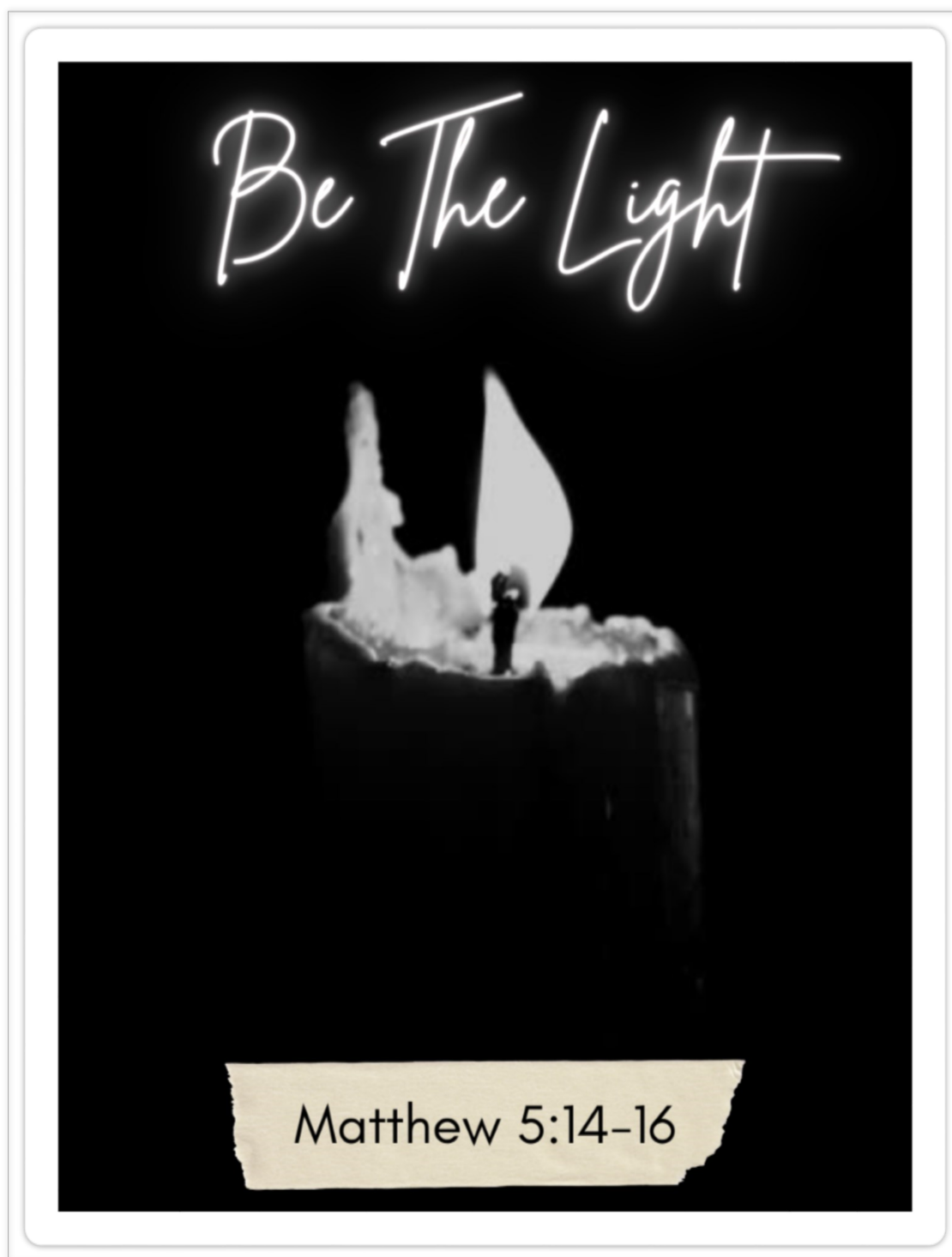


# First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
Communion Sunday  
Sunday, February 5, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Prelude**                      *Laudate Dominum (O Praise the Lord)*      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**              Matthew 5:1-12

**Leader:** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**People:** **Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**Leader:** Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

**People:** **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

**Leader:** Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

**People:** **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Leader:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

**People:** **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Leader:** Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

**People:** **Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

**\*Opening Hymn # 172**    *Blest Are They*

## **Invitation to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession:** Most gracious God, through Christ you teach us that we are blessed. Forgive us for those times when we do not feel blessed, or for those times we forget that others are blessed. We pray that you will lead us to a life with pure hearts so we may see you. Grant us deeper wisdom that we may know and understand your will for us this day. Hear us now as we offer our silent, personal prayers confessing our sins and our trust in your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response # 475**              *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson**                  Isaiah 58:1-9a

## **Children's Message**

**Gospel Lesson**                Matthew 5:13-20

**Sermon**                         Do Not Hold Back

**\*Hymn # 401**

*Here In This Place (Gather Us In)*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** From The Belhar Confession, 1982-1986

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness by both by word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**\*Response #581**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Go Ye Into All the World*

Eugene Butler

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**The Lord's Supper**

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.

