



First  
Presbyterian  
Church *of Ann Arbor*



*Today's bulletin cover is intentionally left blank. It is meant to be a space for you to create your own artwork. We'll engage the story of Job, an individual who has lost everything. He laments and questions God, and God speaks to Job out of the whirlwind. As you worship this morning, there are writing tools near where you sit (or where you found the bulletin). Use them to craft your art piece... where is God speaking in our midst?*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20, 2024

8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



**8:30 AM WORSHIP** | OCTOBER 20, 2024  
CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION SERVICE

## Twenty-Second Sunday *after Pentecost*

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and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.*

### Welcome and Opening Sentences

We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, “Come, follow me!” But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

**We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God’s help.**

We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

**We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God’s help.**

We gather to live into God’s economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

**We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God’s abundance, and we can with God’s help.**

We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God’s abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

**With God’s help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen.**

### Centering and Prayer

#### PROCLAMATION

### Scripture Reading

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man; I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

**“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?**

**Tell me, if you have understanding.**

**Who determined its measurements—surely you know!**

**Or who stretched the line upon it?**

**On what were its bases sunk,**

**or who laid its cornerstone**

**when the morning stars sang together**

**and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?**

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’?”

**Who has put wisdom in the inward parts  
or given understanding to the mind?  
Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens  
when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?**

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in their covert?  
Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God  
and wander about for lack of food?

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Poem of Reflection

*Homeowners*

Paul Martin

Reflection

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table

Invitation  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Words of Institution  
Communion  
Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

### SENDING

Prayer of Sending

... Help us, Lord, to remember.  
To repent,  
To soften,  
To turn back to you.  
May we not waste away, crops lost to the storm  
May you have mercy on us, redeem us, and replant us  
After the whirlwind. Amen.

Closing Sentences

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
Bless the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**  
Go in peace.

*(Share a sign of peace with one another.)*

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 20, 2024

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### GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Passacaglia in C minor* Pachelbel/arr. Sandra Eithun  
Sanctus Ringers

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

\*Call to Worship

Beautiful are the works of God!

**Beautiful are the differences of all God's people!**

Beautiful is the mind of God!

**Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!**

Beautiful is the heart of God!

**Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!**

God made the heavens and the earth!

**To God be the glory for the things God has done,**

**let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 327

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways.

You look at the most wounded soul and see, still unstirred, beauty and love.

**We scan our neighbors, colleagues, teachers, and strangers, anxious to find their flaws.**

You see our lives in the context of all time, and yet, you make time for waiting, for yearning, for putting things in perspective.

**We demand instant results and look for tomorrow, or the next 'big thing,' before savoring today, or even this very moment.**

You know the depth of our brokenness, so you came among us, to bring us healing and wholeness.

**We deny your healing embrace, instead turning towards other ways to numb our pain.**

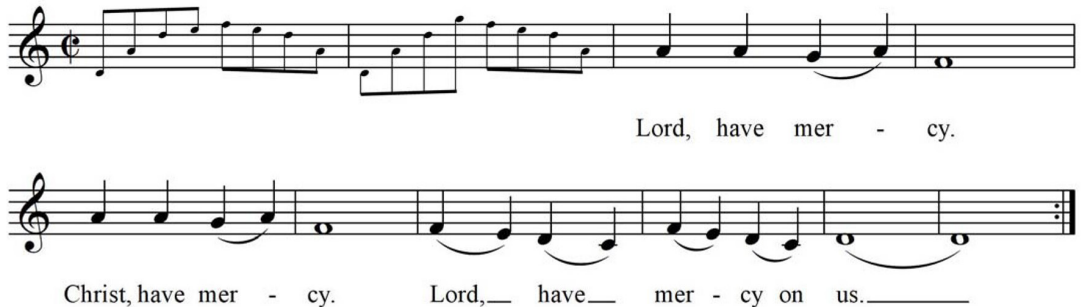
We pray God, longing for your liberation, longing for your grace, longing for your mercy.

**Forgive in us what has turned away from you and one another, draw near to our wounds, and bring us into wholeness.**

*(Continue to offer prayers in silence.)*

Kyrie

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response

LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise to the Lord, who is working a wondrous endeavor.  
There will be grace and abundance when we work together.  
Glory to God! Blessing and honor and laud be to Christ Jesus forever.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A Conversation with Young Disciples

*Please join in singing as the children come forward.*



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

**Children's Bible Presentation**

Receiving Bibles today are Quentin Case Gehrke and Noelle Elise Ruggeberg.

