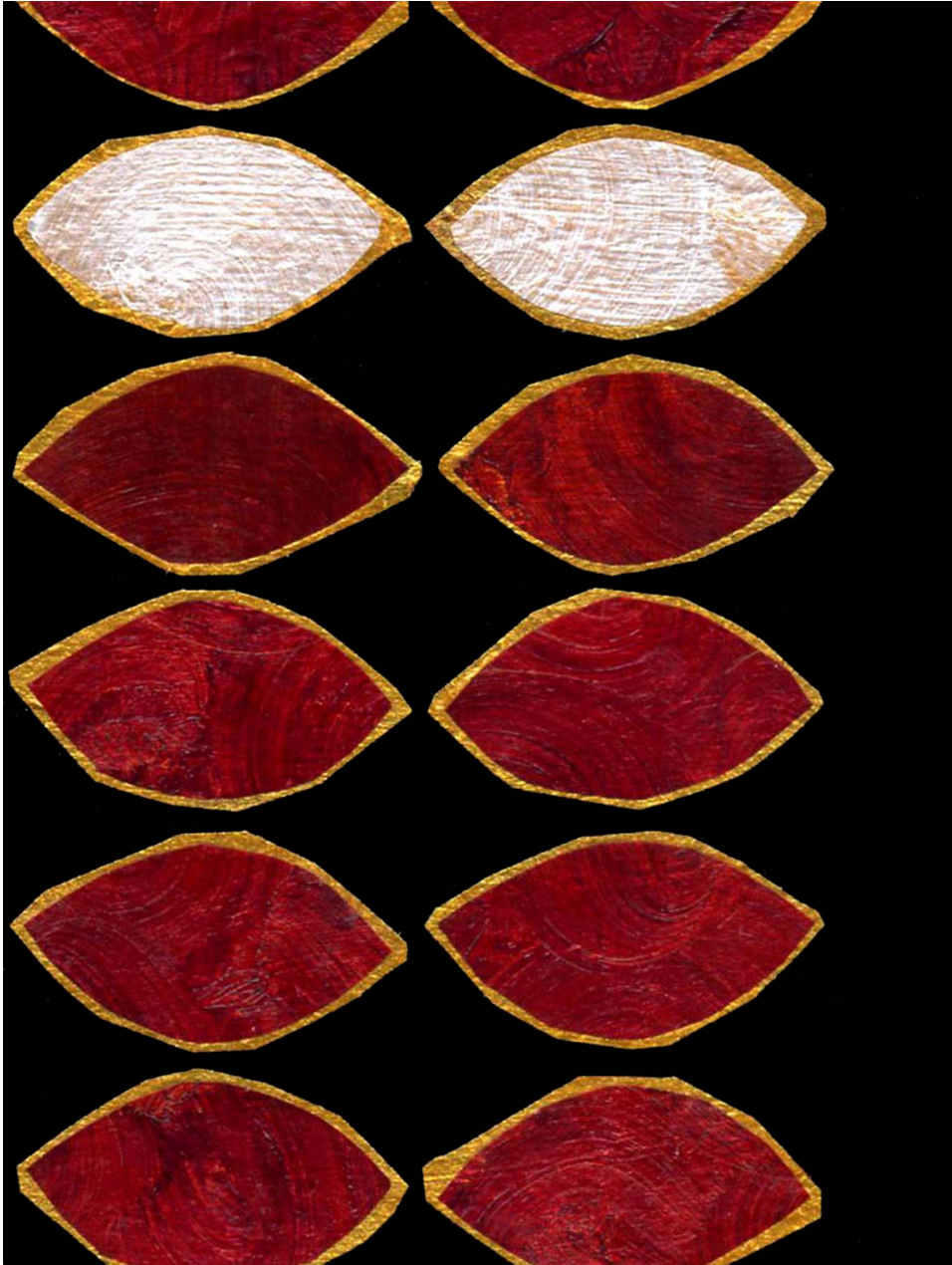




First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 27, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 27, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday *after Pentecost*

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

GATHERING

Welcome and Opening Sentences

With our lips and with our hearts:

we bless God in every moment of our lives.

With our ears and with our hearts:

**we will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers,
in every painful moment, in every broken place.**

With every gift and with our hearts:

**we will serve God and all of God's children,
with every moment of our lives.**

Centering and Prayer

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise will always be in my mouth.

I praise the Lord—

let the suffering listen and rejoice.

Magnify the Lord with me!

Together let us lift his name up high!

I sought the Lord and he answered me.

He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to God will shine;

their faces are never ashamed.

This suffering person cried out:

the Lord listened and saved him from every trouble.

On every side, the Lord's messenger protects

those who honor God; and he delivers them.

Taste and see how good the Lord is!

The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

The righteous have many problems,

but the Lord delivers them from every one.

He protects all their bones;

not even one will be broken.

But just one problem will kill the wicked,

and those who hate the righteous will be held responsible.

