for God's people.
Amen.

John 13:31-35

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Glory to Christ

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

Charge and Benediction

Passing of the Peace





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *"Adagio and Finale" from An English Suite* Purcell/arr. Scarmolin
FPC Orchestra

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

*Call to Worship

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God on high!

Praise God, sun and moon.

Praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and ocean depths!

**Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
praise the Lord!**

Leaders and stewards of the earth,
princes and all rulers of the earth,
praise the Lord!

**Old and young together;
all people praise the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

Call to Confession


Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present God,
we give thanks that you have made
your dwelling place among your people.
We trust your promises of a just future,
and we wish to play our part.
Christ has taught us to love one another.
Help us to keep this commandment
in our minds and hearts,
that we might come to realize
the new heaven and new earth awaiting us....**


Silent Prayer

Kyrie

LAND OF REST



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



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

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

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

Acts 11:1-18

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

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING

Anthem

You Are Loving, You Are Loved
Lemon Chapel Singers

Mark Burrows

When the world keeps spinning ‘round you,
When you fear you’ll lose control,

Hold on for there are loving hearts
reaching out to make you whole.

Refrain:

As sure as the ground beneath your feet,
As sure as the stars above,
Remember you are loving, child,
Remember you are loved.

When the hurt builds up inside you,
When you think you're all alone,
Hold on for there are caring hands
reaching out to guide you home.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

And I Saw a New Heaven
Chancel Choir

Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
And there was no more sea.
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
Coming down from God out of heaven,
Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all,
And God will dwell with them and they shall be God's people,
And God shall be with them and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
Neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away,
God shall wipe away all tears, for the former things are passed away.

***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

Welcome of New Members

Catherine Archibald and children Noah and Liam
Metty Azar
Stephanie Bentley
Amanda Crandall and Matthew Widdekind
and children Theodore, Alexander, and Remiel
Sarah D'Angelo
Mark D'Angelo
Daniel Kaminski
Margaret Lindauer

Charis Peebles
Abby Samuels and children Liza and Margi
Kim Shannon
Patty Smith
Walker Stanton

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 384	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	SOON AND VERY SOON
*Charge and Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> FPC Orchestra	arr. Robert Sterling





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Opening Sentences

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

Christ the Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.

Morning Hymn 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

The Psalms

Psalm 93

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 150

God's word for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 30:1-8

God's word for God's people.

Praise be to God.

Matthew 7:7-14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Praise be to God.

Hymn

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end, Amen. (3x)

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Responsive Activity

We will engage in a lectio divina based conversation around the scripture texts that were read for today

- What is one word or phrase that sticks out to you from this passage?
- What is one prayer that resonates with you based on this passage?
- How is God calling you to act in response to this passage?

The Prayers

The Responsive Prayer of Saint Clement of Rome

We pray to you, O God:

Be our helper and our protector. Save the afflicted, have mercy on the lowly.

Raise up the fallen, help the needy, humble the proud.

Return the lost, feed the hungry, release the captives.

Heal the sick, revive the weak, and comfort those in fear.

this we ask for the sake of the world you love.

And in the name of the one you sent to save us: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you;

and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests.

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Responsive 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Blessing And Benediction

...we go out in peace

to love, to serve, to imagine.



Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Nathaniel Fryer
Marti Burbeck

9:30 AM WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyers
Nathaniel Fryer
Mark Mares
Melissa Anne Rogers
Cathy King, *Lay Reader*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Nathaniel Fryer

MUSICIANS

9:30 WORSHIP

Chancel Choir
Lemon Chapel Singers
Shayla Powell, *Lemon Chapel Singers Director*
FPC Orchestra
Michael Haithcock, *Conductor*
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

USHERS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Leif Anderson
Cynthia Colton
Omer Bellfi
Len Rezmierski
Joe Schmidt
Pat Tamblyn
Bruce Thomson
Angela Yang

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our newest members who have joined since January.

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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.

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS _____

10:45 AM
EXPLORING THE FAITH
Christian Nationalism in Modern America (Part 2)
Speaker: Rick Ostrander
Host: Sid Smith
Lewis Room

EXPLORING THE BIBLE
The Parables of Jesus
Host: Ed Koster
French Room

FIRST FRIENDS
Planning for Fall 2025
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 (9TH-12TH GRADE)
Faith + Creative Arts
Youth Room

Calendar

TODAY

8:00 am	New Member Breakfast Social Hall
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 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
5:00 pm	Young Adult Dinner offsite

THIS WEEK

Tues May 20	Gentle Yoga 5:30 pm Lewis Room
Sat May 24	Gardening Day at Alpha House 10:00 am

Announcements

ALL CHURCH

Summer Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
11:00 AM, FRONT LAWN

Join us for one of our favorite traditions — the annual All-Church Picnic! Right after worship (and a brief evacuation drill), we'll gather on the front lawn for a fun-filled afternoon of food, fellowship, and festivities. Enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch, inflatables for kids and adults, games for the kiddos, and live music by the Y Town Hoolies Bluegrass Band on the Terrace. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair! Register: fpca2.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH

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: fpca2.org/camp

Honoring Graduates

Graduation time is here! If you or your family member will be graduating this spring, please let us know so that we may honor our grads on June 8. Submit the name and photo at fpca2.org/youth.

