

ELEVETH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
August 4, 2024 • 9:30 AM

2024 MUSIC + FINE ARTS CAMP

MOSES + THE FREEDOM FANATICS



We're glad
you are here!
Let us know
you worshiped
with us today
by signing the
Friendship Pad.
If you are new
to First, please
leave us a way to
contact you to
give you a fuller
welcome in the
days ahead.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 28, 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 *A Drumming Share*

Jenny Hunt Hainen, Guest Drum Instructor
Music & Fine Arts Campers

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL to WORSHIP

This place for us is Holy Ground.

**The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord,
and repeat the stories of faith
that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.**

God called us here,

**in whispering winds and in burning flames,
and with God's presence
disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.**

Instead, God meets us in our vulnerability,
our humanity.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**God of mercy,
we confess that, like our ancestors,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.
Doubting your loving care,
we grab for more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes,
we shrink from the living as your followers.
Doubting your loving plan,
we become stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray....**

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

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

NETTLETON

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

Children are welcome at worship. We offers age-appropriate resources for our youngest worshipers to enjoy. If needed, childcare is available for children 5 years and younger.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:8-15

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

PROCLAMATION of the WORD

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics Hal H. Hopson
2024 Music and Fine Arts Campers

Chant of the Slaves

Listen, King Pharaoh, we want freedom!
We want freedom! We want freedom!
Listen, King Pharaoh, we want freedom!
We want freedom! We want freedom!
We want freedom!
Give it to us now!
We want freedom!
Give it to us now!
Freedom! Freedom!
We want freedom!

Moses and the Freedom Fanatics is a dynamic and engaging musical drama that brings to life the biblical story of Moses. The musical delves into themes of liberation, faith, and perseverance. The setting begins at Pharaoh's palace.

Slaves Lament

Waked up with a lash;
A dry piece of bread for breakfast;
Stumble to work;
Cursed by the bossman;
Work like a horse, and treated no better.
A head that aches, and a back that breaks;
And what a day that makes!

Mudpits, mudpits, yes, all we see are mudpits;
All day long from dawn till night;
Trampling, mixing, making bricks for Pharaoh.
Then at night we fall asleep and dream a dream of nothing else but
what we've done all day.

Mudpits, mudpits, yes, all we see are mudpits;
Ev'ry hour from morn till evening, all day long.

Endless toiling while Egypt's sun is boiling;
All day long from dawn till night;
Always dreary, always tired and weary.
Then at night we fall asleep and dream a dream of nothing else but
what we've done all day.

Endless toiling while Egypt's sun is boiling;
Ev'ry hour from morn till evening, all day long.

These Times Call for a Vision

These times call for a vision, these times call for a dream.
We must join our hearts together; we must find a way.

Look up high in the heaven, choose a bright shining star;
It will guide our unknown journey; it will lead us to our dream

The noonday sun will threaten, but all will be well.
A cloud will be above us.
Look up and sing.

These times call for a vision, these times call for a dream.
We must join our hearts together; we must find a way.

Look up high in the heaven, choose a bright shining star;
It will guide our unknown journey; it will lead us to our dream.
It will lead us to our dream.

Moses! Moses He's Our Man

Moses! Moses! He's our man!
If he can't do it, nobody can!

The narrative
of *Moses and
the Freedom
Fanatics* is rooted
in the well-known
biblical account
of Moses leading
the Israelites
out of Egyptian
bondage.

Come, Walk with Me
Stanzas 1 & 2, Solo (Moses);
Stanza 3, Trio (Moses, Aaron, & Miriam)

Come, walk with me; I cannot see the way ahead.
Come walk with me; I'm scared and sick with doubt.

When I must speak I stutter and stammer,
then I just end up in a fainting mutter.

Who am I for God to call on me to set us free?

Please come and walk with me.
I cannot see the way ahead.
Come walk with me. I cannot see.
Come, walk...come, walk with me.

If all my confidence somehow could be measured,
I know it would be one big zero.

Who am I for God to call on me to set us free?
Please come and walk with me.
I cannot see the way ahead.
Come walk with me. I cannot see.
Come, walk...come, walk with me.

We'll see the day.
Together we will find a way.
We'll see the day, the day when all are free.
This very night we'll say to Ole King Pharaoh without one bit of
hesitation,
In the name of God the Lord, let our people go.
And soon we'll see the day.
Together we will find a way.
We'll see the day; we'll find a way.
We'll see the day when all are free.

