



First
Presbyterian
Church *of Ann Arbor*



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 29, 2024
8:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Worship



8:30 AM WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Nineteenth 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

Opening Sentences

Centering Prayer

Passing of the Peace

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayers

Sacrament of the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord our God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest,

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in
the highest.**

Jesus taught us to say, praying:

**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 of Thanksgiving After Communion

SENDING

Closing Prayer

Share a sign of peace with one another.

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Praise to the Lord

David Gambrell

For First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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 - joice 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 Erneuertem Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863

Our first hymn *Praise to the Lord*, by The Rev. Dr. David Gambrell, was commissioned by our Annual Giving Team. The text of the hymn reflects the following scripture texts: Psalm 145: 4, Isaiah 43:19, and Ephesians 3:20-21. David Gambrell is the Associate for Worship in the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PCUSA) in Louisville, KY.



9:30 AM WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Camp Kirkland
FPC Orchestra

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Life in the Church

* Call to Worship

Generation to Generation we gather in this place
seeking to live in faithful community and asking God to guide us.

Lord, revive our souls,
that we might lift each other up.

Lord, revive our souls,
that we might order our communities in ways that lead us toward love.

Generation to Generation

Lord, revive our souls!

Faith in Action Brian and Cora Meade

* Hymn (*previous page*) *Praise to the Lord* LOBE DEN HERREN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, awaken us to the depth of your love.

bolster us when living that love is costly.

give us each wisdom to recognize our part

in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth.

May those in positions of power

use their influence for the benefit of all.

May those with the knowledge to heal

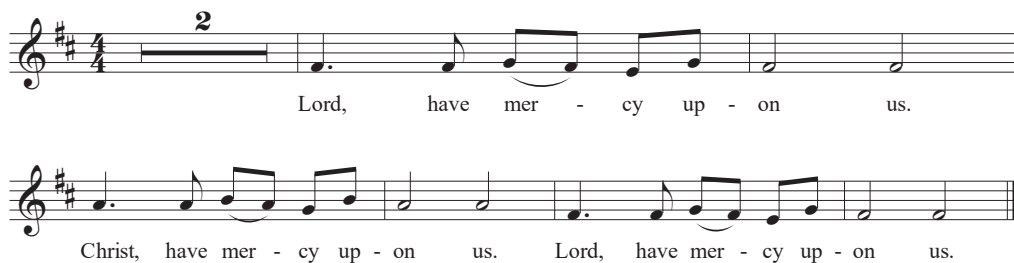
give freely of their gifts.

May those with imagination work to enact justice.

May we all join in telling the world

of your work among us....

Silent Prayer



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

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

James 3:13-4:3

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 9:30-37

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

Sermon

RESPONDING

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

The Lamb
Chancel Choir

John Tavener

Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Little lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and he is mild, He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee; little lamb, God bless thee.

* 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 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Dance of Joy
FPC Orchestra

Lennie Niehaus

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Congregational Meeting Agenda

Opening Statement

The Session has called a congregational meeting to be held at the conclusion of 9:30 am worship on September 29, for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2027 and members to the Congregational Nominating Committee Class of 2025; and amending the bylaws to add an additional edler under the age of 25.

Motion to allow Session to approve the Minutes of the Meeting

Motion to revise the By Laws regarding additional Elder(s)

Motion to Elect Slate of Elders

Motion to Elect Slate of Deacons

Motion to Elect 2025 Congregational Nominating Committee

Closing Prayer

Benediction and Adjournment

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SLATE OF OFFICERS

Elders, Class of 2027

Tom Brandt

Bill King

Diane Knibbs

Mark Ouimet

Sandy Pollock

Owen Smith

Sid Smith

Nicki Sorter

Jeff Taggart

Deacons, Class of 2027

Bob Anderson

Al Barber

Ashley Bowles

Leslie Christensen

Barbara Concannon

Jim Dickinson

Martin Gehrke (*Youth Deacon*)

Sarah Glinka

Melinda Haithcock

Ralph Kauffman

Martha Kershaw

Cindy King

John LeDuc

Vincent Pakela

Helena Prince

Emma Schneidewind (*Youth Deacon*)

Mary Schudel

Tara Shantz

Donna Smith

Gary Stahl

Nominating Committee 2025

Marty Gehrke

David Kershaw

Mark Lindley

Michele Madden

Marita Servais

Kathy Wirstrom

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. The online Friendship Pad can be found on our website, firstpresbyterian.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

You already belong at First Pres, but we'd love to officially welcome you to membership if you haven't taken that step yet. You can join as a full member or as an affiliate, keeping your primary membership elsewhere.

