



Praise by Liz Valente

Cover: Liz Valente Praise. from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Valente is a liturgical artist, wife and mother of 4 children; she has a master's degree in architecture and urbanism and is a professor of drawing for training architects at higher education levels.

The Call to Worship was written by Christine Sine, and posted on Godspace.com.

SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

May 12, 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. James Curnow

Fanfare Prelude on *O Worship the King* FPC Orchestra

POURING of the WATER

WELCOME and LIFE IN THE CHURCH

* CALL to WORSHIP

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new world has been offered to us —

a world in which justice does come for the poor, freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new community has been formed—

a community that loves and cares for all members, a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected, a place where all find a place of belonging.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, a new creation has begun—

all that was distorted is being restored, all that is corrupted is being renewed, all that was broken is being made whole.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God, God's new world has begun.

Let us worship God!

* HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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CALL to CONFESSION

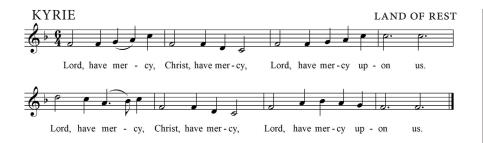
PRAYER of CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust, and the incongruity between our faith and our practice.

While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events.

Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever....

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

NETTLETON

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

PROCLAIMING the WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 47

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 24:44-53

The grass withers, the flower fades;

The word of the Lord endures forever.

SERMON

RESPONDING

* HYMN 662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies stanza 2 sung by the Chancel Choir setting by Healy Willan

RATISBON

Elementary-age children may attend Faith Formation classes on the Third Level following the Conversations with Young Disciples. Children are dismissed from their classrooms at the end of worship.

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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OFFERING of TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY O Clap Your Hands Ralph Vaughan Williams Chancel Choir, FPC Brass and Percussion

O clap your hands, all ye people;

Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible;

He is a great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sounds of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen,

God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* 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

 DUKE STREET

* CHARGE and BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY SIMPLE GIFTS arr. Marsha Chusmir Shapiro FPC Orchestra

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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.

Our Prayer Group meets Tuesday mornings from 9 - 9:30 a.m. on Zoom and all are welcome to come and pray, listen in, or bring your requests for us to pray for you and those you love. The link is on the church calendar. It's a meditative time led by Rev. Rogers.

Childcare

Childcare is available for ages 5 and younger on the First Level, 9:00 am to noon. 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.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

This week provides a time for mental health advocates across the country to come together as one unified voice to decrease the stigma surrounding mental health and illness, to increase visibility of treatment options and to support those who deal with mental health concerns.

What can you do in support of this important issue that is faced by so many of God's people?

- Visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) website, nami.org.
- Visit the PC(USA) Mental Health Ministry page, https://shorturl.at/rDGI1

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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David Prentice-Hyers, Lead Pastor Tommy Langejans, Resident Minister Mark Mares, Associate Pastor Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor Zora Polikoff, Lay Reader

MUSICIANS

Chancel Choir FPC Orchestra

FPC Brass and Percussion

Trumpet: Eriko Fujita, Tex Bonasera, Eric Molina Pereira *Trombone:* Kenneth Kroesche, Elijah Emmons, Greg Lanzi

Tuba: David Zerkel Timpani: Cary Kocher Percussion: John Dorsey

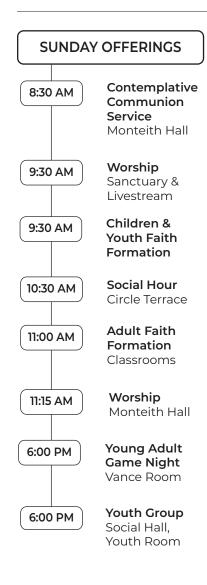
Michael Haithcock, FPC Orchestra Conductor Gregg Emerson Powell, FPC Orchestra Coordinator

David Hufford, Organist

David VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts

USHERS

Cyndy Colton
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Len Rezmierski
Joe Schmidt
Pat Tamblyn
Bruce Thomson
Angela Yang
Barbara Eichmuller, *Greeter*



CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Kindergarten & First Grade

9:30 am | Room 302

Children learn the Bible through a story-based curriculum. This week, they'll learn the story of "The Great Banquet."

