



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 13, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 13, 2024

A Service in the spirit of Henri Nouwen

Twenty-First Sunday *after* Pentecost

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and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Each day holds a surprise.

But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us.

Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise,

whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy.

It will open a new place in our hearts,

a place where we can welcome new friends

and celebrate more fully our shared humanity.

Let us worship the God who comes to us this day!

About Henri Nouwen

Scripture Readings

Psalm 126 (in unison) - NRSV

**When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,[a]
we were like those who dream.**

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.**

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

**May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

Song of Solomon 6:3

John 6:24-34

Reflections

On Prayer

On Gratitude

On Being the Wounded Healer

On the Life of the Beloved

The Sacrament of Communion
Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Prayer After Communion

*** Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

The Timeless Canon
Sanctus Ringers

Pachelbel/arr. Sandra Eithun

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

***Call to Worship**

We gather before God together,
imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly,
with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together,
desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together
as we seek harmony between our words and our actions.**

***Hymn 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Ever-present, All-Loving God,
when we consider the vastness of your works,
it can be easy to feel insignificant.**

**When we think about the abundance of your love,
it can feel as though
we do not have enough to offer.**

**Release us from our shame
and the comparisons and judgments
that weigh us down.**

**Free us from our insistence on scarcity,
that we might discover your infinite grace
among us and within us.**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

LOBE DEN DERREN

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely God's goodness and mercy will daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
With love the Lord will befriend you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

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.



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

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

Sermon

RESPONDING

*Hymn 799

I Love the Lord Who Heard My Cry

I LOVE THE LORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Walk with Me, Lord
Chancel Choir

arr. Rosephanye Powell

Walk with me, Lord, all along this tedious journey,
Walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.
When I'm burdened, walk with me, Lord.
When my head is bowed down in sorrow,
Walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.
Along this tedious journey, Lord, walk with me.
You are my shield. You are my sword. Lord, walk with me.
Until I make it safely home, Lord, walk with me.
When my head is bowed down in sorrow,
Walk with me, Lord. Please walk with me.
I am weary, walk. Lord, walk with me.

*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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata Giocoso on Walk in the Light

David Blackwell

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

*Call to Worship

Side A: We will give thanks to you, O Lord.

Side B: *With all of our hearts, we give you thanks.*

Side A: In the presence of the angels

Side B: *We will sing your praise.*

Side A: Your kindness and compassion, O God,

Side B: *Endures forever and ever.*

All: *Great is your faithfulness. Let us worship the Lord together in song.*

*Opening Hymn 353

My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: Draw us near to you,

All: **O Holy One, Lead us to your presence.**

One: Hold us accountable and responsible for our actions,

All: **O Holy One. Let us follow Jesus's example.**

One: Help us as we seek to do justice, love our enemies, and care for the planet.

All: **Help us in our unbelief, O Holy One.**

One: Evermore we pray to you,

All: **O Holy One.**

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace, you are invited to share a memory or a reflection with your neighbor on what welcome means to you at First Presbyterian Church.

*Hymn 582

Glory to God

**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.**

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

First Scripture Reading Daniel 6:10-17

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Scripture Reading Daniel 6:18-28

Holy Wisdom; **Holy Word.**

Meditation

The King's Arrogance

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Interactive 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 630

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Benediction

...we go out in peace,
to love, to serve, to imagine.

Closing Voluntary

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CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

Brainstorm some ways that we as individuals, a church, and as a community of faith can live more fully into the idea of welcome. What might that welcome look like? How are we, as the children of God, called to love others through welcome?

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? **Join us this morning at 10:45, in the Lead Pastor's Study, for Fast Track to Membership.** Can't make it today? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, for more information.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel 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, bdelancy@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>

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Leading in Worship

Worship at 8:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am; Livestream at 9:30 am

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Jane Dutton, *Lay Reader*

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Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Joyful Ringers

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer,

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*

Bill Austin,

Head Usher Emeritus

Beth Gerwig

Finlay Hyers

Holly Major

Aidan Majorprice

Chloe Majorprice

Mel Prentice-Hyers

Paul Smith

Carol Smith

Angela Yang

GREETERS (9:30)

Lois Bryant

Victor & Marlene Stoeffler

PRAYER PARTNERS

John LeDuc

Ginny Rezmierski

WELCOME CENTER

Ginny Horan

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Brad Taylor's 70th birthday, with thanks for all that he does for the Mature Ministries Program; and in honor of all Presbyterian Women who serve this church in so many ways, as exemplified by the life and service of one of their members, Ginny Bell, who now resides in the Church Triumphant. Well done, good and faithful servants!

