



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 8, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday *after Pentecost*

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 139:17–18

How weighty to me
are your thoughts, O God,
how vast is the sum of them.
If I should count them
they are more than the sand.
**When I awake
I am still with you.**

Silence

Be still and aware of God's presence
within and all around.

Prayer

O God who brought us
from the rest of last night
to the new light of this day,
bring us in the new light of this day
to the guiding light
of the eternal.
Lead us, O God,
on the journey of justice.
Renew us, O God,
**by the wellsprings of grace,
today, tonight and for ever.**
Guide us, O God,
on the pathways of peace.

-J. Phillip Newell

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."

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37

Reflection

Prayers for Shelter and Welcome

God, good beyond all that is good,
fair beyond all that is fair,
in you is calmness, peace, and concord.
Heal the dissensions that divide us from one
another and bring us back to a unity of love
bearing some likeness to your divine nature.

Communion of the People

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.**

Closing Prayer

On our hearts
and on our homes
the blessing of God.
In our comings and
in our going
the peace of God.

In our lives and in our seeking
the love of God.

At the end and new beginning
**the arms of God to welcome
and bring us home.**

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Marche Triomphale
First Pres Brass & Organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

*Call to Worship

Trust in the Lord,
who made heaven and earth;
trust in the Lord,
who loves every part of it.
Trust in the Lord,
who cares for those in need;
trust in the Lord,
who leads us to do the same.
Let us worship God,
who shows us the way.

*Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Call to Confession

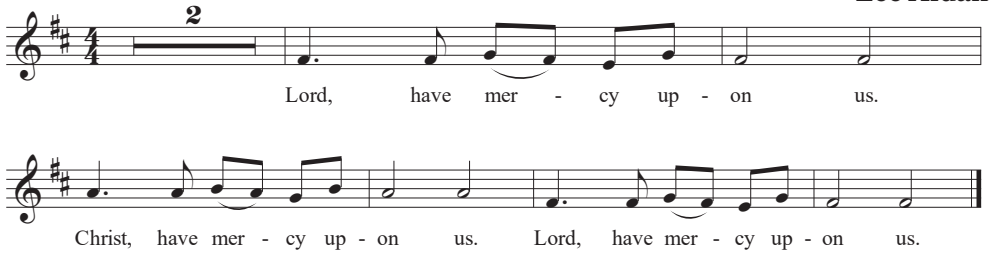
Prayer of Confession

You love us with open arms, O God.
Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice:
when we do not challenge the injustice around us;
when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share;
when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment;
when we contribute to the brokenness of the world
instead of helping to make it whole.
Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short.
Free us to try again,
and let your love lead the way....

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lee Afdahl



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

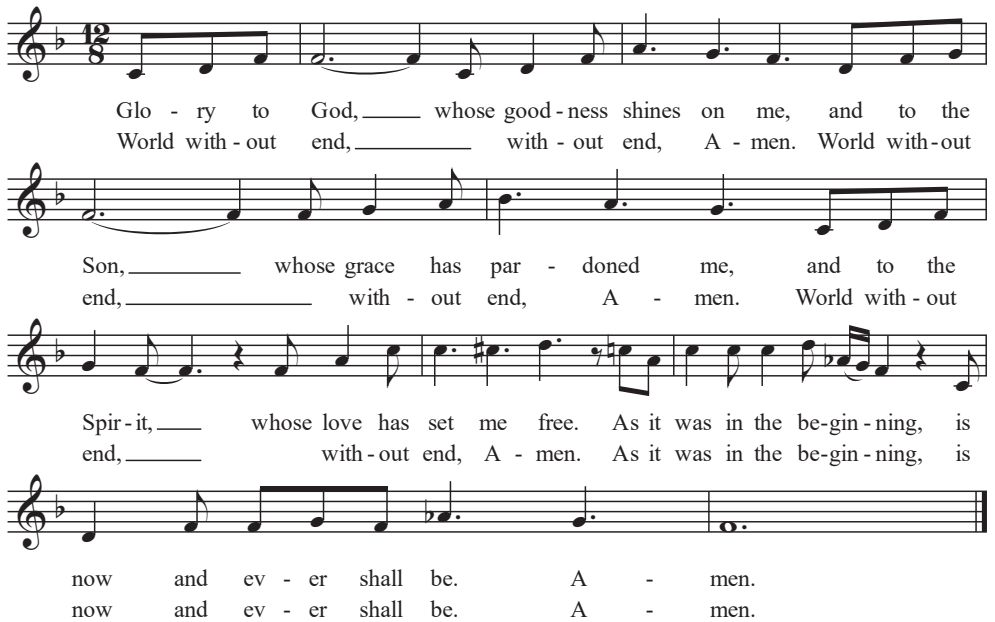
Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

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*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

Psalms 125

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples



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

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37

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

Sermon

RESPONDING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Chancel Choir, Brass, and Timpani

arr. Eric Nelson

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

Christ breaks the pow'r of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

Hear God, ye deaf! God's praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ!
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!

