



First
Presbyterian
Church of Ann Arbor

FOURTH SUNDAY *after* EPIPHANY
February 2, 2025
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace
from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN



8:30 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday *after* Epiphany

** 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

We gather to worship God,
Who creates us and loves us;

Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

from the 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration,
posted on pcusa.org

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Transformative God, God who gradually restores the world to yourself, we
confess that good change often seems outside of our reach.

**We try to enact good change, and fail, or we see the enormity
of the cost and don't try. Sometimes, we don't even want your
transformation, and actively push against it.**

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote that we would have to repent not
merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the
appalling silence of the good people.

**Forgive us, Lord, for our bold errors and our cruel silences.
Transform our silence into action, and our fear into courage.**

Set our desires, Lord, on your kingdom, and your kingdom alone, founded on
the principle of treating others as we want to be treated.

**Strengthen and support us when we grow weary of fighting for
change, and reveal to us what must stay and what must go, that by
your spirit, we might be catalysts for your justice and peace.**

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Meditation

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

Charge and Benediction

Passing of the Peace

✠ ✠ ✠



9:30 AM WORSHIP | FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday *after* Epiphany

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

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on REPTON

Graham Twist

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Melissa Anne Rogers

*Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Our help is in the name of the Lord

The maker of heaven and earth

Let us worship God. Amen.

*Hymn 731

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

REPTON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

In love You made us, in love You call us.

But we confess we do not live as the people

You made and meant us to be.

We have not loved You with our whole hearts

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

For the sake of Your Son, our Saviour,

forgive us our sins we pray.

Free us from being centered on ourselves

and give us grace to live our lives in love,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God, who is both power and love,

forgive us and free us from our sins,

heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ Our Lord....

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Nathaniel Fryer



Guide my feet while I run this race; Guide my feet while I run this race;



Guide my feet while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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

Sermon

David Prentice-Hyers

RESPONDING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Tommy Langejans

Offertory

Where Charity and Love Prevail
Chancel Choir and Jordan Smith, Flute

arr. Dan Forrest

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love Him in return.
Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
Prevail, and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown, let all our fighting cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek. Be ours His holy peace.

*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

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.

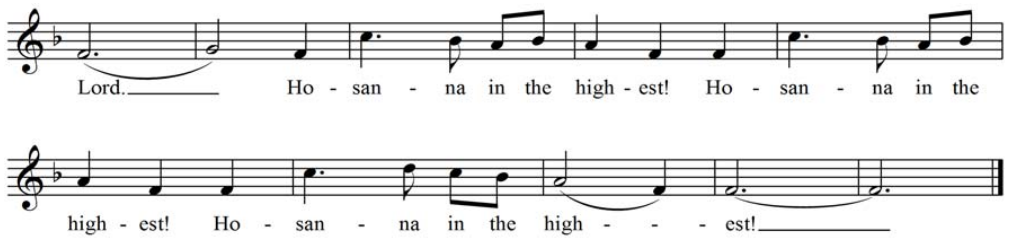
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Mark Miller

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and
might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the



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 of the People

All are welcome at the Table. The two outside stations offer cups of juice and bread. At the inner stations, clergy will offer you bread to dip into the cup. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.

When receiving each element, please respond as follows:

The bread of life. **Thanks be to God.**

The cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Music

René Clausen

The Greatest of These Is Love from A New Creation
Tyrese Byrd, Tenor

If I speak in tongues of all and angels, but not have love,
I am a noisy gong, or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mystery,
All knowledge, and if I have faith to remove mountains,
But have not love, I am nothing. Love is patient, patient and kind;
Love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude;
Love does not insist on its own way;
Love does not rejoice in the wrong, but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
Endues all things. Love never ends.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

*Charge and Benediction



The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will following 9:30 am worship for the purpose of approving the pastors' terms of call and receiving the 2024 annual report and the 2025 annual budget.

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

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 from 9:15 am to 12:15 pm for children ages 5 and younger on the First Level. Ask an usher for directions.

Leading in Worship

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Tommy Langejans

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice Hyers

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer

Rev. Tommy Langejans

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given by Al Beery to the glory of God and in loving memory of Suzanne Beery.

The yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Elijah Theron Keefer, son of Christina and Jacob Keefer, born January 11, 2025. Elijah is the grandson of Robin Fosheim-Hoag and Dan Hoag.