COVER ART

At first, Paul Klee's "New Harmony" may appear rigidly four-square, but a closer inspection could lead us to notice imprecision in these 'squares'. Can we imagine how the colors and shapes – interpreted by some as Klee's response to musical theory – might undulate, dance, and play together? When Jesus enumerates familiar commandments, do they work like these discrete colors? What does it mean to keep all of the commandments

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45AM

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | FRENCH ROOM

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Host: Ed Koster

EXPLORING THE FAITH | LEWIS ROOM (SECOND LEVEL)

Medicine and Faith (Part 2) Changing Smiles, Changing Lives

Host: Jane Dutton

The Sandy Talbott Lecture Series Speaker: Christian J. Vercler

Dr. Vercler, Director of the Craniofacial Anomalies Program at UM, will discuss his understanding of how the practice of medicine can be an important part of Christ's redemptive work in a fallen world.

FIRST FRIENDS | CURTIS ROOM (SECOND LEVEL)

Video and discussion of *John: The Gospel of Light and Life: The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King*

Host: Carol Pawloski

FOLLOW ME: WELCOME ALL | ROOM 102 (FIRST LEVEL)

Know Your Gifts (Luke 10:38-42)

7:00 to 9:00PM

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY | CHRIS WAHL'S HOUSE & ZOOM

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

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15AM-12:15PM

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | ROOM 101 (FIRST LEVEL)

CHILDREN

10:45-11:25AM

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE | ROOM 302 (THIRD LEVEL)

Children in Worship: Abram and Sarai

2ND & 3RD GRADE | ROOM 303 (THIRD LEVEL)

4TH & 5TH GRADE GRADE | ROOM 304 (THIRD LEVEL)

Follow Me: Welcome All: That's Just My Style

YOUTH

10:45 to 11:25AM

CONFIRMATION | YOUTH ROOM (LOWER LEVEL)

MIDDLE SCHOOL | ROOM LL4 (LOWER LEVEL)

HIGH SCHOOL | ROOM LL1 (LOWER LEVEL)

Follow Me: Welcome All: Know Your Gifts (based on 1 Kings 17:8-16)

Announcements

BLOOD DRIVE AT FIRST PRES

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 28, when First Pres will sponsor a blood drive with the American Red Cross in Monteith Hall, from 12-6PM. Sign up to donate online (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=first>) or in person in the Social Hall on October 13, 20, and 27, immediately following the 9:30AM service. We are looking forward to seeing you!

ALL-CHURCH BONFIRE

Join us at White Oaks Farm in Dexter (6641 S. Zeeb Road), Sunday, October 20, 4 - 6PM. Hot cocoa and cider will be served in the barn! Make S'mores, play games, and enjoy your fellow First Pres members of all ages in a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. Need a ride? Contact Rev. Rogers to get in a carpool, mrogers@fpca2.org. In case of inclement weather, this will be cancelled.

CELEBRATION OF 25-YEARS OF MISSION WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES

Reservations are now open for the 25-Year Celebration of the Philippines Mission which will be held at FPC on Saturday, November 9, from 6:00-9:00PM. The event includes an authentic Filipino dinner, entertainment, pictures, and comments about the 25 years of friendships and partnerships in the Philippines. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 years of age. Reservations may be made by visiting the FPC website.

OPEN DOORS CREATIVE ARTS SERIES

Creative individuals are invited to submit visual works on the theme of social change for a winter 2025 exhibition being developed for the FPC Open Doors Creative Arts Series. For further information, contact Dave VanderMeer (dvandermeer@fpca2.org) or Brad Taylor (bltaylor@umich.edu).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FALL BEAUTIFICATION DAY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Twice a year, Habitat volunteers keep the West Willow Community beautiful through activities like gardening, organizing the Tool Lending Library, raking leaves, picking up litter, and cleaning storm drains. This family-friendly event welcomes ages 8 and up for craft activities, and ages 14 and up for volunteer tasks. For more information and to register, visit <https://h4h.givepulse.com/event/481127-West-Willow-Fall-Beautification-Day>

JOURNEYS BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to join this fall study of the fruit of the spirit and the larger concept of faith. Join the conversation led by Resident Minister Tommy Langejans in the Founders Room, 1-2:30PM, October 17 & 24, November 14 & 21, and December 12 & 19.

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Generations

Embracing New Opportunities

As we continue our 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign, "Generations," we invite you to reflect on the ways our church has made a difference in the lives of our community and beyond. Every pledge helps us to create innovative programs, support individuals of all ages, and reach out to those in need. Together, let's embrace the new opportunities that God is placing before us!



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