



"Stories and Circles" by Jan Richardson

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
(email preferred)
to give you a
fuller welcome in
the days ahead.

EIGHTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST

July 14, 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

arr. Brant Adams

Sacred Harp Medley on WARRENTON and BEACH SPRING

Tommy Langejans, Alto Saxophone

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL to WORSHIP

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
**for God has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in God's holy place?
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Such is the company of those who seek God,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
**O God, we seek your face!
Let us worship God with gladness.**

* HYMN 653 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries* MORNING SONG

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**O God of our salvation,
you send prophets in our midst
to correct us when we have gone astray,
to warn us away from the crooked path,
and to make clear the consequences of sin.
Too often, we want to stray,
we enjoy the crooked path,
and we do not care about the consequences.
So we twist the prophet's words
or listen only in part.
O God, grant us the humility
to hear in a prophet's correction
the honey tones of your salvation,
the harmonies of your steadfast love....**

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

BEECH SPRING

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 16:1-7

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

Luke 6:6-19

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

SERMON

Elementary and Youth Faith Formation classes have concluded for the 2023-24 program year. Children are invited to remain in worship. Children's Bibles may be found in the pew and children's resources can be found in the narthex.

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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firstpresbyterian/
contribute
Vanco Mobile App



RESPONDING

* HYMN 793 *O Christ, the Healer* ERHALT UNS, HERR

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Come to Me* Dan Forrest
Shayla Powell, Soprano and Judith Vander Weg, Cello

Come, Come to me, all you who labor,
Come to me, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,
And you will find rest for your souls.

Come, my child, learn my heart,
For I am gentle and lowly,
See how great my love for you,
That I have called you my child.

Come to me, all you who labor,
Come to me, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,
And you will find rest for your souls.
Come to me. Come.

* 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 440 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* ABERYSTWYTH

* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY David Bednall
Toccata on ABERYSTWYTH



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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.** The pads are located at the end of each pew. 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 class today at 11:00 am in the Pastor's Study.

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, 9:15 to 11:00 am. Children are always welcome to stay with their families during worship. Children's Bibles may be found in the pew and children's resources can be found 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.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel.

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*
Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*
Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*
Jan Lardo, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

Shayla Powell, *Soprano*
Judith Vander Weg, *Cello*
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

USHERS

Nancy Fox
Holly Major
Joe Schmidt
Angela Yang

GREETERS

Sue and Dick Rigler

PRAYER PARTNER

Brad Taylor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWIDE YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Ann Arbor Art Fair Parking at First

July 18-20

Help our youth group raise funds by parking at our church during the Ann Arbor Art Fair! Your contribution will help fund youth group activities, including mission trips, community service projects, and educational programs.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 29 - August 2

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer filled with music and fine arts? This year's camp will include guest artists, Jenny Hainen teaching African drumming, bells and chimes, and whimsical artist and creativity expert Joel Schoon-Tanis.

Ages: Rising 2nd - 9th grade

Cost: \$75 per camper

Register: firstpresbyterian.org.

Family BBQ and Whiffle Ball Game

Sunday, July 21

6:00 pm | Meade Home

You're invited to join us for a fun-filled day of food, games, and laughter at the Meade family home! Mark your calendars for July 21st and come ready to enjoy a delicious BBQ and some friendly competition with a whiffle ball game. Let us know you're coming by registering online at firstpresbyterian.org. We can't wait to see you there.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Grief Conversations

3rd Monday of the month

12:00 pm | Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88164422941>

Our Grief and Loss Support Group called "Grief Conversations" meets online every third Monday at noon. You are invited to join the conversation led by Rev. Rogers. Mutually supporting one another, we learn about grief and share about our experiences and struggles.

MISSION

Fair Trade Coffee

Take home the taste of fair trade coffee available for purchase all week at the Welcome Center. Enjoy the rich flavors of responsibly sourced beans while supporting sustainable farming communities.

July School Supplies Collection

Donate to our School Supplies Drive in July supporting Ozone House! As we prepare for the new school year, many students in our community may lack the necessary tools to succeed. Together, we can make a significant impact by ensuring every student has access to essential supplies. We invite you to participate in our School Supplies Drive by donating new items such as:

- Backpacks
- Notebooks and paper
- Pens, pencils, and markers
- Binders and folders
- Art supplies

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.

WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship

Sunday, July 28

9:30 am | Front Lawn

You're invited to join us for a special outdoor worship service at First Presbyterian on July 28th at 9:30 AM. Embrace the beauty of nature as we gather to worship together on the front lawn. The service will be recorded and available on our YouTube channel.

YOUNG ADULTS

Walk the Trail

Friday, July 19

7:00 pm | Nichols Arboretum

Next Friday at 7pm, all young adults are invited to meet at Nichols Arboretum to walk the trail! We'll gather at the Nichols Drive entrance to the north, which will have free parking. We'll walk to the peony garden, do the southern part, and either do the prairie area, or loop back. The whole trail with the peony garden will take a little over an hour to complete over 3.5 miles.

Let Rev. Tommy Langejans, tlangejans@firstpresbyterian.org, know your coming.



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