Are we willing to renew our baptismal promise?

**We renew our baptismal promise to children and their families to tell them of God's love for them, to help them know all that Christ teaches us, and to strengthen their family ties with the household of God, by our fellowship together.**

Please join in prayer.

... Blessed be your name, God of Love, for the ways you have shown us your love—in our lives, in the lives we encounter, and in the stories we claim.

Renew within us a commitment to your story of grace, mercy, and love. Through these stories and our study of them, may we trust your wisdom, and have courage, to seek justice and claim the story of hope, so that others might see the depth of your love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## Second Scripture Reading

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

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

## Sermon

### RESPONDING AND SEALING

## Sacrament of Baptism

Christopher Hayes and Megan Wolfe present their son Andrew Basil Hayes, born November 27, 2022, for baptism.

### \*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

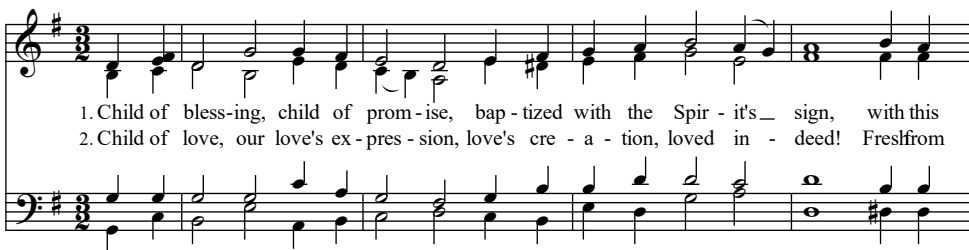
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

### Hymn

### *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM



1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir-it's\_ sign, with this  
2. Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre-a-tion, loved in-deed! Fresh from



wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.  
God. re-fresh our spir-its; in-to joy and laugh-ter lead.

## Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,  
Grace human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.

\*Doxology

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**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

\*Hymn 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Passing of the Peace

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## GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Pouring of the Water

Welcoming and Centering Prayer

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God, you hold the heavens in your hand;

Side A: **all stars rejoice in your glory. You come in the sunrise and the song of morning, and bless the splendor of the noonday.**

Side B: *We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.*

Leader: The stars in their courses magnify you;

Side B: *day and night tell of your glory. Your peace blows over the earth, and the breath of your mouth fills all space.*

Side A: *We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.*

Leader: Your voice comes in the thunder of the storm;

Side B: *the song of the wind whispers of your majesty.*

Side A: *You satisfy all things living with your abundance, and our hearts bow at your presence.*

All: *We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.*

Leader: Accept us, your children, God of Love, and hear our prayers in this place and always.

All: *Let us worship God.*

\*Opening Hymn 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creation's Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning favor with you or others. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us, Holy One. Remind us that the cup we are offered overflows with grace, that the waters of baptism cleanse and make us new, and that Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the One who calls us to service, standing by our side, as we seek to be faithful to your love and the calling you place on our lives.

*[silence is kept]*

Assurance of Grace



**\*Passing of the Peace**

As you pass the peace, share a moment in your life when you were awestruck.

**\*Hymn 582**

*Glory to God*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end, Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION**

Prayer for Illumination 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Scripture Reading *Job 38:1-7, 34-41*  
Holy Wisdom; **Holy Word.**

Sermon

**RESPONDING**

Bible Presentation

Responsive Activity

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**

**\*Sending Song of Response** (*see handout*)

*Wisdom and Grace*

Sandra McCracken

**\*Benediction**

...we go out in peace, **to love, to serve, to imagine.**

Closing Voluntary



**WEEKLY CHALLENGES**

1) Gift your bookmark to someone and write a note of encouragement. 2) Think about your favorite Bible story. Read it again. Think about a character not written in the story, but whom you imagine to be there. Re-write the story from their perspective. 3) Try reading a book in the Bible that you haven't read before. Need an idea? Ask one of the pastors for a recommendation!