*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.**

Commissioning of Faith Formation Teachers

SENDING

*Hymn 733

We All Are One in Mission

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WALDVÖGELEIN

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Rigaudon
First Pres Brass and Organ

Andre Campra

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Welcome & Centering

*Call to Worship

Side A: Shout with joy to the Lord, who guards and protects the path before us!

Side B: Shout praises to the one who makes roads through rivers!

*Side A: Give thanks, for God reveals God's self to humanity through
miraculous deeds!*

Side B: God marks the path of life with signs of love, with precious presence.

Side A: May our worship be a testament to God's unfailing love.

Side B: May our praises be as confident and solid as a stone.

All: Let us worship the God of steadfast love!

*Opening Hymn 409

God Is Here!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of revelation, you show your love to us in more ways than we can realize. Yet, in the busyness of life, it's easy to forget you are there. It's easy to miss the ways you are working as we focus on getting our work done. Even in the hustle of our busy lives, help us find space to connect with you, Lord. Help us to seek you out, and reveal your presence to us when we need it the most. Guide us back to you, that no matter how hectic our lives become, we can find rest in you....

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace, you are invited to share an answer to this question: What's one sign of God's love you've experienced this summer?

Hymn 582

Glory to God

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 Readings

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Joshua 3:7-8, 14-4:9

Sermon

RESPONSE

Commissioning of Teachers

Blessing Cards

On the back of your blessing card, write a short “God is” statement. Keep this card as a sign of God’s unending love this year, and pull it out whenever you need a physical reminder of God’s work in you and in the world. Write a statement meaningful to you, or adapt one below:

God loves me.

God is a light shining in the darkness.

God forgives.

God created me in God’s image.

God brings justice.

God’s presence is always near.

God knows.

God’s kingdom is coming.

God is good.

God hears my praises and my pleas.

Jesus is risen.

The Holy Spirit is at work.

Prayer of the People

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 702

Christ Be Beside Me

*Benediction

...we go out in peace,

to love, to serve, to imagine.

Closing Voluntary



THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Start using your card! In good times, bad times, and even boring times, pull out your card whenever you need a reminder of who God is. You may consider repeating the phrase with each breath for a minute or two, praying over the card, or just sitting with it in silence for a few moments.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive and diverse faith community, led by the Holy Spirit, who welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come together to explore, nurture, and deepen their faith. Through worship, shared discussion, participation, and service, we aim to make God's love felt throughout our congregation, and community, and echoed throughout the world.

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. Sign it then pass it down to others. Interested in membership? Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 am service. Elders, Deacons, and Stephen Ministers are always there to assist those seeking prayer.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE

We love to have children in worship! Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes are for all ages and meet on Sundays at 10:45 am, September through May. To learn more about our classes, visit our website at firstpresbyterian.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Are you interested in singing or ringing handbells or playing an instrument in worship with one of our choirs? Rehearsals are September through May. Contact Dave VanderMeer, dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org, for more information.

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 near the Sanctuary. 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, bdelancy@firstpresbyterian.org, or Stacey Pakela, spakela@firstpresbyterian.org.

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Leading in Worship

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

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Olivia Forger, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

Trumpets: David Koch, Gordon Ward

Horn: Carrie Banfield-Taplin

Trombone: Kenneth Kroesche

Tuba: Joseph DeMarsh

Timpani: Cary Kocher

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

USHERS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Jim Cameron

Carol Carter

Spaulding Clark

Joe Schmidt

GREETERS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Barbara Dobson

Sara VanderVoort

PRAYER PARTNER

Beth Gerwig

COMMISSIONED TEACHERS

Ginny Bell

Becky Gaffney

Claire Gehrke

Sarah Glinka

Alice Holderby

Will & Macy Holmberg

Shana Horan

Ed Koster

Mark Lindley

Betsy McCallister

Brian Meade

Shayla Powell

Brian Schneidewind

Nicki Sorter

Sandy Talbott

Diane Tamblyn

Nancy VanderKuyl

Susan Whitlock

Adult Formation Teachers

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their beloved daughter Anne Christine Anderson by her parents Bob and Betty Anderson.

