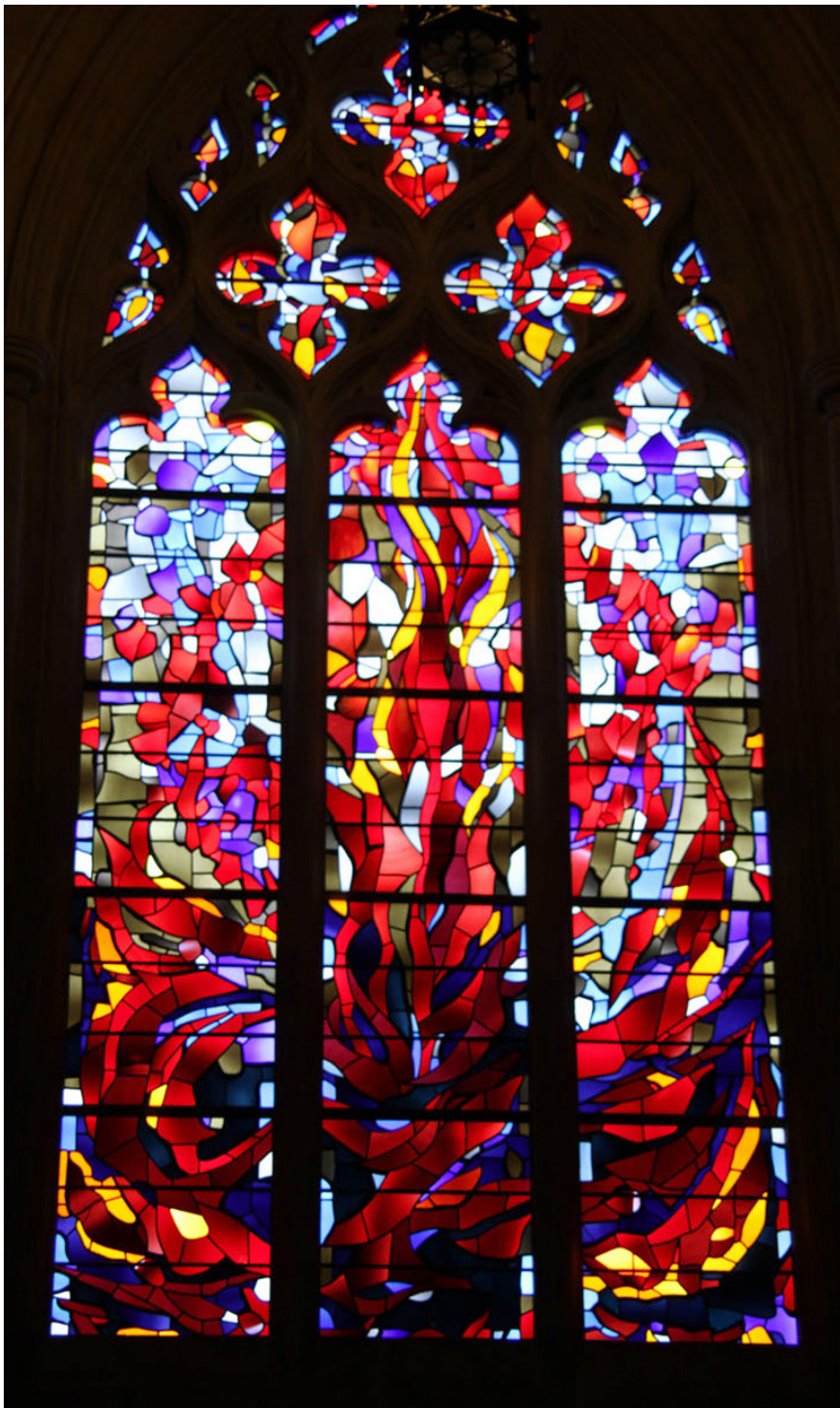




First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

TENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

August 17, 2025
9:30 am Worship



Fire - Pinart Robert and Dieter Goldruhle, Washington National Cathedral



9:30 AM WORSHIP | AUGUST 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Hymn Sing*

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action: Alpha House

***Call to Worship**

In a world where lies surround us,
your word is like fire, God nearby!

In a world full of false prophets and empty promises,
your word is like fire, God nearby!

In a world where words don't have meaning,
your word is like fire, God nearby!

We are here, ready for our faith to be kindled by your word.
We are here to worship the God who is nearby!

***Hymn 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, when we face raging fires and imprisoning chains,
give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we encounter the edge of violence,
give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we are persecuted and tormented by the evils of this world,
give us the faith of our ancestors.

When we have to go about in disguise because we can't be ourselves,
give us the faith of our ancestors.

Even when we know we may not see the fruit of our labor,
even if we can't reach the promised land,
give us the faith of our ancestors.

We give thanks that perseverance will one day bear fruit,
that we don't run this race alone,
and that our ancestors go with us now and always....