Freedom Fanatics

Freedom's call is sounding all around.
Happiness for us will soon be found.
Freedom is the word; let it be heard.
Faith must be strong; sing loud our song.

For we are Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom, yes,
Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom.

We are revolutionaries understand.
We'll storm the palace of the King of Egypt-land.
We'll use our might; with Pharaoh's armies we'll fight.
The freedom march begins tonight.

For we are Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom, yes,
Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom.

Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933) is a distinguished American composer and arranger renowned for his contributions to choral and sacred music. He has over 3000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music.

This year's collaborative artwork expands on the musical by illustrating more of the Moses story. The first two canvases depict the Egyptian setting and the plague of frogs, while the next two show the Passover and the parting of the Sea, which aren't in the musical. These additional scenes are intended as lasting teaching tools. I hope you enjoy these paintings as much as I enjoyed creating them with your kids. A heartfelt thank you to First Pres for your warm hospitality; you feel like a second home to me, and I praise your support for art and artists.

Joel Schoon-Tanis
Artist-in-Residence

Pharaoh, give ear, for we have nothing to fear.
'Cause you're number two, and you'll soon get what you're due.
Yes, you will! Yes, you will! Yes, you will!

For we are Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom, yes,
Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom.

God the Lord will be our constant strength and guide.
We'll march between the waters to the other side.
Hold your heads high, for milk and honey are nigh.
We shout our song up to the sky.

For we are Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom, yes,
Freedom Fanatics, Fanatics for Freedom.

Shout it out clear, for all of Egypt to hear.
'Cause you'll look around, and find we're not to be found.
Yes, you will! Yes, you will! Yes, you will!
Yeah!

Dance of the Frogs

Come do the dance of the frogs; pulsing, dancing frogs;
Gracefully hopping, jumping, and flopping.
Come do the dance of the frogs.

O to see Pharaoh right now, stroking and beating his brow;
Frogs in his bed, a long night's ahead.
Come do the dance of the frogs.

Frogs are a most useful thing when our freedom they bring.
Yahweh is clever; what an endeavor!
Come do the dance of the frogs.

Song of the Insects

Lice, flies, fleas.
Lice, flies, fleas.
Lice, flies, fleas.
Lice and flies and fleas.
We rejoice in the glory of the insect, lice, flies, and fleas.
When they bug the King of Egypt, there is no creature more wonderful.

Lice, flies and fleas flying. O what a merry, merry sight!
Millions on millions in Egypt tonight.

Bugs are in the air. Bugs are in their hair.
They multiply, they refuse to die

Pharaoh's in a spin, patience running thin.
Bugs in his bed, dancing all 'round his head.

Lice, flies, fleas; lice, flies, fleas; lice, flies, fleas; lice, flies, fleas.

Sing Unto the Lord

Sing unto the Lord, O sing a joyful song.
Freedom comes at last to Israel.
Sing unto the Lord, O sing a joyful song.
Freedom comes at last to Israel.

Strike the harp, sound the cymbal; join the celebration.
Sing and dance; pipe and play.
God has found a way.

God has triumphed over Pharaoh.
We can march to freedom.
Sing and dance; pipe and play.
God has found a way

Dance and pipe and play; God has found a way.
Sing a joyful song to the Lord.

A Farewell Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
And give you peace and give you peace.

Freedom Marching Song

Free at last, we're marching to the Promised Land, free at last.
We're marching to the Promised Land, free at last.
We're marching to the Promised Land; Alleluia!

Pilgrims hold your banners high.
Lovely Canaan Land is nigh.
Yes, the freedom march is on; we are not alone.

Say "Goodbye" to Egypt Land.
Milk and honey are at hand.
Shout your song so all may hear; pilgrims have no fear.

Free at last, we're marching to the Promised Land, free at last.
We're marching to the Promised Land, free at last.
We're marching to the Promised Land; Alleluia!

Free at last, we're marching to the Promised Land, free at last.
We're marching to the Promised Land, free at last.
We're marching to the Promised Land; Alleluia!
Shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom, shalom.

RESPONDING

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Freedom Fanatics Reprise

arr. David Hufford

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* 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 52 *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land* GO DOWN MOSES

* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *A Drumming Share*
Jenny Hunt Hainen, Guest Drum Instructor
Music & Fine Arts Campers

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Dr. Thomas M. Ford by his wife, Heidi Ford.*

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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.

