



“Naom Clár”

TWELFTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

August 11, 2024 • 9:30 AM

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

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Allegro con brio, Sonata IV for Organ*

Felix Mendelssohn

David Hufford, Organ

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL to WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth your praise

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Let us worship the Lord together.

* HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have put down the mighty from their seats.

**You exalt the humble and meek. Help us in our unbelief. We have
cast aside your teachings, and ignored Christ's words. Strengthen
us. Enlighten us. Guide us. You, O God, have unending and
unfailing mercy for us. Restore us, help us, as we seek to turn
anew to your words and teachings....**

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

Cover:
Detail of the left
light of the two-
light stained glass
window in the
south wall of the
east transept,
St. Brendan's
Cathedral,
Loughrea, County
Galway, Ireland,
by Alfred Ernest
Child, depicting
St. Clare carrying
a ciborium. This
work was created
in the An Túr
Gloine workshop
in Dublin in
1927–29.
Saint Clare is the
patron saint of
good weather,
environment,
and ostensibly
climate change.
Her message
and ministry is
important to
Christians as
we deal and
grapple with the
consequences of
climate change
on the Earth.
Nathaniel will be
reflecting on this
in his sermon for
today.

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* 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

DETROIT

"For - give our sins as we_ for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you a - lone can grant us_ grace to live the words we say.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 130

Scripture readings are from the Common English Bible.

A CONVERSATION with YOUNG DISCIPLES

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35-51

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

SERMON

Do Not Grumble Among Yourselves

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Love Bade Me Welcome* from *Five Mystical Songs*
Andrew Smith, Baritone
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin. But quick-eyed love,
Observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.
A guest, I answered, worthy to be here;
Love said, You shall be he. I the unkind, ungrateful?
Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord, but I have married them;
Let my shame go where it doth deserve.

Ways to give:
Cash/Check
Place in the offering plate or in the mail

Text-to-Give
Text the amount you would like to give to 855-904-1523

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And know you not, says Love,
Who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat;
So, I did sit and eat.

* 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

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.

During communion this morning, we will sing a traditional Jewish blessing sung before meals, which Jesus could have recited when he blessed the bread and wine at the Last Supper. The song, acknowledges God as the ruler of the universe, and thanks God for the blessing of food in the past, the present, and the coming, heavenly kingdom.

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 OF THE PEOPLE

All cups contain grape juice. Most stations are gluten free but contain eggs and milk. If you need an option that contains gluten but no other allergens, please come to the center station.

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together
Andrew Smith, Baritone

arr. Moses Hogan

Let us break bread together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees,
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us praise God together on our knees,
When I fall down on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

* HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet Tune in B flat

Michael McCabe



WELCOME

Welcome to First. We Are Glad You Are Here!

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.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian, join us for our **Fast Track to Membership** today at 11:00 am in Rev. Pentice-Hyers' Study located on the second floor. The next opportunity to join First Pres will be on September 15.

Prayer

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

Childcare

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. Children's Bibles and resources are available.

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 on the church campus in the north lot near the Sanctuary. The accessible spaces are marked. 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 or Stacey Pakela.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*
Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*
Kurt Boeve, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

David Hufford, *Organist*
Andrew Smith, *Baritone*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Carol Carter
Nancy Fox
Joe Schmidt
Angela Yang

GREETERS

Nikki and Bill Black

PRAYER PARTNER

Jeanette Kibler

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary Lee Breining Froelich by Susan Froelich and Rick Ingram.*

Yellow rosebuds on the Chancel celebrate the births of

*Jake Robert Buckner, born August 4. Jake is the son of Katie and Sammy Buckner
and the grandson of Merry Muilenberg; and*

*Natalie Grace Glanda, born July 25, to Hannah and Jareth Glanda. Natalie's grandparents are
Bruce and Carol Clyde.*

We livestream our worship services and provide online playback on demand. We also shoot videos and photos from time to time in the church (interior and exterior). By your presence, you grant First Presbyterian Church unrestricted rights to use and publish, transmit or telecast your image or likeness in communications related to the church. If you prefer to sit outside of camera range during the service, please speak with an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship with Blessing of the Backpacks & Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 25
9:30 am | Front Lawn

Join us for worship on the lawn on August 25! During worship we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks followed by an ice cream social. Bring a friend.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adults Dinner

Sunday, August 18
6:00 pm | Hopcat (311 Maynard St.)

Let's gather for dinner at Hopcat! The church will cover appetizers. Please contact Tommy Langejans, tlangejans@firstpresbyterian.org, if you plan to attend.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Artist Talk with Joan Jones

Sunday, August 18, 11:00 a.m.
Social Hall

Experience the captivating beauty of local artist Joan Jones' latest collection, "Tranquility through the Seasons." All art is for sale. To purchase a painting, contact Dave VanderMeer, dvandermeer@fpca2.org

Chancel Choir Retreat

Friday & Saturday, August 23 & 24
Monteith Hall

Chancel Choir is open to high-school through adults. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, dvandermeer@fpca2.org

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Norway

August 12-22

A small group of First Pres members will be traveling on pilgrimage to the Lofoton Islands in Norway. Please hold them in your prayers for their spiritual growth, safety, and witness to God's love to their fellow travelers. Rev. Rogers will accompany the group. The Parish Nurses are available for pastoral concerns, as are all the members of our pastoral and program staff.

MISSION

Cereal for Summer Drive

We invite you to bring boxes or bags of cereal throughout the month of August to support the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries' "Cereal for Summer" drive. Donations will be accepted at the Welcome Center.

Alpha House Host Week

August 26 - September 1

Help prepare meals or supply pantry items for our local mission partner, Alpha House, during our host week, August 26 - September 1. Alpha House provides shelter and support to at-risk families and families experiencing homelessness. You can help by preparing either a dinner entree, or two side dishes or come in after dinner from 6:45 to 8 p.m. to provide much-needed child care for the residents. If you are interested, please sign up on our website, firstpresbyterian.org. Items requested for the pantry are also found on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Knibbs at dbreckle@umich.edu or Gail Einhaus at gail.einhaus@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Yoga Returns!

September 10
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Tuesday evenings this Fall in the Lewis Room. Classes are led by Barbara Concannon and are free with a donation to the church. No registration required!

— FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

SUNDAYS

BEGINNING SEPT. 8

8:30_{AM}

Worship with Communion

Monteith Hall

Our earliest service is a quiet, contemplative service in the more intimate space of Monteith Hall. Communion is served weekly. *approx. 30 minutes*

9:30_{AM}

Worship

Sanctuary

This service is a traditional worship style with liturgy, scripture and sermon, choir, and congregational singing accompanied by the organ and other instruments. *approx. 60 minutes*

10:45_{AM}

Faith Formation for All Ages

Classrooms

First Pres values learning and spiritual growth and offers educational offerings for children, youth, and adults. *45 minutes*

11:30_{AM}

Worship

Monteith Hall

This service is designed to be participatory, creative, and intergenerational. All are welcome in this space and invited to move around, create, and respond in a variety of ways. *approx. 45 minutes*

Children are welcome at all of our worship services, and we offers age-appropriate resources for our youngest worshippers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available on Sunday mornings for children 5 years and younger.