Music copyrights: All music is reprinted under OneLicense.net A-720542 and under CCLI license #20971309. All rights reserved.

First Presbyterian worship services are filmed, recorded, and broadcast online. If you do not want to appear in any videos or photos, please speak with an usher.

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 **Annual Meeting** | Sanctuary
10:30 am **Lemon Chapel Singers (K-8th Grade)** | Lemon Chapel
11:30 am **All Church Potluck** | Social Hall
11:30 am **Amazing Stuff (4th-6th Grade)** | Room 304
11:30 am **Amazing Stuff Parents' Class** | Lemon Chapel
This winter, First Pres is offering a course on sexuality for children in grades 4-6 and a complementary course for parents. Registration is available at the door.
7:00 pm **Small Group Bible Study** | Wahl home & Zoom. A study of *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Contact: Chris Wahl, cgwahl@umich.edu.

THIS WEEK

- Tue Feb 4 **Gentle Yoga** | 5:30 pm | Lewis Room
Tue Feb 4 **Taizé Worship** | 7:00 pm | Monteith Hall
Thur Feb 6 **Spiritual Writing Group** | 10:30 am | Vance Room
Thur Feb 6 **Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn** | 12:00 pm | Zoom
Fri Feb 7 **Men's Study Group** | 8:45 am | Curtis Room & Zoom

Announcements

CARE _____

Caring Hands

Are you interested in helping a family or individual who could use a meal while recovering or going through a difficult time? If you're willing to help, you can join our email list for meal requests and sign up as needs arise. Please email Mel Rogers at mrogers@fpca2.org to be added to the list.

COMPASSION & CARE SERIES

Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
7 PM, MONTEITH HALL

Join us for a lecture by Emily Laird Bilek, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Michigan. All are welcome!

MATURE MINISTRIES _____

Lunch & Learn: The Parisian Art of the Belle Époque Tour

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6
12:00 PM | ZOOM ONLY
SPEAKER: JULIE AVERBACH

Immerse yourself in the arts and culture of Paris during the "Golden Age" of the Belle Époque (1870-1914). Tour key landmarks of the period, from the Eiffel Tower to the Moulin Rouge, and explore the birth of artistic movements including Impressionism and Art Nouveau.

MISSION _____

Grant Review Volunteers Needed

The Local Mission Impact Grant program supports organizations addressing poverty, social inequities, and community building. Last year, 12 grants of \$6,000 were awarded from

23 applications. Volunteers are needed in April (about 10 hours) to revise the process and review applications. To help, contact Martha Kershaw, mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net

MUSIC & FINE ARTS _____

Visions of Change: Artistry in Action

JANUARY - MARCH 2025
SOCIAL HALL

On display through March is an inspiring art exhibit featuring works created by members of First Pres and our broader community. This collection of art explores themes of social change and justice, reflecting the diverse perspectives and creative responses of those committed to making a difference.

Open Doors Concert: RFD Boys

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
4:00 PM, SANCTUARY

Enjoy an afternoon of bluegrass with the legendary RFD Boys on Sunday, February 9, at 4 pm. Known for their exceptional musicianship, humor, and connection to bluegrass heritage, they've captivated audiences since 1969.

Admission is free, with a freewill offering to support the series.

WORSHIP _____

Taizé Service

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
7:00 PM, MONTEITH HALL

Join us for a wholeness and healing Taizé service with our Deacons and Stephen Ministers. All are welcome!



BIBLE STORY

Based on Acts 2:41–47

There used to be a time when there were no churches like our church. There were no churches at all. Jesus never formed a church. People who followed Jesus made the first churches.

A person named Peter shared with others about how Jesus did amazing things and gave everyone the gift of grace. People heard, believed, and got baptized to show they had received Jesus' gift of grace. One time, three thousand people did this in one day! These new people shared their beliefs and learned more from people like Peter. They became a community as they learned, shared meals, and shared prayers together. They all shared a sense of wonder at all the amazing things and powerful stories God shared with the community through people like Peter. All these people felt like they belonged together so they shared everything. Things they couldn't share, they sold and shared the money with people who didn't have enough.

Every day, they shared time together in the temple and shared meals in each other's homes. They shared joy, and they shared simple meals. They shared praise for God. They shared God's goodness with everyone. They shared and shared, and God grew their community. Kind of sounds like a church, huh?



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*

1432 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-662-4466 / fpca2.org