



FIRST
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FOURTH SUNDAY *after* PENTECOST
June 16, 2024 • 9:30 AM



Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. As a church, we are committed to the ongoing work of dismantling systems of oppression and promoting equality, justice, and unity.

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* Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Oh, Freedom* Adolphus Hailstork

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

FAITH in ACTION

* CALL to WORSHIP

Celebration rises, up from the deep places,
finding voice in the light and air no longer denied.

**Lift every voice and sing, sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.**

Celebration rises, not blind to the suffering, not blind to the sorrow.
Celebration comes at a cost.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed.**

Celebration rises, remembering the way we have come,
the paths taken that have brought us here now to this place and time
of celebration. Celebration rises, up and up, full of remembering.
Let us worship God!

* HYMN 339 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through
Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human
family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us; unites us in bonds of love;
and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish
your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people
and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly
throne....**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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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

Paul M. Vasile



Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me, and to the
World with - out end, _____ with - out end, A - men. World with - out



Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me, and to the
end, _____ with - out end, A - men. World with - out



Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
end, _____ with - out end, A - men. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is



now and ev - er shall be. A - men.
now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 20

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

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

(11-13), 14-17

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING *and* SEALING

* HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

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.

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Hailstork (b. 1941),
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American
composer,
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tapestries of
sound, blending
classical
traditions
with African
American musical
influences. His
works, celebrated
for their
emotive depth
and cultural
resonance, stand
as testaments to
his mastery of the
orchestral palette.

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OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Walk Together Children* arr. Moses Hogan
David Magumba, soloist

Oh, walk together children, don't get weary,
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land.
Gonna walk and never tire,
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

Oh, walk together children, don't get weary,
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land.
Gonna sing and never tire,
There's a great camp meeting in the promised land.

* 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.

* 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 741 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

* CHARGE and BENECTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Adolphus Hailstork
Toccata on "Great Day"

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*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of their beloved daughter, Patricia Anne Swartz,
by her parents Jeanette and Barry Swartz*

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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.

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. Today's prayer partner is Brad Taylor.

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*
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Nancy Fox
Joe Schmidt
Barbara Mueller, *Welcome Center*

MUSICIANS

David Magumba, *Tenor*
David Hufford, *Organist*

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Embrace the spirit of service this summer by exploring our church's array of volunteer opportunities. To sign up, visit firstpresbyterian.org

Nursery Volunteers

Our church nursery is calling for dedicated volunteers to join our team! We believe every child deserves a warm and a nurturing environment, and that's where you come in! To sign up or for more information, please contact Heather Polikoff, hpolikoff@firstpresbyterian.org.

Greeters

Help First Pres be the warmest and most welcoming place we can be! Greet members and guests as they come to worship at 9:30 am. All you need is a warm smile and a hearty hello! Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org

Sanctuary Guild

Join the Sanctuary Guild! These are our angels who help prepare the sanctuary pews for Sunday worship — which is done on Thursdays for an hour. Instructions provided.

Ushers

Ushers are needed for 9:30 worship services (training provided). Email Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, if you'd like more information.

Social Hour Helpers

Cookie bakers and Social Hour helpers are needed. Sign up online at firstpresbyterian.org.

Chancel Flowers

There are openings for Chancel Flower donations in July and August. Cost is \$75. After worship on Sundays the flowers are rearranged into bouquets and taken by our Deacons to church members and friends who are celebrating a special occasion or experiencing illness or grief. Sign up online or by calling the church office and speaking with Pat Gilbreath.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCHWIDE

Church Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Deacon, and Nominating Committee for 2025. Nominees must be active members and have made a financial commitment. Submit your suggestions online at firstpresbyterian.org.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Family Barbecue

Sunday, June 30
11 AM | Front Lawn

It's barbecue season! Families of all shapes and sizes are invited for some summer fun. Enjoy delicious barbecue, games, and fellowship with other First Pres families.

Family Mission Projects

Our next Family Mission Project on July 13 will be in community partner, Alpha House. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to work side by side, making a positive impact. For more information, contact Heather Polikoff, hpolikoff@firstpresbyterian.org.

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 (scholarships available)

Register: firstpresbyterian.org.

MATURE MINISTRIES

First Pres Goes to the Dogs!

Tuesday, June 18
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

First Pres heads to Oakland County to visit Leader Dogs for the Blind and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. A catered lunch will be provided and served at the farm. The cost is \$75 per person. Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org

MISSION

School Supplies for Philippines

June 28-29
9 AM - 4 PM | Elmwood Drive

Are you able to sort donated school supplies and help pack them in boxes for their journey to the Philippines? Mark your calendar for any time you can give 9 AM to 4 PM on Friday and/or Saturday, June 28-29, at the Rezmierski residence (1050 Elmwood Dr.) Contact Ginny Rezmierski for more details, ver@umich.edu.

June Food Collection

Bring boxes or bags of cereal throughout the month of June to support the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Ministries' "Cereal for Summer" drive. Donations may be dropped off at the Welcome Center.

Service of Remembrance

Saturday, June 29
6:30 PM | Aidan's Episcopal/Northside Presbyterian Church

You are invited to attend a service of remembrance for victims of gun violence in Washtenaw County plus a call to action on Saturday, June 29, 6:30 PM at St. Aidan's Episcopal/Northside Presbyterian Church, 1679 Broadway. For more information, please see members of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force during Social Hour or contact Carol Fletcher, cefletch@umich.edu.

Fair Trade Coffee

Take home the taste of ethical sourcing with our 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.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Choir Retreat


August 23-24


The Chancel Choir is on summer recess until late August. If you are interested in singing with the choir, join us on Friday and Saturday, August 23 and 24, for the Annual Choir Retreat. Contact Dave VanderMeer for more information, dvandermeer@fpca2.org



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