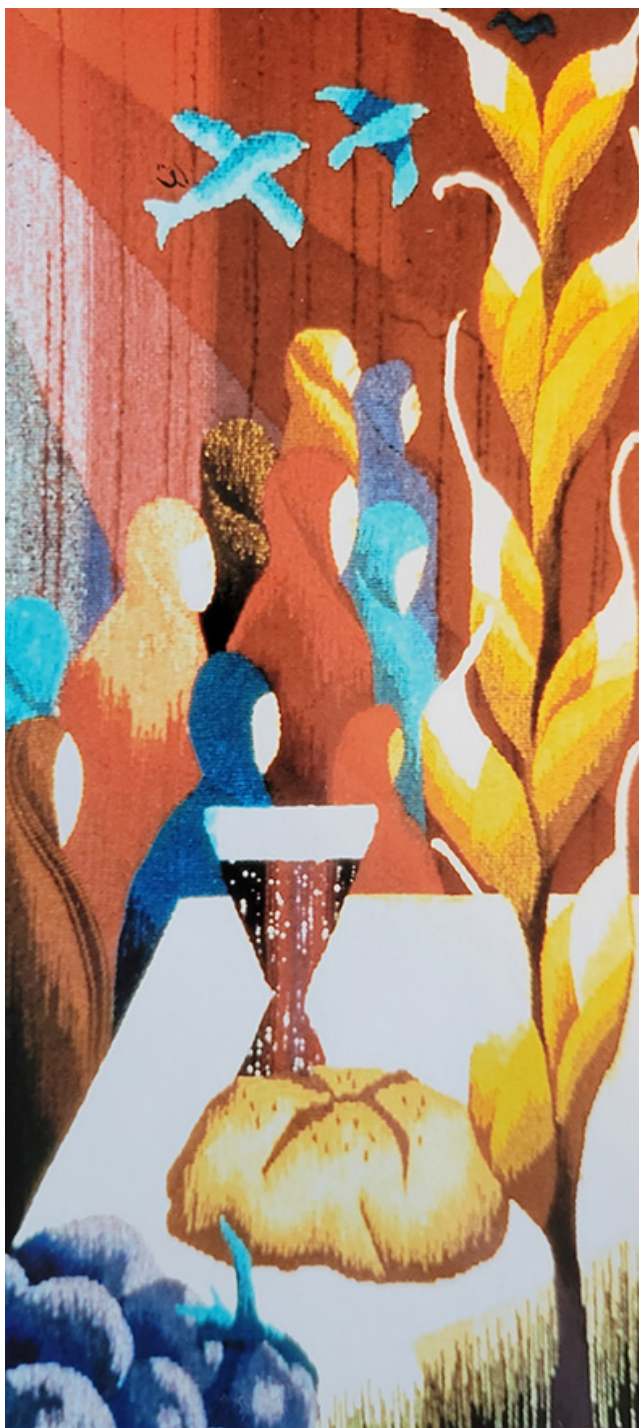


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 6, 2022 • 9:30 a.m.



Communion
Millie Danielson



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Please join in reading and singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Today is Scout Sunday.

We welcome members of BSA Troop 7 and their leaders to morning worship and recognize them for their roles of leadership in this service and beyond. Boy Scout Troop 7 was formed in March 1918 at the Ann Arbor YMCA. It moved briefly to the Methodist Church and in 1920 moved to First Presbyterian Church. Approximately 2100 scouts have been associated with Troop 7 over the last 104 years.

Today's Prayer of Confession was written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good." It is used with permission of the author.

Today's cover art is the third section of "Three Panel Triptych," a tapestry created by Millie Danielson, commissioned by a Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan. This third panel depicts the communion elements, bread and wine, and also the converts going out into the community to "spread the word."

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Allegretto, Sonata IV for Organ

Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

* HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day,
and offer the truth of our lives:**

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,

The doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will

Find courage in unlikely places,

See the world with new and gracious eyes,

Move to those places where love is needed,

Have faith that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus' name...

SILENT PRAYER

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

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

This is Stanza 2 of Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (AMAZING GRACE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1–8

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

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

SERMON

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. John Coates

Chancel Choir

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

This week's *Growing in God's Love Bible story*, "A Passover Meal" is found on page 272.

Use these offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love — and to consider your own response in loving service.

Ways to give:

click here:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>

or give via "Text-to-Give" (855-904-1523) ... use the Vanco Mobile app ... put a check in the mail ... or scan the QR code below.



During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance. As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

Please come forward to receive the elements and return to your seat before partaking. The wafers are gluten-free. Those who prefer not to come forward will be served in place.