SERVE

Alpha House Garden Day

SATURDAY, MAY 24
10 AM

Bring your gloves, rake and shovel and help us beautify this wonderful family shelter to make it feel more like home. Register: fpca2.org/local

Habitat Beautification Day

SATURDAY, MAY 31
9 AM - 1 PM, SUGARBROOK

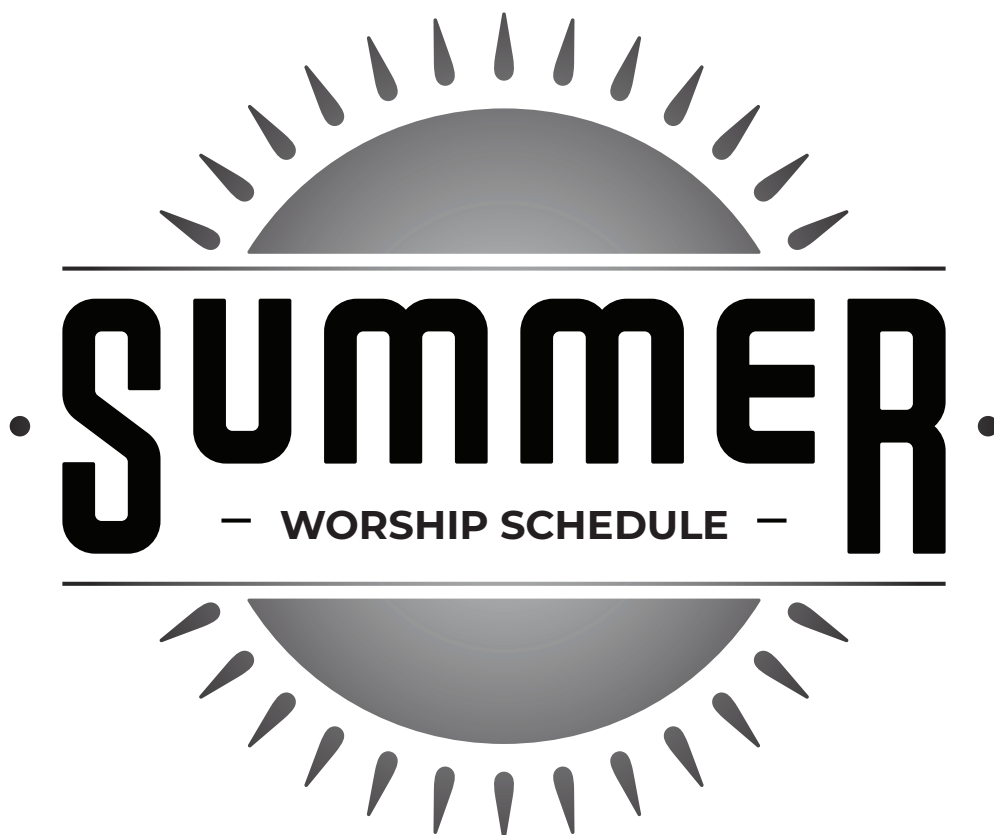
Let's work together to enhance the Sugarbrook community in Ypsilanti through landscaping and cleanup projects. Ages 14 and up. Register: fpca2.org/local

WORSHIP

Jazz Vespers

SATURDAY, MAY 31
5:00 PM | FRONT LAWN

Join us for a special series of Jazz Vespers services featuring the acclaimed Paul Keller Jazz Quintet. Our first of the series will be Saturday, May 31, on the front lawn. Experience an evening of jazz woven with reflections, prayers, and community connection. In celebration of Pride Month, we will be having a rainbow dessert following the service. Bring your favorite colorful treat to share as we honor love, inclusion, and community together. Invite your friends and neighbors — all are welcome!



Beginning Sunday, June 1

One Worship Service
9:30 am in the Sanctuary

Outdoor Worship

July 13 & August 10
8:30 am on the Circle Terrace

This summer, we'll gather as one church family for a single worship service each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary, beginning June 1. Mark your calendars for special outdoor services on July 13 and August 10 at 8:30 am on the Circle Terrace—come enjoy worship in the beauty of God's creation!

BIBLE STORY

Based on Matthew 15:21-28

Have you ever wanted something so badly that you did not give up? In this story, a Canaanite woman, whose name we don't know, was determined that Jesus could make her daughter well. And she did not give up until Jesus helped her.

Jesus left Galilee and traveled with his friends to Canaan. He hoped to get some rest. But people found him there, too, and needed his help.

