



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 6, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 6, 2024

Twentieth Sunday *after* Pentecost World Communion Sunday

** Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
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Welcome and Opening Sentences

Welcome to this place:

**where people of all generations sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.**

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

Centering and Prayer

Scripture Reading
(see handout)

Psalm 8

Song of Reflection

Creation Sings
All Sons & Daughters

Reflection

Sacrament of the Lord's Table
(see handout)

Poem of Sending

Wonder
Wayne Mali

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





9:30 AM WORSHIP | OCTOBER 6, 2024

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Suite Latina for String Quartet, I. Latin Steps* Juan R. Ramírez
Dalí Quartet

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

Faith in Action

*Call to Worship

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

God's got the whole world in God's hands.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

God's got the whole world in God's hands. Zane Yntema (Spanish)

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

God's got the whole world in God's hands. Franklin Chen (Taiwanese)

As part of that body we join in its unity.

God's got the whole world in God's hands. Sheryl Powell (French)

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

God's got the whole world in God's hands. Jeanette Kibler (Japanese)

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

God's got the whole world in God's hands. Laura Stahl (German)

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 372

O for a World

AZMON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God,

from the beginning, you made us for connection.

Yet we often feel alone in a crowded room

or crowded by thoughts in an empty room.

Help us to nurture true kinship wherever we find it,

whether the bonds in our lives

are romantic or platonic, familial or friendly.

When we feel alone, assure us of your sustaining presence.

**Help us to recognize your Spirit among us
in the support we share for one another,
and deepen our understanding of your love
as we seek to more deeply understand each other....**

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

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

LOBE DEN HERREN

Text by David Gambrell

**Praise to the Lord, who has promised to guide and deliver.
Through desert lands God is making a road and a river.
Lift up your eyes; witness the Spirit's surprise.
God is the gift and the giver.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

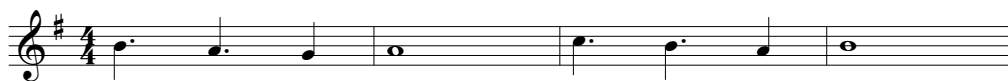
First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

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.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 10:2-16

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

Sermon

RESPONDING AND SEALING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Come Before the Table
Chancel Choir and John Dorsey, Djembe

Karen Marroli

Come before the table, O come before the Lord.
O come with one spirit, come with one hope,
O come with one song. O come and share the love.
O come as you are, knowing we all belong.
Come and share the blessing, O come and share the promise,
O come and share the love. O come with one mission,
Come with one love, come with one voice.
Come all, all near and far, let all the world rejoice!
Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who at this blessed
Feast art please to be. O come and share the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one. Come before the table, O come!

***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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. — God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.



Bless - ed — is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -



san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

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. We will receive Communion by intinction, and invite you to take a piece of bread, dip it in the chalice and partake, before returning to your seat. Ushers will release you by aisle to come forward. Roamers will bring communion to those who prefer to receive in the pews. As we join our Christian siblings celebrating the Sacrament across the globe today, we have breads from a variety of cultures, including Challah, Naan, Pita, and Hawaiian, all of which contain gluten and other allergens. There are gluten-free wafers in the center station.

COMMUNION MUSIC *El día que me quieras ("The Day You Love Me")*

Carlos Gardel/arr. N. Aponte

Dalí Quartet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*Hymn 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

*Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

La Cumparsita ("The Little Parade")

G. Matos Rodríguez

Dalí Quartet





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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Pouring of the Water

Grace and Peace to you from God

and from our Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome home, Children of God.

*Call to Worship

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

Side A: **God's got the whole world in God's hands.**

Side B: *We gather with them in heart and mind.*

Side A: **The whole world rests in God's Hands.**

Side B: *As part of that body we join in its unity.*

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One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

Side B: *The whole world rests in God's Hands.*

Side A: **We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.**

One: **The whole world rests in God's Hands.**

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and deepen our understanding of your love

as we seek to more deeply understand each other....

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of the Peace**

As you pass the peace, you are invited to share a time or place where you feel most at home or ease.

***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

Mark 10:2-16

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The word of the Lord endures forever.

Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayer 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 317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

***Benediction**

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

Closing Voluntary



CARRYING WORSHIP WITH US

During the week following World Communion Sunday, contemplate how we might carry the global body of Christ with us on our daily faith journey. Perhaps you might revisit the call to worship during the week or craft your own assurance of grace in response to the prayer of confession.

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, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you, stop by Hillegonds Chapel 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, 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>

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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. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Hana Kaehr, *Lay Reader*

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Nathaniel Fryer, *Resident Minister*

Kelsey Beckett, *Lay Reader*

USHERS (9:30)

Joe Schmidt, *Head Usher*

Bill Austin,

Head Usher Emeritus

GREETERS (9:30)

Lois Bryant

Shana Horan

Ellen Johnson

PRAYER TEAM

Anne Andrus

Ellen Johnson

WELCOME CENTER

Jennie Stahl

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Dalí Quartet:

Ari Isaacman-Beck, First Violin

Carlos Rubio, Second Violin

Adriana Linares, Viola

Jesús Morales, Cello

John Dorsey, Djembe

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer,

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

11:30 AM WORSHIP

Joshua Marzan, *Pianist*

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack Caldwell by his family: Beth, John, Tom, and Ben.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday, originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. It is now celebrated in many denominations throughout the world on the first Sunday in October. Gathered around the table in cities and towns, in countries near and far, we affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church in every time and place.