Second & Third Grade

9:30 AM | Room 303

Fourth & Fifth Grade

9:30 am | Room 304

Our 2nd through 5th graders are studying our last unit of the program year, The Body of Christ. Our lesson this week is "You Are Part of the Body of Christ" based on Ephesians 4:1-16.

Middle School Youth (6th - 8th Grade)

9:30 am | Lower Level

Students use the same scripture passages used in worship to explore how they might speak to us in our lives today. There is art, games, and donuts.

EXPLORING THE FAITH

Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

11:00 AM | Lewis Room

Guest Speaker: Benjamin Kuipers, PhD

Benjamin Kuipers, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering at U of M and an expert in responsible AI, will speak about ethical considerations in developing and applying Artificial Intelligence. AI is rapidly becoming a part of education, medicine, and business. Please join us in exploring the social and ethical implications of this new technology.

FIRST FRIENDS

Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith Is Heaven Real?

11:00 AM | Curtis Room Host: Carole Pawloski

Jeanette and Barry Swartz will lead the discussion.

BIBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK

New Testament: Epistles of John

11:00 AM | French Room & Zoom

Host: Ed Koster

SUM MER

BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 26

8:30 AM WORSHIP Monteith Hall 9:30 AM WORSHIP Sanctuary

Nursery Hours: 9:15-11:00 AM

We look forward to seeing you this summer!



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 to the Nominating Committee by May 31, by scaning the QR code.

CARE & COMPASSION

Family Estrangement

Monday, May 13 7:00 PM| Monteith Hall

Speaker: Rose Rittinger, LLMSW

Navigating family conflict can be a challenge. Come learn a few of the reasons behind why family members become estranged and strategies for preventing estrangement.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music & Fine Arts Summer Camp

July 29 - August 2 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Get ready for an unforgettable week filled with music, art, and endless fun at our Music and Fine Arts Summer Camp!
Register: firstpresbyterian.org.

Honoring Graduates

Graduation time is here! If you or your family member will be graduating this spring, please let us know so that we may honor our grads. Submit the name and photo at *firstpresbyterian.org*.

MISSION

School Supplies for Philippines

Are you able to sort donated school supplies and help pack them in boxes for their journey to the Philippines? We need you at the end of June. Mark you calendar for any time you can give 9 AM to 4 PM on Friday, June 28, and/or Saturday, June 29, at the Rezmierski residence (1050 Elmwood Dr.)

Wear Orange Day to End Gun Violence

Sunday, June 2 11:00 AM | Lewis Room

Please join the Social Justice Action Group on June 2, at 11 AM in the Lewis Room to recognize "Wear Orange Day to End Gun Violence." Also hear a presentation by Margaret Leary from the League of Women Voters on the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact—future Michigan legislation that could impact the upcoming election.

Unity Bridge Walk

All are invited to the join the First Pres group that will participate in the Ann Arbor to Ypsi "Bridging 23" Unity Walk on June 8, 10 AM - 3 PM. There will be a 5 mile and a 1.5 mile walk this year. More info to follow soon!

MUSIC & FINE ARTS Open Doors Creative Arts Series: Art Exhibit by He Qi

The art exhibit featuring the breathtaking works of He Qi is now on display in the Social Hall. Renowned for his captivating blend of traditional Chinese art techniques with contemporary Christian themes, He Qi's creations are a mesmerizing fusion of culture, spirituality, and profound beauty.

WORSHIP

Ordination of Nathaniel Fryer

Sunday, May 19 3:00 PM | Sanctuary

The Presbytery of Detroit and First Presbyterian invite you to the ordination of Nathaniel Fryer as Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, May 19, at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Pub Theology: Tuesday, May 14, from 5:30-6:45 PM at Blue Tractor (downtown Ann Arbor). Discussion begins around 5:45.

Young Adult Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 19, from 11AM-12PM at the Panera Bread on Washtenaw Ave. (next to Barnes & Noble).

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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— 11 АМ - 12:30PM —

FOOD + GAMES + LIVE MUSIC

Slide into Summer on Sunday, June 9, at 11:00 AM for our annual all-church picnic featuring a delicious barbecue lunch, inflatables for kids and adults, and music by Y Town Hoolies Blue Grass Band on the Terrace. Please bring a lawn chair.