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

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

Communion Music

Eat This Bread

p Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry. *f*
p Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst. *mf*

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
 Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

* HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

In the name of Jesus —

Let us Love...**with Open Hearts!**

Let us Learn...**with Open Minds!**

Let us Serve...**with Open Arms!**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *God of Grace* Paul Manz

Please remain seated until the conclusion of the Closing Voluntary.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

We are glad you are here! Please sign our Friendship Pad. If you are worshipping with us via YouTube, Facebook, or radio, please sign the pad on our website to let us know you are here or you may click here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2OFflvBmiZ1jQUGxeXcsAIDITp2WEYepSmnijQYMXbHHndA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>.

The 9:30 worship service is broadcast on WAAM 1600 at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders: Welcome – Hannah Lundberg; Liturgists – Mark Mares, Megan Berry, and Melissa Anne Rogers; Scripture Reader – Liam Phillips of Boy Scout Troop 7; Children’s Message – Jay Sanderford; Preacher – Melissa Anne Rogers; Musicians – Chancel Choir; Organist – David Hufford; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Ushers – Dick Carlisle (captain), Sheila and Keith Bilby, Carol Carter, Marty and Connie Swindle, and Joe Schmidt

Join us in welcoming members of Boy Scout Troop 7 and their leaders this morning. If you have questions about the scouting program, please contact Scott Strodtman at scott.strodtman@comcast.net.

Chancel flowers are given in honor of Millie Danielson's 99th birthday in celebration of her creative spirit, which inspires us all.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service. Prayer team volunteers are Diane Knibbs and Catherine Kendall. “Prayer is putting oneself under God's influence.” – Harry Emerson Fosdick

Join Rev. Rogers for a virtual Social Hour today immediately following the Closing Voluntary.

Our conversation prompt: When has God's grace helped you become stronger through challenge? As a congregation, what are some ways we've become a stronger and more faithful congregation through our hardships and challenges? Enter Social Hour today by clicking <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8225711636>.

There is no in-person Social Hour this Sunday.

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

The Bible at 11 o'clock (Zoom only) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86117387186>

All are welcome to join our study of Isaiah led by Rev. Ed Koster.

First Friends and Exploring the Faith (Zoom only at <https://emich.zoom.us/j/89149132347>) at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a video presentation and meaningful discussion.

In-person classes for Children and Youth are on pause due to Covid concerns. This includes Children's Choir. For information about other opportunities to connect for children, youth and families, contact Rev. Mares (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org), Minister of Youth & Families, or Beca Torres-Davenport, Coordinator of Children & Family Ministry (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org).

Youth Formation: All youth and their families are invited to use the "Faith Formation @ Home" resources in our weekly youth email. If you would like to subscribe to the youth email, or have any further questions, please contact Pastor Mark (mmares@firstpresbyterian.org). Since today is a Communion Sunday, there will not be any confirmation classes.

Twenties and Thirties Group: T2A2 Small Group meets tonight at 7:00 p.m., off-site and on Zoom to discuss *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. No need to have read ahead of time! For more information, please email hlundberg@firstpresbyterian.org. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81301199181?pwd=dUR4ZzNEeENNTU5yQ0YxTUJ1ck5LZz09>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Sanctuary Guild is Forming! The purpose of the Sanctuary Guild is to serve our church by maintaining the Sanctuary and Monteith Hall and preparing them for worship according to the liturgical seasons. Each Sunday, we need to be sure the pews are put together — with hymnals, paper in the friendship pad, prayer cards, and more! And the Narthex needs to be spruced, too! This is a job that can be shared by a small group. Serving on the Guild would mean you are willing to take a turn each month helping, but not be responsible every month. For this job, most of the prep work would occur on Friday afternoon, but on wedding weekends, it might be Saturday late afternoon, or even a bit early on a Sunday morning. Along the way, you will get to know others helping and enjoy the gift of fellowship. Interested? Contact Rev. Rogers, (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or Dave VanderMeer (dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

"Grief Conversations" takes place online each month. You are invited to join the conversation, led by Rev. Rogers. Mutually supporting one another, we learn about grief and share more about our experiences and struggles. The meeting is the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m., for one hour. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87990641051>.

Daytime Handbell Choir begins February 17! Have you ever wanted to ring handbells? Now is your chance. No experience needed. We will rehearse on Thursday afternoons, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m., in the Handbell Room. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music Fine Arts at dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org

March First Sundays – lunch sack packing happens March 6 (postponed from February 6)! Help the Faith Formation and Local Missions teams achieve their goal to pack 75 lunches for community members in need! Consider dropping off donations to First Pres on or before February 27 and then join in the packing fun on March 6. This easy 3-step process will help our community in need. Check out the First Pres website for a list of suggested items to purchase: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/event/first-sunday-event-now-march-6>

Our February donations and financial contributions support Community Action Network (CAN) and Washtenaw Community College Student Emergency Fund (WCC). Non-perishable food (for CAN) may be placed in the bin provided in the Social Hall on Sundays, Mondays–Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Financial gifts (for WCC) may be made by check or online. Donations will be coordinated by Youth Ministry.

