



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



Jesus as a Twelve Year Old in the Temple
by Albrecht Dürer

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2024
9:30 am Worship



9:30 AM WORSHIP | DECEMBER 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

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

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Chorale Prelude on This Day Full of Gladness, Op. 28, No. 19*
Marcel Dupré

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

*Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord from the Heavens!

One: Praise God in the highest of heights

**All: From the highest mountain to the lowest valley,
all creation shall praise God.**

One: Let us worship the Lord together in song.

*Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of foresight, we confess that often times, we have spoken when we should have listened. We have not spoken up for our neighbor, and we turn our back on those around us. Help us live more fully into our individual callings. Be with us as we seek to make things right and love those around us. Grant us wisdom to follow your son and our Lord, the light of the world.

[Silent Prayer]



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



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Assurance of Forgiveness

*Passing of the Peace

*Congregational Response

NETTLETON

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

God's word for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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Second Scripture Reading

Luke 2:39–52

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Young Jesus

RESPONDING

*Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Behold, a Rose Is Blooming, Op. 122, No. 8* Johannes Brahms

*Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

*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 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Richard Elliott



Please join us in the Social Hall immediately following this service for a light brunch and good hearty fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our hearts are full of gratitude for your dedication to our church's future through the 2025 Generations stewardship campaign. As we draw closer to our goal of \$2.2 million, your continued support is vital to help us cross the finish line. If you haven't yet made your pledge, it's not too late to join this transformative effort. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps sustain our mission of service, growth, and faith for generations to come.

Ways to Pledge:

- Online: Visit our website - [firstpresbyterian.org](https://www.firstpresbyterian.org)
- Mail: Send your pledge card to the church office
- In Person: Drop it off at the church Finance Office

Thank you for walking with us in faith and vision as we look ahead to a bright future together!

Leading in Worship

Worship at 9:30 am; Livestream at 9:30 am

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Roland Schaedig, *Lector*

Cary Dumas, *Guest Organist*

GREETERS

Barb Dobson

Nancy Oliver

Sara VanderVoort

PRAYER PARTNER

Bill & Mikki Black

Nancy Oliver

USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*

Bill Austin, *Head Usher Emeritus*

Dick Carlisle, *Usher Captain*

RO Andrus

Jim Cameron

Carol Carter

Announcements

MISSION

ROTATING SHELTER

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Volunteers are needed as Evening Hosts, Overnight Hosts, and Morning Drivers. Hot food donations are needed. Donations of new warm clothing and pre-packaged food snacks and juice boxes may be dropped off in the Welcome Center. Sign up at firstpresbyterian.org. Financial donations are also welcome. For more information, contact Jim Peggs (jpeggs@umich.med.edu) or Marcey Terrien (m2terrien@hotmail.com).

MUSIC MINISTRY

JOIN A CHOIR

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

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

BUILDING CLOSURE

The building will be closed December 31, 2024, and January 1, 2025.

Worship Activities



illustratedchildrensministry.com

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? Contact Rev. Rogers for more information(mrogers@fpca2.org).

FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Everyone is cordially invited to a time of fellowship following the 9:30AM service. Join us in the in the Social Hall for a light brunch and good conversation.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by the Prayer & Compassion Room, just off the Lounge, after the 9:30AM 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 not meeting today but a full schedule of classes for all ages returns next Sunday.

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.

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>

Giving envelopes are available today outside the Finance Office on the Second Level, Administration Wing, December 17-29, for 2025 pledgers who have requested them. If envelopes are not picked up, they will be mailed tomorrow.

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