

Journey's Bible Study meets every second and fourth Thursday. This year we are studying the book of Acts. We meet in-person in the Curtis Room and there is a Zoom link for all who desire to participate online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/295007173>.

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 today with the pastors or prayer team, please use a pew card or the friendship pad, or speak to a pastor after the service.

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>.



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 3, 2021 • 8:00 a.m.



Communion
Joel Schoon-Tanis



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Making God's Love Visible

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *I'd Rather Have Jesus* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,

**All: to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

One: This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.

All: We praise God's name! Amen!

* **HYMN 317** *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our behavior. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. In your mercy, forgive us...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Mature Ministries presents Lunch and Learn with Ken Fischer, on October 14. We will begin at noon with a box lunch eaten outside (either on the Terrace or under the Canopy on the Hill Street Lawn). At 1:00 p.m., all are then invited into the Sanctuary, where Ken will be interviewed by First Pres member and longtime member of the UMS Choral Union Marilyn Meeker. This will be followed by a Q&A session, and a book-signing. RSVP to the Church Office to order your lunch.

Christian Meditation meets in-person on Saturday, October 16, at 8:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall. The purpose of the meditation is to quiet our hearts and minds in God's presence in a time of silence and to listen as God speaks to us through a text read from the Scriptures. We meet on the first and third Saturdays each month in Monteith. There is no preparation necessary other than bringing a notebook or a journal to write in. All are invited. Christian Meditation will be offered the first and third Saturdays of the month.

"How the World Has Changed: Cannabis," a bonus Mature Ministries online meeting, is October 21, at Noon. Mark Osbeck, who teaches in the UM Law School's Legal Practice Program and is a leading authority on marijuana law, is our speaker. Contact Rev. Rogers for the Zoom link.

Tell Me More About This Church! Are you a prospective member, regular attender, frequent guest, or someone new who really wants to know more? Join us Sunday, October 24, at 4:30 p.m., at the Session Room (3685 Jackson Road) for a cool beverage, snacks, and good conversation on the patio. We'll answer any questions you have and surely hear a few we didn't expect! It's a lively hour together for all ages. Contact Rev. Rogers so we know to look for you! (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 734-355-2351)

All-Church Bonfire is October 24! Families, members, couples, students, youth, kiddos — ALL are welcome for S'mores! Meet at White Oaks Farm, 6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter, 6:00–7:00 p.m. Everything will be provided. Come enjoy a nice fall evening with fire, marshmallows, chocolate, and more. There is ample parking. RSVP to the Church Office or to Rev. Rogers so we know to plan for you!

Yale Whiffenpoofs Concert is Wednesday, October 27, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at <https://www.whiffenpoofs.com/ann-arbor> or at the door.

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 fall, we will read *The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to His Most Perplexing Teachings* by Amy Jill Levine. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information at jsanderford@firstpresbyterian.org or (734) 662-4466, ext. 340.

RESPONDING AND SEALING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *God's Got the Whole World* Mark A. Miller
Chancel Choir Section Leaders
God's got the whole world in God's hands.
God has you and me in those hands.
God's got the whole world in God's hands.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please see the Communion Card.

Communion Music *Come Share the Lord* arr. Fred Bock

SENDING

* **HYMN** *Peace by Piece* CWM RHONNDA
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 5. The hymn is found on the back of your Communion Card.

* 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 *Holy Manna* arr. Paul A Tate

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Confession** are adapted from PCUSA Special Offerings, Peace & Global Witness & World Communion Sunday publications.

Worship Leaders: Liturgist – Megan Berry; Faith in Action – Bruce Clyde; Scripture Reader – Cheryl Gulbranson; Preacher – Lal Rodawla; Musicians – Chancel Choir Section Leaders; Pianist – Eric Banitt; Conductor – Dave VanderMeer; Usher – Jean Song; Communion Servers – Jean Song and Felicity Williams

Rev. Lal Rodawla is currently serving Providence Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC, a 254-year-old congregation with over 750 members, as the Associate Pastor for Congregational Life. Lal spent two fruitful years from 2013–2015 as a Resident Minister in Ann Arbor alongside Kristin Riegel and Lindsay Conrad Jacaruso. He is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Program at Duke Divinity School where one focus of his study is the causes of isolation among people of different generations. Lal says that “my residency at First Pres not only gave me experiences in different areas of ministry but it also helped me thrive in the learning environment with my two peers, Kristin and Lindsay. Mentors like Jay and Melissa Anne gave me confidence in connecting with people of different generations and working in both small and large congregations. The highlights during my time at First Pres include my interactions with church members at Glacier Hills, participating in Men’s Bible Study groups and mission trips to Russia and Nicaragua.” Welcome back, Lal!

Use the offertory moments to savor your gratitude for the abundance of God's love and to consider your own response in loving service. As you consider making your offering, remember that the church's regular expenses continue in these difficult times. And the community around us needs your financial support: your faithful giving is like the breath of life to mission programs we love, neighbors in need, members who are hurting. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Ways to give include online on our First Pres website, via “Text-to-Give” (855-904-1523), using our Vanco Mobile app, putting a check in the mail, or scanning the QR code on the right.



Join us for Coffee Hour on the Monteith Terrace following the Closing Voluntary.

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The art on the bulletin cover is by artist Joel Schoon-Tanis. An Artist Reception with Joel will take place on Friday, October 8, 6:30–8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Refreshments will be served on Monteith Terrace. Joel's books will be for sale at that time. Joel will also illustrate during worship on Sunday, October 10. All are welcome to attend. Please visit his Art Exhibit currently in the Social Hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION TODAY @ 11:00

Bible Study at 11:00 (Curtis Room)

Exploring the Faith (Chancel area of Sanctuary)

First Friends (Lewis Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our October Food Collection supports Food Gatherers. Non-perishable food and personal care items 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. –12:00 p.m. Financial gifts may be made by check or online.

Making God’s Love Visible, Peace by Piece. Henri Nouwen writes about stewardship in the Church, “We have a vision that is amazing and exciting. We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you: your energy, your prayers and your money, in this work which God has called us.” Please support the almost two centuries of “Making God’s Love Visible” at First Pres by filling out your pledge and opportunity to serve forms. Forms may be returned by mail or online at <https://www.firstpresbyterian.org/contribute/donate/stewardship-2022>. Thank you.

A Stephen Ministry-sponsored continuing education lecture, “Overcoming Clinical Depressions: The Future is Now, Your Help is Needed,” presented by Dr. John Greden, is tomorrow, Monday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. All are invited to attend. This presentation will be live-streamed on the First Pres Youtube page and available to watch later.

All are invited to our monthly Taizé Prayer Service this Tuesday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall.

Meals for the homeless are needed at Mercy House, located at 805 W. Huron Street, in Ann Arbor, is an oasis of hope for people experiencing homelessness, providing meals, showers, clothing and personal care items. We are looking for individuals who could prepare and drop off a meal for 20 people on Mondays or Wednesdays, with a 5:45 p.m. drop-off at the house. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E44FAE22A2F49-mercy>.

Mature Ministries October 28 Trip — A Few Spots Remain! We’ll travel by bus to the Marshall Fredericks Sculpture Museum in Saginaw. Lunch will follow the museum visit at Zehnder’s in Frankenmuth. Depart at 8:00 a.m. from the church and return by 4:30 p.m. The price is \$50 and includes lunch and bus travel.

* 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

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah! _____

This is Hymn 591: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (HALLE, HALLE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:28–36

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13–21

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Two Different Dinner Parties