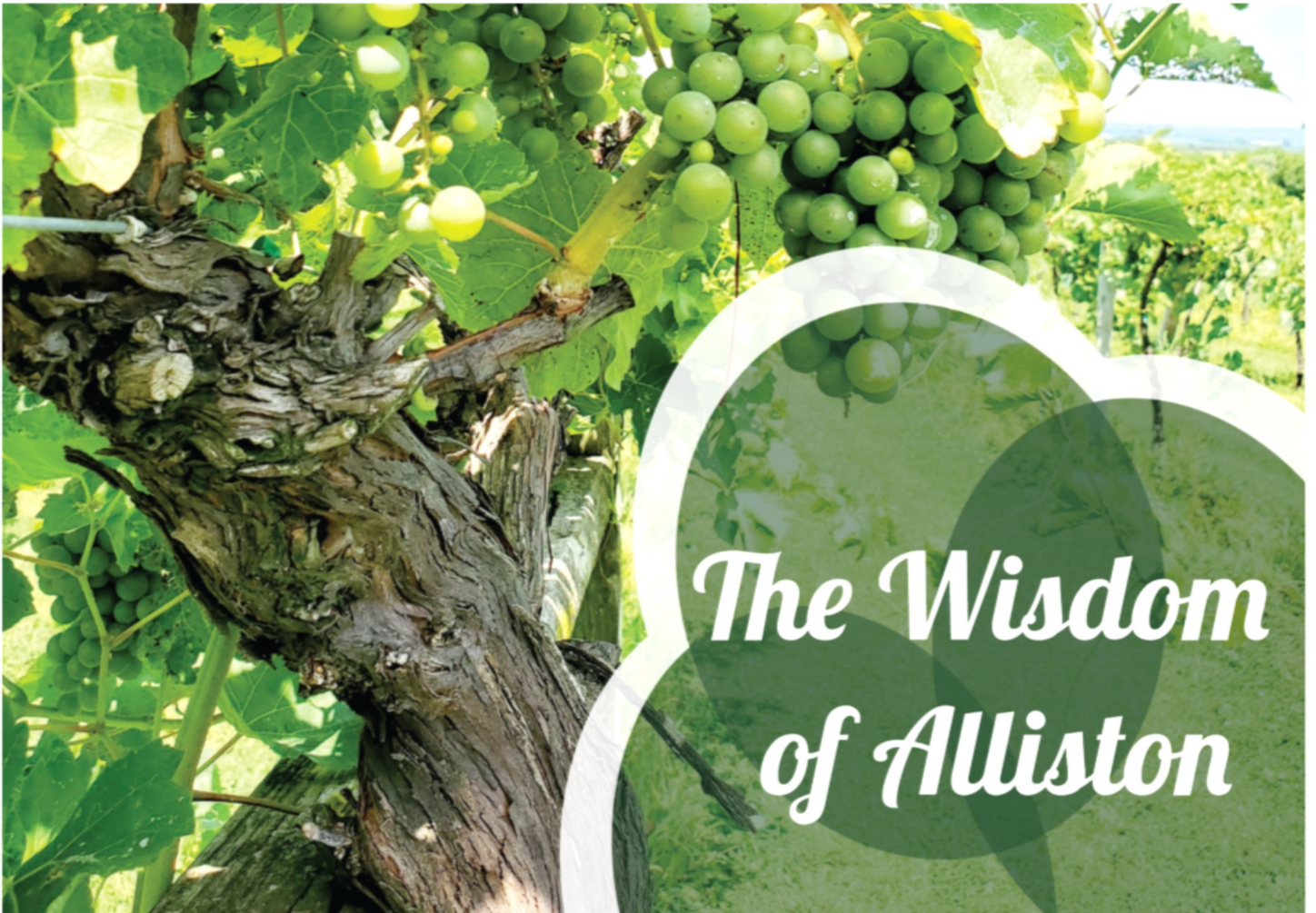


First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 24, 2023
10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *IV Adagio (Fifth Symphony)*

