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June 23, 2024 • 9:30 AM



"David and Goliath" by John August Swanson

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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

Foundation, Westminster Abbey

*Improvisation on “How Firm A Foundation” and  
“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”*

Carol Muehlig, Guest Organist

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

\* CALL to WORSHIP

In laughter, in surprise, in silliness,  
**you are there, Lord.**

Through the unexpected and the unusual,  
**your work is fulfilled, and your love glows.**

We come to you from lives full of unpredictability, which plunges us  
into delight, distress, and disorientation at a moment’s notice.

**Unite us today by your loving presence, which remains amidst all  
of life’s twists and turns.**

Catch us off-guard with heavenly joy today, Lord.

**Shock us with the depths of your mercy.**

\* HYMN 612

*We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you provide for us in ways that the world does not.  
You call for love that is stronger and more inclusive than what  
our world currently gives. Forgive us, Lord, when our reach is too  
short, and we fail to love as far as you call us to. Forgive us when  
we prioritize power, or money, or prestige over our fellow image-  
bearers. Shake us out of our selfishness, Lord. May we be guided  
not by our whims, or a fear of what we’ll lose, but by your eternal  
love, and a hope of what others might gain because of it...**

SILENT PRAYER

KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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.

Today we  
welcome guest  
organist Carol  
Muehlig. Carol  
is the former  
organist of  
First Pres and  
a graduate of  
the University of  
Michigan School  
of Music. She  
served for 30  
years as associate  
organist/  
choirmaster  
and director of  
handbell choirs  
at Zion Lutheran  
Church in Ann  
Arbor.

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

BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ’s service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

PROCLAIMING *the* WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 59

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

1 Samuel 17:55-18:16

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

SERMON

RESPONDING

\* HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Prayer*

Lloyd Pfautsch

Heidi Hess-Willis and Benton DeGroot

Have mercy upon us.  
Have mercy upon our efforts that we before Thee,  
In love and in faith, righteousness and humility,  
May follow Thee, with self-denial, steadfastness, and courage,  
And meet Thee in the silence.  
Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,

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.

Lloyd A. Pfautsch (1921-2003) was a distinguished American choral conductor and composer known for his profound influence on choral music education and repertoire. His compositions are celebrated for their lyrical beauty and meticulous craftsmanship, enriching the choral landscape with timeless works.

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A humble heart that we may hear Thee,  
A heart of love that we may serve Thee,  
A heart of faith that we may live Thee.  
Thou whom I do not know but whose I am.  
Thou whom I do not comprehend  
but who has dedicated me to my fate.

\* 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 432

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

REPTON

\* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Crown Imperial*

William Walton



*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of her husband Hugh C. Higley Jr. by Marge Higley.*

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# WELCOME

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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.

## **Fast Track**

Interested in becoming a member of First Pres? Join us this morning at 11:00 am in the Pastor's Study for our Fast Track to Membership class.

## **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 Marolin Bellefleur.

## **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.**

Find recordings of our 9:30 a.m. worship service, Adult Faith Formation classes, concerts, and more. Become a subscriber and don't miss a thing! [youtube.com/@FPCA2](https://www.youtube.com/@FPCA2)

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

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### **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*  
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*  
Leslie Menzies, *Lay Reader*

### **MUSICIANS**

Heidi Hess-Willis, *alto*  
Benton DeGroot, *baritone*  
Carol Muehlig, *guest organist*

### **USHERS**

Nancy Fox  
Joe Schmidt

### **GREETERS**

Paul Schudel  
Mary Schudel  
Sandy Herold, *Welcome Center*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHURCHWIDE

### Church Officer Nominations

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Deacon and Nominating Committee for 2025. Nominees must be active members and have made a financial commitment. Submit your suggestions online at [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org).

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Family Barbecue

Sunday, June 30  
11 AM | Front Lawn

Join us for a laid-back BBQ on the church lawn after service on June 30. We'll have burgers, hot dogs, and drinks ready for you, but we're counting on you to bring a dish to share. It'll be a great opportunity to hang out, play some lawn games, and enjoy each other's company.

RSVP and let us know what you'll be bringing. If you're up for grilling or can bring a grill, we'd love to hear from you too.

RSVP: [firstpresbyterian.org](http://firstpresbyterian.org)

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dvandermeer@fpca2.org)

# SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Embrace the spirit of service this summer by exploring our church's array of volunteer opportunities. To sign up, visit [firstpresbyterian.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.



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