Visit our current art exhibit "Finding Sanctuary during the Pandemic" by Christina Saj, a contemporary artist whose abstract paintings reveal a fascination with vivid color and rich pattern. "Finding Sanctuary" is displayed in the Social Hall and may also be visited virtually at the small gallery view (<https://matterport.com/discover/space/NXWFFViMnFvg>) or the main lobby view (<https://matterport.com/discover/space/f5TDiZsGqjZ>). The artwork is for sale for \$225 apiece. The Sacred Music Fund will receive 40% of all sales.

Mature Singles meet on Friday nights. Please call Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

The Men's Study Group meets on the first and third Friday mornings, 8:30–9:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. This winter we are reading *As Kingfishers Catch Fire: A Conversation on the Ways of God Formed by the Words of God* by Eugene Peterson. This collection of sermons is packed with insights and wisdom from a thoughtful pastor and preacher. All meetings are hybrid with both in-person gatherings as well as via Zoom. All men are welcome! Books are available in the Church Office for \$18.00. Questions? Contact Rev. Jay Sanderford, jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 340.

Journeys Bible Study is a women's group that meets via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We're studying Acts, incorporating art, poetry and music. This Fall, we reflected on the drama of Jesus' ascension story. We continue with the quick-moving spread from Jerusalem to the entire Roman Empire, the impassioned disciples' preaching about the gift of the Holy Spirit to ordinary people and God's authority holding power above the governing elite. A Resident Minister facilitates the discussion on a rotating basis. Contact Coordinator, Beth Gervig, at bgerwig@comcast.net for more information. The Zoom link is <https://02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

Expand Your Faith with Presbyterian Women. PW sends out timely information in email blasts so that all women of the church may stay connected. Contact Meg Brown (lmegbrown@gmail.com) to be added to the list. Join in Bible study this Thursday, February 10:

Women's Morning Horizons Bible Study: Murder, Politics, Survival

Thursday, February 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Curtis Room or Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155918470>)
Join us as Alice Holderby leads us through Bathsheba ... a hard-to-put-down, page-turner of a story.

"Evenings with Jenna" Bible Study

Thursday, February 10, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Curtis Room or Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84155918470>)
This friendly and informal group, led by Jenna Mares, is open to ALL ...women, men, members, visitors!
Discussion is varied and lively. Contact Jenna for more information at jenna.harms66@gmail.com.

The Prayer Team meets every Monday morning, 9:00–9:30 a.m., online. Would you like prayer for yourself or others? Use this form by Sunday evening: <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/prayer-request/>. If you would like to join this group, email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for information and the link. For those in worship today, to share a prayer request today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

Contact the Church Office if you would like to donate Chancel flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. There are available dates in upcoming weeks. Cost is \$75.

Greetings, College Students! We hope you will find a home away from home here at First Pres. Contact Rev. McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) to grab a cup of coffee or for more information. He would love to meet you, virtually or otherwise!

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is committed to being open and transparent in our search for a Lead Pastor. We meet weekly and can be reached at pnc2021@firstpresbyterian.org. Information about our search is available at: <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/about/staff-leadership/pastoral-transition-first-presbyterian>.

Fast-Track to Membership next Sunday, February 13! Interested in joining? We make it easy! On February 13, around 11:00 a.m., after worship and Social Hour, join us in the Lead Pastor's office (any usher can direct you) to meet with a pastor, and two Elders. It takes about 20 minutes, and we'll provide all the support you need afterwards. A new member class follows, offered multiple times per year, for those who feel moved to join. You can join as a full member (with the right of voice and vote in congregational meetings) or as an affiliate member (meaning your membership is lodged elsewhere). For more information, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 390).

Caring for our Healthcare Workers. During the month of February we will have posters in the Narthex, Lounge, and Welcome Center for all to sign. These posters will be delivered to the cardiovascular unit at UM Hospital to show our love and support to all of the healthcare workers. Please take a couple of minutes each Sunday to sign your name and show your love and support of these amazing caregivers.

**Retreat at the Grand Hotel is Coming!
May 13-15**

The sign up for the First Pres Retreat at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island is live on our website. We have 25 rooms available on a first come, first served basis. It's going to be a wonderful weekend to conclude our 195th year celebration! Contact Rev. Rogers if you have questions. Access the sign-up form here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45a4ac283-first>

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