# Leading in Worship

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Worship at 8:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am; Livestream at 9:30 am

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Quentin Gehrke, *Lay Reader*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Cece Musser, *Lay Reader*

## MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Sanctus Ringers

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer,

*Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

## USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*

Bill Austin,

*Head Usher Emeritus*

Callie Crawford

Ethan Crawford

Cindy Crawford

Tom Crawford

Beth Gerwig

Greta Krapohl

Holly Major

Aidan Majorprice

Chloe Majorprice

Mary Schudel

Paul Smith

Carol Smith

Sandy Talbott

Angela Yang

## GREETERS (9:30)

Nikki & Bill Black

Amy Lindauer

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Nancy Fox

Diane Knibbs

## WELCOME CENTER

Mary Schudel

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in recognition of the FPC community's steadfast love and support, by Simone and Brad Taylor.

# Today in Faith Formation

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## ADULTS

10:45AM

**EXPLORING THE BIBLE | FRENCH ROOM**

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

**EXPLORING THE FAITH | LEWIS ROOM (SECOND LEVEL)**

*How Should Christians Engage in American Politics?*

Hosts: Margie Reynolds and Diane Hockett

Speaker: Dr. Todd Cioffi, Calvin College

**FIRST FRIENDS | CURTIS ROOM (SECOND LEVEL)**

Video and discussion of *The Power of Kindness*, a TED talk by Orly Wahba.

Host: Carole Pawloski

## CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15AM-12:15PM

**AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | ROOM 101 (FIRST LEVEL)**

## CHILDREN

10:45-11:25AM

**AGES K-8TH GRADE | ROOM 300 (THIRD LEVEL)**

Lemon Chapel Singers

## COLLEGE STUDENTS - UKirk

1:00-2:15PM

Meet at church to walk to Sweetwaters for coffee and conversation.

## YOUTH

10:45-11:25AM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8) | LEMON CHAPEL (THIRD LEVEL)**

Lemon Chapel Singers

**HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12) | FAITH + CREATIVE ARTS | SANCTUARY (SECOND LEVEL)**

Today our high schoolers will be playing handbells with David VanderMeer. This class will meet in the Sanctuary.

4:00 to 6:00PM

**YOUTH GROUP | OFFSITE, THIS AFTERNOON**

All youth and their families are invited to join us for the All-church bonfire at the Smith family farm, 6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter.

# Announcements

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## **BLOOD DRIVE AT FIRST PRES**

First Pres will sponsor a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Monday, October 28, from 12:00-6:00PM, in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate online or in person in the Social Hall on October 20 and 27, immediately following the 9:30AM service.

## **ALL-CHURCH BONFIRE - TODAY!**

All are invited to a bonfire at the Smith family farm, 6641 Zeeb Road, Dexter, today, 4:00-6:00PM.

## **OPEN DOORS CREATIVE ARTS SERIES**

Creative individuals are invited to submit visual works on the theme of social change for a winter 2025 exhibition being developed for the FPC Open Doors Creative Arts Series. For further information, contact Dave VanderMeer (dvandermeer@fpca2.org) or Brad Taylor (bltaylor@umich.edu).

## **PUMPKIN EXTRAVAGANZA**

All children, youth, and families, are invited to join us for a pumpkin carving extravaganza on Sunday, October 27, from 4:00-6:00PM, in the Social Hall. Bring your own pumpkin and a snack to share. We'll provide carving tools, cider and donuts, and cleanup! All are welcome!

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

### **All Saints' Concert**

Sunday, November 3, at 3:00PM, in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present *Lux Aeterna* by Morton Lauridsen, *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* by Johannes Brahms, and *Organ Concerto in F Major* by Joseph Rhineberger.

### **Taizé Prayer Service**

Monday, November 4, at 7:00PM, in Monteith Hall (note the date change)

### **A Space for Personal Prayers**

Tuesday, November 5, 9 to 5PM, Monteith Hall is available for individuals who would like to pray.

### **Morning Prayer Service**

Wednesday, November 6, at 8:00AM, in Monteith Hall

## **2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

# Generations

## **Celebration Sunday Approaching!**

We are excited to remind you that Celebration Sunday for our 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign, "Generations," is just around the corner! On Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate our collective commitment to support the church's mission. Your participation is vital as we seek to build a vibrant future for our church and its ministries. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!



**PLEDGE ONLINE**