A woman shouted at Jesus, "Lord, listen to me! Something terrible is happening to my daughter. She is very sick. You can make her better."

Jesus did not say anything.
Jesus' friends said, "That woman is so loud. She is really bothering us. Get rid of her."

But Jesus did not send her away. He said to the woman, "I was sent to help the Israelite people. They are like lost sheep."

The woman was not an Israelite. Yet, she would not leave. She got down on her knees before Jesus. "Lord, please help my daughter," she begged.

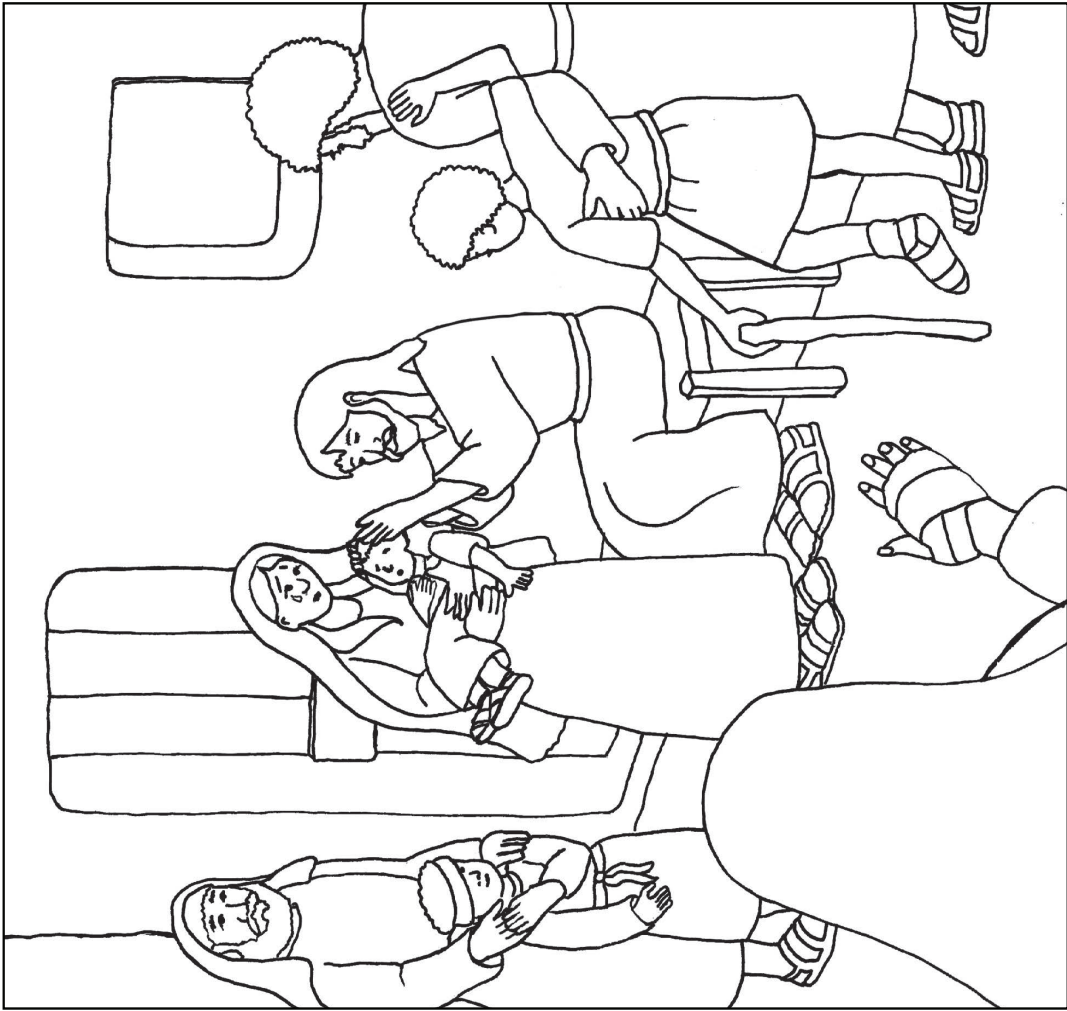
"It is not right for me to help you," Jesus said. "I cannot give the food of children to dogs."

The woman cried, "Dogs need food, too. They eat the crumbs that fall from the people's table."

Jesus was amazed that the Canaanite woman trusted him. "You did not give up when I said no! You can have what you wish!"

At that moment, the woman's daughter was made well. The mother did not give up!

Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim, eds., "A Canaanite Woman Does Not Give Up," *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* (Louisville, KY: Flyaway Books, 2018), 260-61.



JOIN US ON THE FRONT LAWN FOR

JAZZ Vespers

featuring
PAUL KELLER JAZZ QUINTET

SATURDAY
MAY 31
5:00 PM

SATURDAY
JULY 12
5:00 PM

SATURDAY
AUGUST 9
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