The fabrics that are in the chancel have been donated by FPC members for World Communion. Thanks to Mary Smith for arranging all of the fabrics.

The circular art piece on the pulpit was created by FPC member Lois Bryant for World Communion Sunday. Communion is a ritual about sharing – an act of sharing bread and wine to express our unity with Christ and with each other. World Communion Sunday is about worldwide Christian unity, cooperation, interconnection, and inspiration.

One thing all people of every faith have in common is this planet we live on, this God-given Eden called Earth. And, so we all have a common task – to take care of the Earth and all living things that inhabit its seas, skies, and land.

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45AM

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | FRENCH ROOM

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

Host: Ed Koster

EXPLORING THE FAITH | LEWIS ROOM

Medicine and Faith (Part 1) COVID-19 Vaccine: People and Providence

Host: Jane Dutton

The Sandy Talbott Lecture Series Speaker: Bill Gruber

FIRST FRIENDS | CURTIS ROOM

Video and discussion of *John: The Gospel of Light and Life – The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King*

Host: Carol Pawloski

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15AM-12:15PM

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | ROOM 101 (FIRST LEVEL)

CHILDREN

10:45-11:25AM

AGES K-8TH GRADE | ROOM 300 (THIRD LEVEL)

Lemon Chapel Singers

YOUTH

10:45-11:25AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL | LEMON CHAPEL (THIRD LEVEL)

Lemon Chapel Singers

HIGH SCHOOL | ROOM LL1 (LOWER LEVEL)

FAITH + CREATIVE ARTS | YOUTH ROOM (LOWER LEVEL)

Engaging scripture in art and storytelling.

6:00 to 7:30PM

YOUTH GROUP | YOUTH ROOM

6th - 12th graders are invited for dinner, games, and conversation.

HEALTH & WELLNESS: A NOTE FROM THE PARISH NURSES

As we continue to care for one another and move into a new season of being indoors and in closer quarters, the parish nurses want to encourage everyone to stay healthy. The new Covid-19 vaccine and flu vaccine are now available at most pharmacies in the area. Please consider getting vaccinated to protect yourself and those around you. If you are experiencing any respiratory symptoms, feel free to join us online that week or wear a mask while in the church to ensure the safety of our community. Or if you would just feel more comfortable wearing a mask at any time to protect yourself, please do! Remember the parish nurses are here to support you! If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us: parishnurse@fpca2.org

Announcements

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Generations

This year, we invite you to reflect on how God is calling us to embrace new opportunities and reach future generations through our ministry. Your generous pledges are essential to support our programs, outreach, and mission work. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider their commitment and join us in making a lasting impact. Pledge cards are available in the Welcome Center and online. Together, let's step forward in faith and ensure that our church continues to thrive for generations to come!



PLEDGE ONLINE

OPEN DOORS CREATIVE ARTS SERIES FREE CONCERT TODAY, IN THE SANCTUARY, AT 4:00 P.M.

The Dalí Quartet is celebrated for elevating Latin American quartet repertoire alongside Classical and Romantic works. Their “Classical Roots, Latin Soul” tours have captivated audiences across the U.S., Canada, and South America, earning acclaim from prestigious series worldwide. The Dalí Quartet will present a program that is fitting for children and youth. All are welcome! A reception will follow in the Social Hall.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Today's special offering goes to support the PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Offering. This special offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety, fear, discord, and division, so we can embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around us and around the world. 25% of this offering goes to support a local organization doing the work of peacemaking, 25% goes toward PCUSA mid-councils' ministries of peace and reconciliation, and 50% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and particular ministries of peace and justice.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The impact of Hurricane Helene has been devastating in communities in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. If you'd like to donate to support relief and recovery efforts, please donate to First Pres and note “PDA – Hurricane Helene” as a memo. Or donate directly to the PDA via their website. The fund number is DR000169.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women and Clear Computing bring you Scam Jam, a seminar on how fraudsters operate and make millions. On Tuesday, October 8, at 10:30 am, come to the Lewis Room and learn how YOU can stay safe. Suggested donation is \$15 Bring your laptop, iPad or smart phone. To register, contact Alli Spiller at Clear Computing at 734-480-8362 or alli@clearcomputing.net.

The Horizons Bible Study *Let Justice Roll Down* kicks off Thursday, October 10. Come to the Curtis Room at 10:00 am to warm up with a cup of coffee and get to know those in the study. At 10:30 am the study of “God's Call to Care for our Neighbors and All Creation” begins. Jane Bartman will lead lesson two, "Land Justice."