



First
Presbyterian
Church of Ann Arbor

FOURTH SUNDAY *in* LENT
March 30, 2025
8:30 & 9:30 am Worship



Home Free
by Joel Schoon-Tanis



8:30 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday *in* Lent

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

GATHERING

Welcome and Centering

*Call to Worship

In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross,
**We remember the steps that led Christ there: betrayal and fear,
but also trust in God, and love for humanity.**

In this season of Lent, as we make our way to the cross, we strive to follow
Christ's example: to admit betrayal and fear that are part of life,
**To embrace trust in God and love for humanity,
so we may make our journey. Let us worship God.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we ask you to forgive the sins that we remember, and the
sins we have forgotten. Forgive our many failures in the face of
temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the
face of correction. Forgive the times we have been proud of our
own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your
works. Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and
the leniency we have shown ourselves. Forgive the lies we have
told to others, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the
pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown
ourselves. Have mercy on us and make us whole for the sake of our
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ....**

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 11:1-12

Meditation

Jenny Keil

RESPONDING & SEALING

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Poem

She,
In the dark,
Found light
Brighter than many ever see.
She,
Within herself,
Found loveliness,
Through the soul's own mastery.
And now the world receives
From her dower:
The message of the strength
Of inner power.
— Langston Hughes

Benediction

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | MARCH 30, 2025

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Darkness in the Midst of the Storm* Mary Lou Fast
Sanctus Ringers

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church Tommy Langejans

Faith in Action

***Call to Worship**

Our God is a shepherding God,
who watches over us.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us.
So if you feel lost,
then know that God is seeking us.

If you feel found,
then know that God will never leave us.

This is the promise of scripture.
This is the promise of God's love.
Let us worship our with-us God.

***Hymn 774** *There Is Now a New Creation* STUTTGART

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God beyond our understanding,
if you are a painter,
let us be the brush.

If you are a musician,
let us be the song.

If you are an architect,
let us be the tools.

If you are a builder,
let us be the hands.
But if you are a shepherd,
who never stops seeking,
let us be willing to be found,
no matter how lost we feel.
We know you are never far away.
Forgive us for forgetting this good news.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Sally Ann Morris



God, we are sor-ry for what we have done and what we have failed to do. _____

Please sing 5 times

Stacie Barrett and Jillian Hopper, Liturgical Dancers

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear and believe this good news:
No matter how far we wander,
we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.
We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,
but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace;
so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul secured by trust indeed.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

(see page 5)

Psalm 32

How blest those whose trans - gres - sions the Lord for - gives through grace; who,
The Lord with ab - so - lu - tion will greet the pen - i - tent, and
In - still in me your wis - dom, in - struct me in your ways; grant

as the heirs of mer - cy, find peace be - fore God's face. The
send the dawn of mer - cy be - fore the night is spent. God
but a word of par - don and I re - spond with praise. God's

heart with guilt so heav - y it bends to bear the strain can
to the meek and low - ly a hid - ing place shall be; in
stead - fast love sur - rounds me, and doubts shall soon de - part; re -

yield God its af - flic - tion and claim its strength a - gain.
dan - ger, their sal - va - tion; from sin, their li - ber - ty.
deemed, my soul re - joi - ces, and glad - ness fills my heart.

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

**For the joy of human 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 hymn of grateful praise.**

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

Sermon

Mark Mares

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A #60

How are you righteous before God?

**Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.
Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments,
of never having kept any of them,
and of still being inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless,
without any merit of my own,
out of sheer grace,
God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
and as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do
is accept this gift with a believing heart.**

*Hymn 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The Road Home
Chancel Choir

Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know there's a way,
There's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong.
Rise, up, follow me, I will lead you home.

*Doxology

OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

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.

SENDING

*Hymn 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

God to Enfold You
Chancel Choir

John Bell

God to enfold you, Christ to uphold you,
Spirit to keep you in heaven's sight;
So may God grace you, heal and embrace you,
Lead you through darkness into the light.

Closing Voluntary

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122 No. 11

Johannes Brahms

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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 visible in our congregation, community, and 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@fpca2.org.