The Lord saves his servants' lives;
all those who take refuge in him
won't be held responsible for anything.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Poem of Reflection

Slowly
by Rachel Hackenberg

Reflection

The Sacrament of the Lord's Table (*see handout*)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Prayer of Sending

Closing Sentences

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Go in peace.

(Share a sign of peace with one another.)

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9:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 27, 2024

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Promised Land* (American Folk Hymn) arr. K. Lee Scott
FPC Orchestra

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

***Call to Worship**

Across time and place,
people of faith have gathered
to praise God's holy name.

**As we seek to understand who we are,
we praise God's holy name.**

May God teach us to be seekers
in our worship and our daily lives.

**As we seek to understand who God is,
we praise God's holy name.**

May God teach us to be curious
about how God will be revealed to us.

**As we grow into who we will be,
we praise God's holy name.**

***Hymn 450** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Enduring God,
we claim that we are always being reformed,
but when it's our turn to change,
we are so often afraid.**

**Even amidst our growing pains,
enliven our hearts to recognize your grace.
Even amidst the ever-shifting ways of the world,
open our minds to what might be.**

**Remind us that we live and move
and have our being in you,
and call the church to proclaim your good news
for ages to come....**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy 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**

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

Mark 10:46-52

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

A Conversation with Young Disciples

Please join in singing as the children come forward.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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

Sermon

RESPONDING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

During the Offering, please place your pledge card in the plate. If you have already made a pledge, please sign your name, or write a message of gratitude on a leaf and place in the plate. Pledge cards and leaves may be found in the pew racks.

Offertory

From Generation to Generation
Chancel Choir

Tom Trenney

From out of darkness you have shown us light;
Your Word has been a lamp unto our way.

O God, from the beginning, you have been our life;
You've led us to this day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation.

We strive to love our neighbors as ourselves,
Becoming one beloved community.

We long to bring you justice, freedom, peace.
You lead us on this day!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation.

We pray that all who seek God's grace may find Christ's welcome here.

Lord, be our children's strength as year succeeds to year,
From generation to generation!

Lord, lead us from this day!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Your love is faithful and steadfast from generation to generation. Amen.

*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

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

Praise to the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

David Gambrell for First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor

1. Praise to the Lord! Tell the sto - ry to all gen - er - ra - tions.
2. Praise to the Lord, who has pro - mised to guide and de - liv - er.
3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4. Praise to the Lord, who is work - ing a won - drous en - dea - vor.

Share the good news and re - jice in the gift of sal - va - tion.
Through des - ert lands God is mak - ing a road and a ri - ver.
sure - ly God's good - ness and mer - cy will dai - ly at - tend you.
There will be grace and a - bun - dance when we work to - geth - er.

Come, now, and see all that our fu - ture will be:
Lift up your eyes; Wit - ness the Spi - rit's sur - prise:
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
Glo - ry to God! Bles - sing and hon - or and laud

wel - come the Lord's new cre - a - tion.
God is the gift and the gi - ver.
with love the Lord will be - friend - you.
be to Christ Je - sus for - ev - er.

Words: Stanzas 1, 2, and 4, David Gambrell, 2024 (Ps. 145, Isa. 43, Eph. 3); stanza 3, Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Stralsund Erneuertes Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Capriol Suite, Movement I - Basse Danse

Peter Warlock

FPC Orchestra





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Welcome and Centering

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather to worship with expectations:
God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

**All: God comes to us in real time.
God comes to us in dreams.**

Side A: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—
difficult to believe.

**All: O God, we long to believe.
Help our unbelief!**

Side B: God is present here.
God is working in our midst.

**All: Then our mouths are filled with laughter,
Our tongues shout out with joy!
Let us worship God!**

*Opening Hymn 74 *When God Restored Our Common Life* RESIGNATION

*Call to Confession

We hear people crying out for justice, God of compassion, but tell them to be quiet so we can hear our favorite politicians. There are those who stand by the side of the road with a sign asking for money, or longing just to be seen, and we speed up to get past them. There are those who have been tripped by the struggles of life, and we
Have mercy on us, God whose tears mingle with those we have ignored. You challenge us to gather up the poor, the angry, the hopeless, the lost, the most vulnerable and to bring them to you, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has brought us to you through his life and love.

[silence is kept]

*Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

As you pass the peace, share with others a time when you tasted something so good, you didn't want it eat anything else.

*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.**

PROCLAMATION

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.**

Scripture Reading *Psalm 126*

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

RESPONDING

Responsive Activity

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

*Sending Song of Response

Steadfast

Sandra McCracken

*Benediction

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

Closing Voluntary



CHALLENGE

High fives make us feel good and are a symbol of togetherness and support. We can give someone a high five when we want to celebrate something good or maybe to make them feel better. Think of someone special to whom you would like to mail a high five. How do you think they will feel to receive a surprise high five in the mail? Grab some paper and make a high five by tracing your hand on it. You can write kind messages or draw a picture to make the person smile. Put your high five in an envelope and add the address and a stamp. Now send your high five in the mail to spread love and kindness in the world.