The rosebud is in honor of Charlotte Elaine Campbell, born August 15, 2024. Charlotte is the child of Emily and Patrick Campbell and grandchild of Karla Olson-Bellfi and Omer Bellfi.

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45 to 11:45 AM

EXPLORING THE FAITH | Lewis Room (Level 2)

Compassion and Faith: Awakening Compassion in Organizations

Host: Jane Dutton and speaker Monica Worline

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | French Room (Level 1)

Discussion of the Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

FIRST FRIENDS | Curtis Room (Level 2)

Video and discussion of *John: The Gospel of Light and Life: The Word Made Flesh*

Host: Carol Pawloski

FOLLOW ME | Room 102

Welcome Others as God Welcomes You

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | Room 101

CHILDREN

10:45 to 11:30 AM

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE | Room 302

Children in Worship: Listening to God

2ND & 3RD GRADE | Room 303

4TH & 5TH GRADE GRADE | Room 304

Follow Me: Welcome to God's World

YOUTH

10:45 to 11:30 AM

CONFIRMATION | Youth Room (Lower Level)

MIDDLE SCHOOL | Lower Level 4

HIGH SCHOOL | Lower Level 1

Follow Me: Welcoming Others

6:00 to 7:30 PM

YOUTH GROUP | Social Hall & Youth Room

All 6th through 12th graders are invited every Sunday for dinner, games, discussion, and tons of fun! We offer a supportive space where every teen feels valued and inspired to live out their faith in meaningful ways.

YOUNG ADULTS

7:00 to 9:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY | Chris Wahl's home & Zoom

Discussion of the book of Daniel. All ages welcome. For more information, email Chris, cgwahl@umich.edu

Announcements

COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Sunday, September 15 | 1:00 pm | Youth Room

Join us for lunch, conversation, and fellowship. We'll discuss upcoming events for the year.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Yoga Returns!

Tuesday, September 10 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Lewis Room

Classes led by Barbara Concannon are free. Donations are welcome. No registration required!

Knit Night

Friday, September 13 | 7:30 pm

Knit or crochet shawls and baby items as gifts for members. Prior knitting skill is not required. Contact Prue Heikkinen at prueannarbor@gmail.com or 734-709-2547.

MISSION

Food Rescue Volunteers Needed

The Feeding Our Neighbors program rescues the leftover food from U of M's home football games and gives it to those in need. Sign up to volunteer, firstpresbyterian.org

MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Open Doors Art Exhibit: Eden to Eternity: Molas from the San Blas Islands

September - December | Sundays 8:00 am - noon, Weekdays 9 am - 5 pm | Social Hall

Visit the exhibit of hand-stitched molas by the Cuna Indians of Panama's Caribbean coast. Each reverse appliqué panel tells a Bible story. On loan from Sandra Bowden's collection.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cyber Seminar: Cool Tech for Older Adults

Tuesday, September 10 | 10:30 am | Lewis Room

Suggested donation is \$10. Bring your laptop, iPad or smart phone. To register, contact Alli Spiller at Clear Computing at 734-480-8362 or alli@clearcomputing.net.

William Barclay Bible Study

Every Wednesday starting September 10 | 10:30 am | Vance Room

Join this personal, approachable, indepth study of the Book of Luke. For more information, contact Meg Brown, lmegbrown@gmail.com.

Horizons Bible Study: Let Justice Roll Down

Thursday, September 12 | 10:00 am | Curtis Room

After a cup of coffee and a chat, we'll begin the study at 10:30 am. Peggy Hodgson will lead lesson one on environmental justice.

YOUNG ADULTS

Game Night

Sunday, September 22 | 6pm-7:30 pm | Vance Room

Join us for games, pizza, and snacks. To receive emails about upcoming young adult events, email Tommy Langejans at tlangejans@fpca2.org.

WORSHIP

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 15 | 11:30 am worship | Circle Terrace

Bring your pets to worship next Sunday for the blessing of the animals at the 11:30 am service on the circle terrace.