PRAYER

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

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & CHILDCARE

Age-appropriate worship activities and books are available as you enter the sanctuary or Monteith Hall. We also offer childcare from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

SYMBOLS OF LENT

Throughout the season of Lent, the sanctuary is adorned with symbols that invite us into reflection and repentance:

- **Purple Fabric:** The color of Lent, purple, is displayed in the fabric hangings from the wooden beams, symbolizing penitence and preparation.
- **Curly Willow:** The bare branches on the Reredos, framing the cross, represent the dry and barren land of the wilderness, recalling Jesus' time of fasting and temptation.
- **Gold Cross Painting:** Below the main cross hangs a gold cross painting created in 2022 by artist Lucy Baum of Atlanta, GA. The painting was inspired during a Lenten recital given by David Hufford, in which Lucy interpreted the music through her art.
- **Bumblebee:** Representing the energy and movement of *Allegro Vivace* from *Symphony No. 5 for Organ* by Charles-Marie Widor, the bumblebee symbolizes vitality amid the stillness of Lent.
- **Wheat:** Symbolizing nourishment and labor, the wheat reflects *Theme and Variations on ORA LABORA* by Richard Fitzgerald, reminding us of the work and sustenance found in our faith.
- **Thorns:** Representing Christ's suffering, the thorns evoke *The "Wedge" Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548* by Johann Sebastian Bach, a piece marked by tension and release.
- **Jerusalem Cross:** The shape of the painting reflects the Jerusalem Cross, a symbol of Christ's command to share the gospel to the four corners of the earth.

May these symbols deepen our reflection and draw us closer to the heart of Lent.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans
Jenny Keil

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares
Rev. Tommy Langejans
Pippa Musser, Lay Reader

MUSICIANS

9:30 WORSHIP

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music and Fine Arts*

USHERS

Beth Gerwig
Spaulding Clark
Carol Smith
Paul Smith
Angela Yang
Delena Harrison

FLOWERS

During Lent, the Sanctuary remains free of flowers, symbolizing the transition from celebration to repentance. Instead, the arrangement is displayed in the Social Hall.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Oscar and Viola M. Pan by their daughter Polly.

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Calendar

TODAY

8:30 am **Worship with Communion** | Monteith Hall

9:30 am **Social Hour** | Welcome Center

9:30 am **Worship** | Sanctuary

10:30 am **Mission Fair** | Social Hall

Join us for the Mission Fair, where you can explore the many ways our church serves the community and beyond! Faith Formation classes and 11:30 am worship will not meet to allow everyone the opportunity to attend.

3:00 pm **Lenten Program: Healing from Hurt** | Lewis Room

6:00 pm **Young Adult Game Night** | Vance Room

6:00 pm **Youth Group** | Youth Room

THIS WEEK

Tues April 1 **Lenten Walk** | 2:30 pm | Dolph Nature Area

Tues April 1 **Lenten Home Worship** | 6:00 pm | Ivey & VanderMeer home

Wed April 2 **Barclay Bible Study** | 10:30 am | Vance Room

Thur April 3 **Spiritual Writing Group** | 10:30 am | Vance Room

Thur April 3 **Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn** | 12:00 pm | Social Hall

Fri April 4 **Men's Study Group** | 8:45 am | Curtis Room

Sat April 5 **Women's Retreat** | 9:00 am | Monteith Hall & Meeting Rooms

Announcements

THE SEASON OF LENT _____

Lenten Weekly Walks

MARCH 6 - APRIL 13

As part of our communal Lenten journey we will take weekly walks along the scenic trails in our community.

All ages and stages of life welcome. A pastoral liaison will guide the group.

Day, location, and time are posted on our website. Register: fpca2.org

Lenten Home Worship

TUESDAYS, MARCH 11 - APRIL 8

6:00 PM

Please join us for a time of fellowship, a simple meal and brief worship service in members' homes. Limited to 25 people per gathering. Register: fpca2.org

CHILDREN & YOUTH _____

Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp

JULY 28–AUGUST 1

Rising 2nd - 9th graders are invited to join us for an exciting week at our Summer Music & Fine Arts Camp, featuring the musical *Elijah*. Camp runs daily from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, culminating in a special Musical Proclamation during worship on Sunday, August 3. Register online at fpca2.org

MATURE MINISTRIES _____

LUNCH & LEARN

Exploring the Art of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

12:00 PM, SOCIAL HALL

Join us for the next Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn as we explore the rich visual traditions of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. Raymond Silverman, professor emeritus at the University of

Michigan, will provide an introduction to Ethiopia's distinctive religious imagery—icons, manuscripts, and murals—that have shaped and sustained the faith for centuries. Register: fpca2.org.

