



*Fly Wise* | Photography by Claudia and Anna Schneider

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

August 18, 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 *Lobe den Herren*  
Brent Ivey, Organ

Paul Manz

POURING OF THE WATER

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

In the company of all those gathered:

**Praise the Lord!**

When we're tired, a little grumpy, and out of sync,

**Praise the Lord!**

When we're full of joy, excitement, and anticipation,

**Praise the Lord!**

When our hearts are heavy, sorrowful, and in deep lament,

**Praise the Lord!**

With hope, with doubt, with trust, in faith,

**Praise the Lord—let us worship God!**

### \* HYMN 35

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all that matters,**

**Forgive us when we forget what matters to you.**

**Forgive us for the ways we take things into**

**our own hands, or turn toward others,**

**before looking toward you.**

**Forgive us when we only care about our self-interest,**

**rather than think about the wider world in which we live.**

**By your grace, forgive us, and bless what we might**

**become, by your faithfulness toward us,**

**and open us to embrace your calling in our lives....**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



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



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The cover photo was taken in a small town in the Michigan Upper Peninsula, called Escanaba. The bird made us think of wisdom because of the knowledge and perspective it has on the world, that it gained while it flew around.  
– Claudia & Anna Schneider, FPC Youth

## 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

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

Psalm 111

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.*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

The grass withers, the flower fades;

**The word of the Lord endures forever.**

### SERMON

## RESPONDING *and* SEALING

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Karl Velik comes forward for Baptism.

Do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Karl, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Jesus and to be a faithful member of Christ's church? Do we?

**We do!**

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;**

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he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

HYMN

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's— sign, with this  
2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed! Fresh from

wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.  
God re-fresh our spir-its; in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*The Call of Wisdom*  
Choral Ensemble

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy,  
Walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.  
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,  
Entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.  
I am here, I am with you, I have called: do you hear me?  
I am here, I am with you.

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,  
Jewels sparkle for a while, what you long for is not lasting.  
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?  
I am here, I am with you.

Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.  
Those who know me know my love;  
Those who seek me find their answer.  
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?  
I am here, I am with you.

God the Creator and the Son, Holy Spirit co-eternal.  
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages,  
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?  
I am here, I am with you.

\* 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

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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 755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* WEISSE FLAGGEN
- \* CHARGE and BENEDICTION
- \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Recessional* Edwin T. Childs



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Sue Wolff in remembrance of her birthday August 21, by her sister Margie Reynolds; and Susan Rose Reynolds by her family who will always miss and cherish her.*

*The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Emerson Kent Tamblyn, born July 29, 2024. Emerson is the son of Jameson and Lydia Tamblyn and the grandson of Pat and Diane Tamblyn.*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Lay Leadership:

Hadley Feyen (writer)

Levi Gehrke

Peggy Hodgson

Padgett Hoskins

Shanna Hoskins

Marlo Polikoff (writer)

Zane Yntema

**MUSICIANS**

Brent Ivey, *Guest Organist*

Choral Ensemble

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

**USHERS**

Joe Schmidt

Angela Yang

**GREETERS**

Heidi Dodson

Chris Larson

Dick Rigterink

Sue Rigterink

**PRAYER PARTNER**

Nancy Oliver

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# WELCOME

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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.

## 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.

Find recordings of our 9:30 a.m. worship service, Adult Faith Formation classes, concerts, and more. Become a subscriber and don't miss a thing! [youtube.com/@FPCA2](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCA2)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MUSIC & FINE ARTS

### Artist Talk with Joan Jones Today!

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](mailto:dvandermeer@fpca2.org)

### Chancel Choir Retreat

Friday & Saturday, August 23 & 24  
Monteith Hall

Chancel Choir is open to high-school youth through adults. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, [dvandermeer@fpca2.org](mailto:dvandermeer@fpca2.org)

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adults Dinner Tonight!

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](mailto:tlangejans@firstpresbyterian.org), if you plan to attend.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### Yoga Returns!

September 10  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Lewis Room

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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## 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. We will have a few chairs set up or you may bring a chair or blanket. Sign up to help set up chairs, [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## SMALL GROUPS

### **Small Group Study**

Sundays, beginning September 8  
7:00 pm | Off-site

The group meets this fall to study the book of Daniel, pray for each other, socialize, and eat yummy snacks. You may attend in person at Chris Wahl's house on the north side of Ann Arbor or over Zoom. All ages are welcome. For more information, please email Chris at [cgwahl@umich.edu](mailto:cgwahl@umich.edu).

### **Pilgrimage to Norway**

August 12–22

A small group of First Pres members are 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. You may drop off items at the Welcome Center during the week.

### **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](http://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](mailto:dbreckle@umich.edu) or Gail Einhaus at [gail.einhaus@gmail.com](mailto:gail.einhaus@gmail.com).

— FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

# SUNDAYS

BEGINNING SEPT. 8

**8:30**<sub>AM</sub>

## **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*

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**9:30**<sub>AM</sub>

## **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*

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**10:45**<sub>AM</sub>

## **Faith Formation for All Ages**

Classrooms

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

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**11:30**<sub>AM</sub>

## **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*

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