



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 10, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday *after* Pentecost

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

Welcome and Centering

Call to Worship

Side A: When we feel lost,

Side B: hope is the rope helping us find our way home.
When things are beyond our control,

Side A: hope is the rope keeping us secure. In the darkness of night,

Side B. hope is the rope giving us something to hold onto. When we feel alone,

*Side A: hope is the rope, with strands that bind us together,
helping us comfort and strengthen one another.*

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of hope!

Poem of Confession “I Am Much Too Alone in This World, Yet Not Alone”

by Rainer Maria Rilke

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

As you hear the reading, reflect on this question: what is one word or phrase that sticks out to you?

Meditation

Responding

As you hear the reading again, reflect on this question: what might God be telling you?

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

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.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Reading

Listen to this reading one last time, and reflect on this question: What might Christ be calling me to?

*** Benediction**

*** Passing of the Peace**

If you would like, share your answer to the last question as you pass the peace.

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Gaudeamus
Sanctus Ringers

Arnold B. Sherman

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

***Call to Worship**

As we gather for worship,
let us offer praise to God.

As we join voices and hearts,
we learn the importance of each one of us.

As we find unity in the wider body of Christ,
we learn that our whole is more than its parts. Let us worship God.

***Hymn 697**

Take My Life

HENDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Again and again, you call us to care for widows and orphans,
to advocate for those in prison, to welcome the strangers.

**God, we hear your call, but all around us we hear the cry
that there is not enough for all.**

Again and again, you call us to love you with our whole heart, understanding,
and strength; such love demands that we seek justice for those who are
oppressed, poor, and forgotten.

**God, we hear your call, but all around us are competing calls
of worldly loyalties, political parties, and public acclaim.**

Again and again, you urge us to seek you first. We long to trust the path of love for
you and our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we have seen the divisions in this nation
become great.

At times, we have been more inclined to debate than pray.

Again and again you urge us not to lean on our own understanding
but in all our ways to acknowledge you, and yet

we are often distracted by the clamor of fear dressed up as reason.

As we prepare our hearts and minds for the road ahead, at times we forget to observe your statutes of compassion and your ordinances of justice. **Again, you remind us to follow you so that it may go well for us, our neighbors, our nation, and our world.** *[silence]*

Kyrie

PARDINI

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

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

**Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Mark 12:38-44

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Second Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

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



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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Prayer

*Call to Worship

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*Opening Hymn 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of harmony, you call us into one body of Christ, unifying us in your belovedness. We want to love as unconditionally as you. Instead, we prefer to define ourselves by the ways we're different from our enemies. We find fellowship in our collective disdain for others. In the waters of baptism, cleanse us, Lord. Remind us of our promise to be your church, and gather us in again, that we might fulfill your crucial calling to tolerance. One:

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

First Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

As you hear the reading, what is one word or phrase that sticks out to you?

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of the Lord endures forever.

***Passing of the Peace**

As you pass the peace, share the word or phrase that stuck out to you.

***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. (3x)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

***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.**

Sermon

Responding

As you hear the reading again, reflect on this question:
What might God be telling you?

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 108 (selected stanzas)** *Of The Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

***Benediction**

Listen to this reading one last time, and reflect on this question: What is Christ calling me to?

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

Closing Voluntary



CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

Lectio Divina: Choose a passage of Scripture that you find comforting, or turn to a random psalm. Read the first question, read the passage out loud, then reflect on the question. Repeat this pattern for the second and third question. The questions are:

What is one word or phrase that sticks out to you?

What might God be telling you?

What might Christ be calling me to?

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

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? **Come to the New Member Class next Sunday, November 17, at 4:00PM, at the home of Brent Ivey and Dave VanderMeer.** Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, for more information.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer & Compassion Room, located just off the Lounge, 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, bdelancey@firstpresbyterian.org, or Stacey Pakela, spakela@firstpresbyterian.org.

GIVING

Through your generosity, we help build a stronger, more vibrant community, extending hope, compassion, and love to those in need, while ensuring the spiritual growth and vitality of First Presbyterian church for generations to come. To give online visit <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>

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Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Associate Pastor*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*
Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*
Bill King, *Lay Reader*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

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USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*
Bill Austin, *Head Usher Emeritus*
Len Rezmierski, *Captain*
Omer Bellfi
Cyndy Colton
Linda Lampman
Keith Molin
Karla Olson-Bellfi
Pat Tamblyn
Bruce Thomson
Angela Yang

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir
Sanctus Ringers
KayCee Galano, *Violinist*
David Hufford, *Organist*
David VanderMeer,
Minister of Music & Fine Arts

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

GREETERS

Leslie Christensen
Matthew Hulbert

PRAYER PARTNERS

Diane Knibbs
Elsa Stuber

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of our new members who are being recognized today. We are so happy to have you as a part of the First Pres family! May God energize your faith, hope, and love here in your new church home!