**We give thank to our Lord our God.**

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Sanctus #552**

**The Great Thanksgiving and Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup**

**Communion Hymn # 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Prayer after Communion**

**\*Sending Hymn #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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Participating in this morning's service are Interim Pastor Jim Faile;  
Liturgist Jeremy Hughes; The Sanctuary Choir and Director of Music Brenda Ferguson



# Announcements for February 5

**Per Capita:** Our church is in covenant with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each church pays Per Capita (a per-member apportionment) based on how many members they report to have. The money goes to help those governing bodies do their important ministries. For 2023, the Per Capita for each member is \$35.95. Your contribution is our way of supporting PCUSA above and beyond our current giving commitment. Please prayerfully consider contributing your \$35.95 per member in your household.

**Pledge Envelopes:** Please pick up your 2023 pledge envelope in the narthex to save on postage for the church. Thank you.

**Attention All Presbyterian Women!** On Thursdays we will be meeting WEEKLY as usual from 10-11:30 a.m. in the North Parlor to study a sampling of the prolific theologian, Frederick Buechner, and his work from "Beyond Words: A Word A Day Keeps The Demons Away". New faces welcome!

**Women's Wednesday Evening Bible study to resume on Wednesdays, beginning February 8 from 5:30-7:00 pm.** In the six-session video-based study, Unwavering Joy, Stasi Eldredge shows how believers in Christ can have peace and contentment in spite of their circumstances when they engage in holy defiance against the enemy and refuse to accept the lie that sorrow, loss, and evil have the final word.

Designed to be used in conjunction with the six-session DVD Study, the Unwavering Study Guide will help participants dig deeper and apply the video teachings.

Each small group member need a copy of the study-guide (\$5)

Session Titles/Times: A Reason to Celebrate - Godly Interference - Greener Grass -

Expectant Hope - Cultivating Joy - The Ultimate Victory

Join us at 5:30 for a meal (\$5), fellowship and growing together in God's Word. And invite a friend! If you are interested, you may sign up in the Narthex or text Chris at 313-575-5853 and let her know how many will be attending, so we can plan appropriately. We look forward to spending time with you!

**Knitting Group:** Our next knitting evening will be February 9 at 7:30 p.m. We will meet at Jane Mykytenko's house: 130 Woodcrest Drive, Dearborn. We can help you learn to knit or crochet. Bring a knitting friend!

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12 after the worship service.

**Diaper Ministry :** It's time again for football, diapers and boxed lunches! Sunday, February 12 Charlene and Tracie will be outside Mitchell Hall collecting diapers for Starfish and handing out our signature lunches and beverages. We need the following sizes: 1 through 7, although there is a greater need for sizes 6 and 7. Pull-ups in sizes 2T through 5T.

Please call Charlene at (313) 608-9552 or Tracie at (313) 407-2965 to reserve your lunch. As always, we appreciate your support for this important ministry.

**Memorial Service:** The memorial service for Vic Todor will be on February 18 at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. before the service. There will be a luncheon following in Mitchell Hall.

**The Book of the Every-Other-Month Club** will hold its next meeting on Saturday, March 11 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the North Parlor. The book selection for March, *Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization* by Neil deGrasse Tyson, is recommended to us by Reverend Jim Faile.

Tyson, an astrophysicist with a unique ability to explain scientific principles in a way that is accessible and meaningful to non-scientists, urges us to think about our opinions and all the issues that divide humanity from the viewpoint of an astronaut orbiting far above Earth, along with the aid of the discoveries of modern science, "to see Earth, and everybody on it, in a way that leaves you immune from provincial interpretations of the world."

Start reading, come join us, and bring a friend. Contact Janet Witkowski at 313-570-7901 or [janwit1978@gmail.com](mailto:janwit1978@gmail.com) for further information.





**Friends of the Dearborn Symphony Presents  
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**Sunday February 12, 2023 3:00 p.m. here at FPCD**

**Reception to immediately follow.  
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Andre & Jane Mykytenko**

# Calendar for February 5-12, 2023

## **Sunday, February 5**

9:00 a.m. Adult Education  
9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Nursery  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Communion  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

## **Monday, February 6**

6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless

## **Tuesday, February 7**

7:00 p.m. Worship & Arts

## **Wednesday, February 8**

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest  
12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Media Deadline  
6:30 p.m. NAMI  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, February 9**

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Men's Hope and Love Class  
4:00 p.m. Bells of Heaven  
6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Starting Again

## **Sunday, February 12**

9:00 a.m. Adult Education  
9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Nursery  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Friends of the Dearborn Symphony



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*Come Home to God's Love*

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Laura Thormann  
Dave Young

#### **Class of 2024**

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Sue Smith  
Kevin Watts  
Janet Witkowski

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Jo Ann Cashwell  
Bill Leslie  
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### **Clerk of Session**

Jim Barber

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Jim Faile, *Interim Pastor*  
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Wendy Palmer, *Custodial Staff*  
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