MUSIC & FINE ARTS _____

OPEN DOORS ART EXHIBIT

Meditation and The Shabbat Project

Experience the work of internationally renowned fiber artist Laurie Wohl, known for her unique unweavings and interfaith message. Her latest collections, *Meditation and The Shabbat Project*, are on display in the Social Hall through June.

OPEN DOORS CONCERT

The Klezmer Fusion Band

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

4:00 PM, SANCTUARY

Experience an afternoon of high-energy, cross-cultural music with The Klezmer Fusion Band. Known for their unique blend of Yiddish/klezmer, Israeli, and religious music infused with jazz, Latin, Caribbean, and rock rhythms, the band delivers a vibrant and danceable performance that bridges Old and New World sounds. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Jewish Family Services Resettlement Program, supporting refugee families in the Ann Arbor community. After the concert, stay for a reception and an artist talk with internationally acclaimed fiber artist Laurie Wohl in the Social Hall. Her exhibit, *Meditation and The Shabbat Project*, and she'll share insights into her powerful unweavings and interfaith message.

Worship Activities

LUKE 15:1-7

Parable of the Lost Sheep

Find the words from scripture when you hear them spoken in worship. Words can be vertical, horizontal, and diagonal, and they can overlap each other.

C R E J O I C E T Z P D F M Y
 L O S I N G F Y N D H B M I X
 O O N E X G N I Y A S G Z F G
 L A B Y W E L C O M E S O G H
 O B O T D N E A R I K M H S I
 S S L N Z J I R J I T O N E N
 T R U I S I N N E R S R P B I
 O O L S P F H M V D E E H I N
 F T P H B G Q Z H T W Q R C T
 G C N E V A E H T T W Q R C T
 N E J E Z K S E N S Q C I S Y
 M L J P J I G E Z U T V S P L
 B L P X H O N A E J V A E Q U
 P O E W T I M Y V F K X E P O
 G C S G N I L B M U R G S R T

COLLECTORS **LOSING** **ONE** **SHEEP**
EATS **LOST** **PHARISEES** **SINNERS**
FOUND **NEAR** **REJOICE** **TOGETHER**
GRUMBLING **NINE** **SAYING** **WELCOMES**
JUST **NINETY** **SCRIBES** **WELCOMED**



Color in the story of the Lost Sheep. | Illustration by Rev. Anna Strickland

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FAITH in Action

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES & TOURS

Discover how you can be part of God's work in our community! Serve, learn, and connect through mission activities and local partnership tours. Whether you're interested in hands-on volunteer work or visiting our local partners to see their impact firsthand, there's a place for you to get involved.

Service Opportunities

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

FOOD GATHERERS

Saturday, April 12
8:30 am, Food Gatherers

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

SACK LUNCH ASSEMBLY FOR HOPE CLINIC

Saturday, May 3
10 am, Social Hall

CASS COMMUNITY SERVICES

Saturday, May 17
9 am, CASS Community Services

HABITAT BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Saturday, May 17
9 am - 1 pm, West Willow
Neighborhood, Ypsilanti

GARDENING DAY AT ALPHA HOUSE

Saturday, May 24
10 am, Alpha House

FRIENDS IN DEED CIRCLES DINNER

Tuesday, June 17
5 pm, St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Partnership Tours



SATURDAY, APRIL 5 HOPE CLINIC

10:00 AM
518 Harriet Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Hope Clinic provides integrated and free medical, dental, food, and behavioral health care to individuals and families in need.



HOPE CLINIC TOUR



TUESDAY, MAY 6 OZONE HOUSE

10:00 AM
1600 N. Huron River Drive
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Ozone House provides support, intervention, training, and assistance to runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth and their families.



OZONE HOUSE TOUR



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 ALPHA HOUSE

10:00 AM
4290 Jackson Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Alpha House supports families and children experiencing homelessness as they build a better future.



ALPHA HOUSE TOUR



SATURDAY, MAY 17 CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

1:00 PM
11745 Rosa Parks Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48206

CASS offers food, affordable housing, and vocational training to promote self-sufficiency.



CASS TOUR



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

10:00 AM
2051 S State St
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

House by the Side of the Road provides clothing and small household items at no charge to children and adults in Washtenaw County.



HOUSE BY THE
SIDE OF THE ROAD TOUR





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