Leading in Worship

Worship at 8:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am; Livestream at 9:30 am

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Keanu Heydari, *Lay Reader*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

FPC Orchestra,

Michael Haithcock, *Conductor*

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer,

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

Violin I: Sonia Lee

Violin II: Daniel Winnick

Viola: Janine Bradbury

Cello: Sarah Cleveland

Flute: Brandon LePage

Oboe: Yuki Harding

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*

Bill Austin, *Head Usher Emeritus*

Greta Krapohl, *Captain*

Beth Gerwig

Finlay Hyers

Mel Prentice-Hyers

Mary Schudel

Carol Smith

Paul Smith

Diane Tamblyn

Pat Tamblyn

Angela Yang

WELCOME CENTER

Sandy Herold

GREETERS

Shana Horan

Brian Schneidewind

PRAYER PARTNERS

Meg Brown

Linda Lampman

DANCERS (9:30)

Stacie Barrett

Jillian Hopper

Sean Hoskins

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Grace Young by Robert Young.

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Eleanor Marian Pipe, born July 30, 2024.

Eleanor is the daughter of Kevin Pipe and Kathleen Sienko.

A yellow rosebud celebrates the birth of Cora Meklir Newton, born September 27, 2024.

Cora is the daughter of Ben Newton and Tess Meklir. Grandparents are Mark Newton and Patty Rideout.

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Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45AM

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | FRENCH ROOM

The Parables of Jesus

Host: Ed Koster

EXPLORING THE FAITH | SANCTUARY

Attack from Within: How

Disinformation Is Sabotaging America

Host: Barb DeLancey

Speaker: Barbara McQuade, former U.S. Attorney and UM Law School Professor

FIRST FRIENDS | SANCTUARY

We will join Exploring the Faith.

FOLLOW ME: WELCOME ALL | ROOM 102

Challenge Othering (Luke 7:36-50)

KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY | VANCE ROOM

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

Children in Worship: Exodus

2ND & 3RD GRADES | ROOM 303

4TH & 5TH GRADES | ROOM 304

Follow Me: Welcome All: Welcome...All?

YOUTH

10:45 to 11:25AM

CONFIRMATION | YOUTH ROOM

MIDDLE SCHOOL | ROOM LL4

HIGH SCHOOL | ROOM LL1

Follow Me: Challenge Othering (based on Mark 10:13-16)

Announcements

TODAY _____

Pumpkin Extravaganza

4 - 6 PM | SOCIAL HALL

All ages are invited to bring a pumpkin to carve and a snack to share. We'll provide carving tools, cider, and donuts.

NEXT SUNDAY _____

All Saints' Remembrance

If you have lost a loved one in the last year and would like to have their name read during worship next Sunday, **TODAY** is the deadline to submit names online at bit.ly/3BEy1Bp

All Saints' Concert

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

3:00PM | SANCTUARY

The Chancel Choir and Orchestra will present *Lux Aeterna* by Morton Lauridsen, *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* by Johannes Brahms, and *Organ Concerto in F Major* by Joseph Rhineberger. A Love Offering will be taken in support of the Sacred Music and Fine Arts Fund.

CARE

A Space for Personal Prayers

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | MONTEITH HALL

On Election Day, we invite you into a space for personal prayers and reflection.

Morning Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 AM | MONTEITH HALL

Join us for a prayer service, as we come together to reflect, seek guidance, and foster unity within our community. Everyone is welcome.

Blood Drive

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

NOON-6:00 PM | MONTEITH HALL

Your donation can make a vital difference in our community. Sign up online or in person in the Social Hall.

MATURE MINISTRIES

MATURE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN Chautauqua:

An Experience Like No Other!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12:00PM | SOCIAL HALL

Join us for a captivating Lunch and Learn featuring Roger Chard and Maurita Holland who will explore the rich history and vibrant programs of Chautauqua Institution, delving into its role as a cultural and educational hub for over 150 years.

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 10, at the home of Dave VanderMeer and Brent Ivey. Contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@fpca2.org, to attend.

MISSION

Alpha House Host Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 -

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Volunteers are needed to provide main dishes, side dishes, weekend brunch, and childcare after dinner at Alpha House. Sign up: firstpresbyterian.org.

Philippines Mission Celebration

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:00-9:00PM | SOCIAL HALL

Celebrate 25 years of partnership in the Philippines with an authentic Filipino dinner, entertainment, and more. If you have counted crayons, packed books, or participated in this mission through prayer or interest, this celebration is also for you. Come celebrate this friendship. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12 years of age. Register: firstpresbyterian.org.

Gun Disposal Event

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | 1679 BROADWAY

A Gun Disposal Event for the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti communities will be held on Saturday, November 9, at St. Aidan's Church. Sign up to volunteer to provide assistance and support, bit.ly/3YpoTtl.

WORSHIP

Taizé Prayer Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00PM | MONTEITH HALL

Because of Election Day, this month's Taizé service will be held on Monday. Whether seeking a moment of tranquility, spiritual connection, or simply a break, the Taizé service offers a sanctuary for you to find peace and renewal.