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 in the Narthex.

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.

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Communion

Next Sunday, August 11, we will celebrate communion during the 9:30 am worship service.

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, Resident Minister
Rev. Tommy Langejans, Resident Minister
Rev. Mark Mares, Associate Pastor

MUSICIANS

John Dorsey, *Percussion*
David Hufford, *Organist, Collaborative Pianist*
Diane Knibbs, Sandra McDonald, Randall Nicholls,
David VanderMeer, *Handbells*
Gregg Powell, *Electric Bass*
Jordan Smith, *Flute*

WELCOME CENTER

Sandy Herold

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS CAMP STAFF

Bob & Dory Anderson, *Welcome & Kitchen Coordinators*
Cyndy Colton & Nancy Oliver, *Hospitality*
Barb DeLancey, *Parish Nurse*
Jillian Hopper, *Choreographer*
David Hufford, *Organist, Collaborative Pianist*
Jenny Hunt Hainen, *Artist in Residence (instrumental)*
Mary Jones, *Costumes & Props*
Mark Mares, *Chaplain, Games*
Anna Miller, *Financial Manager*
Stacey Pakela, *Parish Nurse*
Esther Patrick, *Publicity, Communications Manager*
Heather Polikoff, *Storytelling Teacher, Children and Family Ministry Coordinator*
Shayla Powell, *Musical Director*
Linda Robinson, *Camp Organizer, Operations Manager*
Joel Schoon-Tanis, *Artist in Residence (visual)*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

CAST

Moses: Ahanna Ramade
Miriam: Carly Polikoff
Aaron: Levi Gehrke
Pharaoh: Ariya Ramade
Ben: Daniel Forger
Rachel: Jackie Vercler

Millie Heilman
Angus Hyers
Finlay Hyers
Elowen Mathews
Evan Meade
Marlo Polikoff
Zora Polikoff
Jackson Potter
Clare Tharp
Ali Vercler
Elizabeth Vercler
Charisma Wadlington
Neriah Wadlington
Bentley Wright

CHORUS

Daisy Anderson
Nate Anderson
Willa Anderson
Sam Bowles
Layah Byers
Gus Chaiken
Clementine Drew
Elizabeth Fedosov
Olivia Forger
Charlotte Gehrke
Quentin Gehrke
Hadia Ghulam Hussain

CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Robin Agnew
Martha Boeve
Cael Finnane
Anna Gehrke

VIDEO/SOUND

Bill Hall, *Videographer*
Rol Kibler, *Sound Tech*
Brent Ivey, *Sound Tech*

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Carol Carter
Joe Schmidt
Angela Yang

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Gary Oliver*
Anna Schneider
Ankie Schuitema*
Owen Smith
Paul Smith
Sid Smith*
Linda Speck
Gayle Stevens*
Sandy Talbott*
Jensen Wood

*TEAM LEADER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION

Cereal for Summer Drive

We invite you to bring boxes or bags of cereal next Sunday and throughout the month of August to support the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries' "Cereal for Summer" drive. Donations will be accepted during 9:30 am worship during the final hymn next Sunday, August 4, or you may drop off items at the Welcome Center during the week.

Alpha House Host Week

August 26 - September 1

Help prepare meals for our local mission partner, Alpha House, during our host week, August 26 - September 1. Alpha House provide 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. You only need to prepare food for 25 people, and dropping off the food is what they have requested. If you are interested, please sign up on our website, firstpresbyterian.org. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Knibbs at dbreckle@umich.edu.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Tranquility through the Seasons by Joan Jones

July - mid-September

Social Hall

Experience the captivating beauty of local artist Joan Jones' latest collection, "Tranquility through the Seasons," at our Open Doors Creative Arts Series art exhibit. Enjoy this opportunity to be inspired by Jones' evocative artworks on display July through mid-September in the Social Hall. To purchase a painting, contact Dave VanderMeer, dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org

WORSHIP

Jazz Vespers

Saturday, August 10

5:00 pm | Front Lawn

Jazz Vespers offers a moment to unwind and enjoy the beauty of music in a peaceful outdoor atmosphere. Bring a lawn chair and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us on the front lawn. A pizza party will follow.

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.

— 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 every Sunday. *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*

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