

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Making God's Love Visible

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Lectionary Texts:

Isaiah 58:1–9a

Psalms 112:1–9

1 Corinthians 2:1–12

Matthew 5:13–20

The cover photograph

was taken of Kuulei Santos at the salt patches in Hanapepe on the island of Kauai. For many generations over hundreds of years, the Hawaiian people have harvested salt from the ocean in a process known as pa'akai, or "solidifying the sea." This salt is never sold but rather bartered or given away.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning Alfred Fedak

Orchestra

As the opening voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Ruhf (11:00)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 112:1-9)

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.**

One: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.

All: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

One: It is well with those who deal generously,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**All: They have distributed freely to the poor,
and their righteousness endures forever.**

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(inspired by Isaiah 58:1-12)

Gracious Lord,

We fast only to be seen.

We humble ourselves only to be noticed.

We quarrel and fight only to be heard.

We are trapped in self-righteous behavior.

Set us free to be truly righteous:

to loose the bonds of injustice, to clothe the naked,

to shelter the homeless, to care for the sick.

For if any one of us is oppressed, then none of us is free.

May your light dawn on us once more,

Illuminating the foundations of our faith

And the wellspring of our hope

Which we find in Christ Jesus,

the light and love of our lives. . .

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

KYRIE ELEISON



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

**If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.**

*This is Stanza 2 of Hymn 435, *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* (IN BABILONE).*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Luke Panning (9:30)

Haley Brown (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 58:1–12

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Sanderford

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:13–20

The grass withers; the flower fades—
the word of our God endures forever.

SERMON

Get Salty

Rev. McGowan

RESPONDING AND SEALING

* HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

WELCOME

Rev. Mares (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

During this flu season, instead of handshakes we recommend passing the peace with fist bumps, elbows or peace signs.

The Prayer for Illumination is a prayer that is offered before the scriptures are read, and before a sermon is preached. This prayer asks the Holy Spirit to open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear, but understand and believe.

First Pres is collecting a Special Mission Appeal this month for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) after the recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico. Rev. McGowan is leading a team of 18 leaders and students to Puerto Rico in March to help in the ongoing hurricane recovery efforts. Please write "PDA - Puerto Rico" on your donations. Our goal is \$5,000. Thank you for your support.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you!

Why do we say the Affirmation of Faith during a baptism? Baptism joins us to the whole history of salvation, weaving our stories into the stories of our sacred scriptures. Today we affirm these stories and the reality that baptism is a communal sign. Together we profess our faith with the intent to participate actively and responsibly in the church's worship and mission.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

True Light

Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir and David Magumba, soloist

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light.

In the beginning out of darkness God created true light.
He lives in us as true light. Almighty God is light.
He lives in us as true light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die,
And don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites no envy.
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.

This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know.
Hold on to the true light!
God gave the world true light!

* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

Rev. Mares

To preserve a spirit of worship, we ask that any photos be taken after the service.

Keith and Sarah Phillips present their sons Liam Michael Phillips, born September 3, 2008, and Gavin James Phillips, born September 10, 2012, for the Sacrament of 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 by 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 rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 491

You Have Put On Christ

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

This is Hymn #748, *God with Us, Lord* (TALLIS' CANON).

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Bohemian Dance
Orchestra

Antonín Dvořák

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the Welcome Center, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Jim Peggs and Michele Derr.

Musical leadership is provided by the Orchestra, Gerry Leckrone, Director; and Chancel Choir, Shayla Powell, guest director; and David Magumba, soloist. **Acolytes** include Callie and Ethan Crawford.

Chancel flowers are given by Andrew Frazier in loving memory of his late mentor Mark Ball; in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband Keith; and in honor of the birthday of an amazing lady and mother, Millie Danielson, by her children.

A red rosebud celebrates the birth of Alexander James Siddall, born January 22, 2020, son of Wendy Rigterink and Woody Siddall. Grandparents are Dick and Sue Rigterink.

The Church Office is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Linda Koos and Jane and David Schmidt (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Pat Liljestrand (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Roger Hsiao (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Beth Sanderford, Dean Gilchrist, Dick and Elsa Stuber, Joe Schmidt, Keith Molin, Clem Gill, and Angela Yang (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry and Jeanette Swartz, and Joe and Karen Cox (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team volunteers** are Nancy Fox and Gary Stahl (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Carole Hendrickson (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "The only way to pray is to pray, and the way to pray well is to pray much." – Henri Nouwen

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.** on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Cookie bakers are Diane Knibbs and Ginny Horan. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour. Buying Fair Trade ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it.

Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library to discuss Galatians.

First Friends meets in Monteith Hall to discuss Adam Hamilton's *The Walk: Serve*.

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall for the series "Ministry to the Marginalized: Living with Dementia and/or Mental Illness." Church members will share their stories about living with dementia and the special challenges they have faced. Discussion between the panel and attendees will be encouraged.

Children's Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders

10:30 a.m. **Children's Choir**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

11:00 a.m. **Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up**, a class for fourth and fifth graders, meets in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

4:30 p.m. **Youth + Creative Arts**

5:30 p.m. **Youth Group (6th–12th grades)**

College Opportunities:

12:00 p.m. **College Lunch** (meet in the Welcome Center at noon)

T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor—invites the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey. Contact us at T2A2@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

Tell Me More! Thinking about joining First Pres? Want to know more? Join Revs. Jay Sanderford and Mel Rogers for an hour of beer, good food, and great conversation about what it is to be a member, what "Presbyterian" is, who we are and what we are about as a congregation, and anything else you want to know. **It all happens this evening, February 9, at 5:00 p.m.**, at the Session Room, 3685 Jackson Road.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

Welcome College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service, to coffee breaks during the week, and to other fellowship opportunities. Follow us on [Instagram@UKirkUMich](https://www.instagram.com/UKirkUMich) for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Join the New Handbell Choir for inexperienced ringers. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

A Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Session is tomorrow, Monday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. All are invited to a presentation by Chiara Clayton, Communications and Outreach Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging 1B, on "Helping Seniors Remain Living at Home."

Mature Ministries (60 and up) hosts "Lunch and Learn" this Thursday, February 13, at noon, in the Social Hall. For only \$5 you will have a delicious hot lunch with 40 or more interesting friends followed by a terrific presentation. The topic is "Congress: How It Works and Why It Doesn't?" with Hillsdale Professor Dr. Kevin Portteus.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 14, at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Enjoy the eclectic sounds of *Nessa*, known for its Celtic inspired world music, in concert this Saturday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. The concert is free, but a love offering will be taken for Ozone House, a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, safe space, transitional housing, and counseling for homeless youth, LGBT runaway teens, and families in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to the Ash Wednesday Dinner on February 26 at 6:30 p.m. Have dinner after the Family Friendly 5:30 p.m. service or before the 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Taizé Worship. Cost is \$10 per person for adults; \$5 for children 5–12; and free for children under five. Reservations may be made online or by contacting the Church Office by Monday, February 24.

A Men's Study Group meets the first and third Friday mornings until May from 8:00–9:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room, for coffee, study, and conversation. The winter book is *Short Stories by Jesus*, written by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome! Books are available in the Church Office for \$15.00. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford.

Upcoming Opportunities to Join First Pres! We hope that you feel moved to become a member of our church family. Everyone belongs! Attend a class on March 15 (with joining on March 22) or on May 3 (with joining on May 17). Contact Rev. Rogers (355-2351 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Thinking ahead to Valentine's Day? Stock up on gifts for all the Valentines in your life with great gifts that supports an equally great cause! We have the ever-popular Love Buzz coffee, the most popular of our Fair Trade coffees, and Fair Trade chocolate bars in special gift packages for Valentine's Day. Look for us during Coffee Hour or stop by the Church Office during the week.

Presbyterian Women meet Wednesday, February 19, beginning with Bible Study in the Lewis Room at 9:30 a.m. A brief welcome and business meeting at 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall, precede a presentation by Jordan Backstrom, a Clinical Psychologist, on "The Opioid Crisis and Chronic Pain Care." Lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall. Men are welcome to attend the program and lunch.

Interested in helping children and parents who are experiencing homelessness? Sign up either online or at Coffee Hour for the March 23–28 ministry at Alpha House. Questions may be directed to: Paula Doering, paulahdoering@gmail.com or 734-669-0555; Gail Einhaus, gail@einhaus.us or 734-646-6093; and Ruth Jensen, ruth.baulch@optum.com or 734-332-0323.

The Legacy Giving team extends an open invitation to all to attend "Giving Is Inspired By Generosity," a one-hour presentation, next Sunday, February 16, at noon, in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. You will hear simple, profound and practical ideas about the art of financial guidance that blends faith, finances and generosity. Raeann Kusch and Rick Hart, Legacy Consultants for Thrivent Financial, will lead us in a very dynamic conversation around the spirit of generosity with a touch of fun as well. Hope to see you there! Sandwiches and coffee will be provided. Please let Doug Gottlieb (dagottlieb@aol.com) know if you will attend.

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