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS SINCE MAY

Leif Anderson	Kristin Davidson	Kai-en Mo
Kelsey Beckett	June Escara-Wilke	Blake Peters
Amanda Bicket	Gayle Hays	Marya Peters
Mark Bicket	Jackie Henninger	Marie Shaffer
Colleen Cooper	Anne Hoff	Carol Stringwell
Patrick Cooper	Rick Hoff	Karl Velik
Tom Cramer	Richard Jewell	Grace Wallace
Eloise Crawford	Kim Krahn	Dave Wright
Susan Crowell	Barb Lister-Tait	David Zerkel
Ed Dagnes	Heidi Mason	

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45AM

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | FRENCH ROOM

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

EXPLORING THE FAITH | LEWIS ROOM

Moving Towards Making a Difference for Our Youth and Their Mental Health

Host: Barb DeLancey

Speakers: Scott & Julie Halpert

FIRST FRIENDS | CURTIS ROOM

Video and discussion: Anne Lamott's *12 Truths I Learned from Life and Writing*

Host: Carole Pawloski

FOLLOW ME: HOPE | ROOM 102

Word & Practice: Hear Hope

KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY | FOUNDERS RM

Yale Bible Study of Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament

Host: Bill McPherson

7:00 to 9:00PM

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY |

CHRIS WAHL'S HOUSE & ZOOM

The book of Daniel. For more

information, email cgwahl@umich.edu

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15AM-12:15PM

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | ROOM 101

CHILDREN

10:45-11:25AM

K & 1ST GRADE | ROOM 302

Word & Practice: The Ark

2ND & 3RD GRADES | ROOM 303

4TH & 5TH GRADES | ROOM 304

Word & Practice: Hear Hope

COLLEGE STUDENTS

12:30-1:30PM

UKirk | YOUTH ROOM

YOUTH

10:45 to 11:25AM

CONFIRMATION | YOUTH ROOM

MIDDLE SCHOOL | ROOM LL4

HIGH SCHOOL | ROOM LL1

Word & Practice: Hear Hope

YOUTH GROUP

6:00 to 7:30PM | YOUTH ROOM

FOLLOW ME

The Follow Me curriculum is based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this curriculum examines where these practices are found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now. These classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month for grades 2-5, middle school, high school and adults.

Our focus practice in November and December is *Hope*. Hope is waiting in faith. It is not merely wishing for something to happen or hoping everything will work out if the stars align. Hope is waiting with anticipation—at times, with impatience—for what you know and believe is coming. In Hebrew, the word for rope and hope are the same. Hope is something outside of ourselves that tethers us to safety and helps us keep going, even when we can't see our way.

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE _____

Decorating for Advent and Christmas

We could use your helping hands to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas seasons. Use this link to sign up for a time slot -

MATURE MINISTRIES _____

TRIP TO CLARE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:00AM - 5:00PM

Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farm is the first stop. We'll tour the farm and meet and feed the reindeer. A lunch at the historic Hotel Doherty and stop by the famous Cops and Doughnuts bakery for a sweet treat follow. Cost is \$80 (includes transportation, admission, and lunch). The farm is handicap accessible, though the tour is outdoors. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers at mrogers@fpca2.org. Register online.

MEMBERSHIP _____

New Member Class

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

4:00 - 6:00 PM | OFFSITE

Join us for great conversation, learning, food and drink at our New Member Class on November 17, at the home of Dave VanderMeer and Brent Ivey. Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org, to attend.

MISSION _____

Family to Family Christmas & Fostering Futures

Online sign-up starts today for this annual Advent mission. Learn more and sign up: firstpresbyterian.org.

Thanksgiving Bags for Hope Clinic

NOVEMBER 3-20

WELCOME CENTER COLLECTION BINS

Pack a grocery bag with the following items. All items must be shelf-stable and not in glass containers. Make sure your bag has every item listed, but no extras.

- 1 can gravy or packet of dry mix
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box stuffing mix
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can French-fried onions
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can pumpkin pie filling
- 1 can condensed milk
- 1 prepared crust or bake mix
- 2 cans of other vegetables

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN _____

Bible Studies

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER 20

10:30AM | VANCE ROOM

The William Barclay Bible Study of the Book of Luke is open to all.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00AM | CURTIS ROOM

The Horizons Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down* continues. Alice Holderby will lead lesson three, "Food Justice."

PW Mission

We're collecting new underwear, socks and pajamas for women and children of all sizes for House by the Side of the Road. Especially needed are XXL - XXXL women's sizes. Donations may be placed in a collection basket in the Welcome Center through November. Visit the church website to make a financial donation.

PW Thanks for Giving Celebration

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10:30AM | SOCIAL HALL

After worship, come to the Social Hall, enjoy coffee and cake and learn how YOUR gifts have enabled PW to help local and international mission partners.