The process has two parts:

1. Attend a fast-track session on an upcoming Sunday for a half-hour meet-and-greet with pastors and elders.
2. Before or after that, attend a new member class.

Our next fast-track session is **October 13, at 10:45 am**. Our next new member class is **today, September 29, at 4 p.m.** Interested? Contact Rev. Mel Rogers at mrogers@fpca2.org or 734-904-0049.

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.

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>

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. If you would like a church parking permit for an accessible parking space, please speak to one of our Parish Nurses, Barb DeLancey or Stacey Pakela (bdelancy@firstpresbyterian.org or spakela@firstpresbyterian.org).

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Leading in Worship

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

LEADING IN WORSHIP

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers, *Lead Pastor*

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Rev. David Prentice-Hyers *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Tommy Langejans, *Resident Minister*

Rev. Mark Mares, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, *Associate Pastor*

Betsy McCallister, *Lay Reader*

MUSICIANS

9:30 AM WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

FPC Orchestra

David Hufford, *Organist*

David VanderMeer, *Minister of Music & Fine Arts*

GREETERS (9:30 AM)

Bonnie Hughes

Mike McQueen

USHERS (9:30 AM)

Joe Schmidt,
Head Usher

Bill Austin,
Head Usher Emeritus

RO Andrus

Keith Bilby

Sheila Bilby

Jim Cameron

Dick Carlisle

Spaulding Clark

Connie Swindle

Martin Swindle

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laurin and Delia Hunter, by their daughter Molly Dobson.

Today in Faith Formation

ADULTS

10:45AM

EXPLORING THE BIBLE | French Room

The Parable of the Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)

Host: Ed Koster

EXPLORING THE FAITH | Lewis Room

Politics and Faith (Part 1): What's On Your Ballot?

Host: Diane Hockett and Margie Reynolds

Speaker: Sue Smith

FIRST FRIENDS | Curtis Room

Video and discussion of *John: The Gospel of Light and Life: The Farewell Discourse*

Host: Carol Pawloski

KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY | VANCE ROOM

Yale Bible Study of Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament

Host: Bill McPherson

CHILDCARE & NURSERY

9:15 AM to 12:15 PM

AGES 5 AND YOUNGER | Room 101

CHILDREN

10:45 am | Social Hall

5th Sunday Potluck

YOUTH

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6:00 to 7:30 PM

YOUTH GROUP | Offsite

All 6th through 12th graders are invited every Sunday for dinner, games, discussion, and tons of fun! We offer a supportive space where every teen feels valued and inspired to live out their faith in meaningful ways. Tonight's event is a Corn Maze.

Announcements

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE (WHOLENESS & HEALING)

Tuesday, October 1 | 7:00 pm | Monteith Hall

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6

OPEN DOORS CREATIVE ARTS SERIES

Dalí String Quartet

Sunday, October 6 | 4:00 pm | Sanctuary

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.



Generations

2025 Annual Stewardship

Today we kick off our Annual Stewardship Campaign, *Generations: God will do a new thing!* This is our opportunity to come together as a community and make a lasting impact. Your generosity helps us continue vital programs, support those in need, and strengthen the mission of our church. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference in the lives we touch. Together, let's build a strong and vibrant community where every generation can experience the love, hope, and grace of God.

The Goal

\$2.2 million

*Behold, I will do a new thing;
I will even make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

- Isaiah 43:19 -

Celebration Sunday is
October 27, 2024



Ways to Give



In Person



By Mail



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Online



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