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lee Afdahl

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

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

Chris Hayes

First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

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

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 12:49-56

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

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING & SEALING

*Hymn 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Refiner's Fire from Messiah
Benton DeGroot, Baritone

G.F. Handel

But who may abide the day of His coming,
and who shall stand when He appeareth?
For He is like a refiner's fire.

*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 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

The Rejoicing (from Fireworks Music)

G.F. Handel



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.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

David Prentice-Hyers

Mark Mares

Chris Hayes, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS

Joe Schmidt

Angela Yang

FLOWERS

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Announcements

FAITH FORMATION _____

Men’s Book Study

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY
8:45 AM, LEWIS ROOM

The Men’s Book Study Group meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:45 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome!

MISSION _____

Alpha House Host Week

AUGUST 25-31

Help support families experiencing homelessness by volunteering during our Alpha House Host Week! You can sign up to prepare a dinner meal, contribute two side dishes, or donate your time to serve and assist families at the shelter. Every act of kindness makes a difference. Sign up: fpca2.org/local

Volunteer for Food Rescue this Football Season!

Since 2011, our Food Rescue/Feeding Our Neighbors Program has delivered thousands of pounds of ready-to-serve food from Big Ten games to local organizations fighting food insecurity.

We need volunteers for the 2025 football season:

Game Day Pickup: Sort and collect food after the game (2 hrs, 6 people)

Monday Load: Help load the truck at 9:00 a.m. (30 min, 2 people)

Monday Drive: Drive the truck to Detroit (4 hrs, 1 person)

Sign up: fpca2.org/local

WORSHIP _____

Blessing of the Backpacks & Ice Cream Social

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
9:30 AM

Students of all ages, educators, and anyone preparing for the new school year are invited to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or work bags to worship on Sunday, August 24, during the 9:30 am service. Together, we will offer a special blessing as we pray for a safe, joyful, and meaningful year ahead. Following worship, join us for a fun Ice Cream Social to celebrate the start of the new school year! All are welcome!

Join the Chancel Choir

Do you like to sing? You are invited to join the Chancel Choir (High school – Adults) for our Annual Choir Retreat on Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. Regular rehearsals take place on Thursday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. For more information contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts, dvandermeer@fpca2.org.

FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS

along with Deborah defeated Sisera

Rahab

defeated the Midianites

shut the mouths of hungry lions

Gideon

escaped from the sword of King Saul

Moses

lost his strength and became strong again in the end

David

led the Israelites through the Red Sea

Joshua

Samson

Samuel

Daniel

was a dependable and honest prophet of God

led the defeat of Jericho

Barak

welcomed Israelite spies and hid them from harm

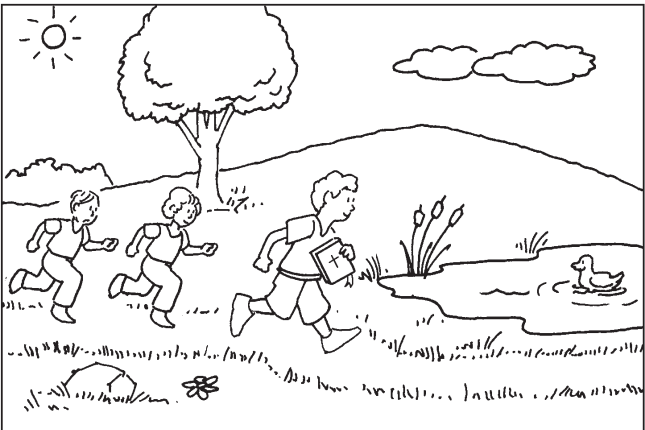
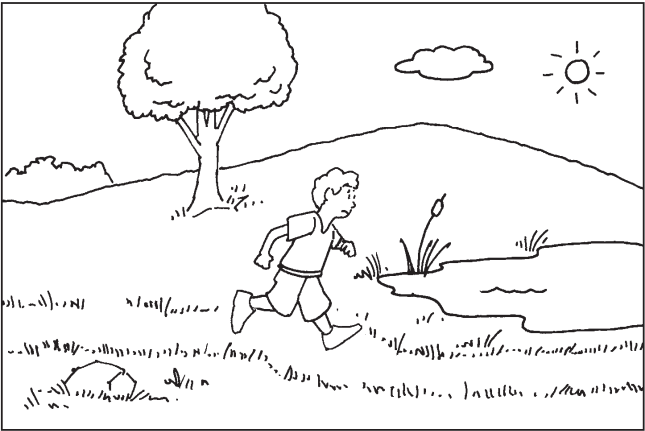
In the Old Testament, we are told about many people who had great faith in God. Their lives are good examples for us to follow.

Draw lines connecting the matching puzzle pieces, pairing a person with their act of faith.

Run the race. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

Find 8 differences in the second picture.

Amazing things have happened by faith.





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