Charles-Marie Widor

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 145:1-7

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

People: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

***Opening Hymn # 761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, your mercy and goodness have sustained us through sorrow, pain, and distress. You have healed and restored us, you have preserved and guided us. Forgive, O Lord, the ingratitude and self-centeredness that cause us to forget your goodness to us. Enable us, by your Spirit, to live in a way that demonstrates our gratitude for all the blessing you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

***Response # 720** *Jesus Calls Us*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Exodus 16:2-15

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon The Wisdom of Alliston

***Hymn # 719** *Come, Labor On*

We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Minute for Mission Elevator Pitch Part 3
Book of the Every Other Month Club
ChristNet

Offertory *Hymn of the Spirit* Nagy

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn # 269** *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude *Lead On, O King Eternal!* Sherleif/Smart arr. B. Ferguson

Participating in this morning's service are Interim Pastor Jim Faile; Liturgist Charlie Aronson; Children's Ministry Director Emily Kaltz; The Sanctuary Choir and Director of Music Brenda Ferguson



Announcements

The Adult Education class invites you to join us on Sundays starting today at 9:00 a.m. as we finish our study on the Chosen as we explore Jesus through the eyes of those who were the closest to him. We will meet through December 17. No class on October 22 and November 26. If you have not previously joined us for discussion on the first two seasons, that is o.k., join us anyway! We hope to see you there!

The Youth Group has a very exciting (and spooky) activity planned for **Sunday, October 1**. All ages are invited to this family-friendly event! We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. and carpool to a Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock. We'll take a spooky hayride around the cemetery and then grill hotdogs and enjoy some s'mores. Contact Jim or Rebecca Scott at rje1920@gmail.com with any questions!

Book of the Every Other Month Club has rescheduled its discussion of "Demon Copperhead" for Saturday, October 21 in the North Parlor at 10:00 AM. Please note: this is a change from the prior announced postponement to October 14.

We will meet as scheduled November 11 to discuss "Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age" by Kevin Boyle.

Youth Music: Thursday rehearsals began September 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Sanctuary.

Youth musical "Angels Aware!" for Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. Family Service.

All youth are welcome!

Angels Aware: Youth Musical for Christmas Eve, 5:30 p.m. Family Service.

Directed and produced by Brenda Ferguson, Organist/Director of Music (and Music Teacher in New York, Pennsylvania, Chicago, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Virginia), this musical is a glance into Heaven on the night our Savior was born. The angels are not convinced! "Why come as a 'b a b y' when He is the King of Heaven?" Including "The Ten Commandments" - a musical masterpiece! this musical is full of energy, excitement and fun.

All youth are welcome and invited. Rehearsals are in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Time and date to be determined, to include YOU!

Please contact Brenda Ferguson: phone 845- 642-2669, email gthomferguson@gmail.com.

Calendar

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Monday, September 25

6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless
7:00 p.m. GriefShare

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Men's Hope and Love Class
4:30 p.m. Youth Music
7:00 p.m. Starting Again

Sunday, October 1

Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship



Food Pantry Update

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dearborn has asked the Cherry Hill Presbyterian food bank to partner with them in a Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. St. Paul's will provide the fresh food (turkeys, etc.) and Cherry Hill will provide the "fixings." Cherry Hill has asked our church to help with the following items:

- Large cans of sweet potatoes
- Large cans green beans
- Stuffing mix
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Cornbread mix
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Crispy onions

If we could concentrate on these items during October it would be a big help. Thanks!

70's and 80's Songs We Know and Love

Music Medley

Presented by Friends of the Dearborn Symphony

Join us for a special performance with Donna Kallie on Piano/Flute and Mark Kesson on Guitar/Vocals performing songs from the 70's and 80's; playing songs you know and love. Find the lyrics on your cellphone and sing along! It will be a wonderful afternoon of music. We look forward to seeing you!

Sunday, October 8, 2023 3:00 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn,
600 N. Brady Dearborn, MI**

Followed by a reception and a chance to meet the musicians.

\$25 or \$20 for FODS members

**For tickets, call Jane Mykytenko 313-657-2776
or email janeel1@me.com**

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10:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday, October 6 & Saturday, October 7



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Come Home to God's Love

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Sue Smith
Kevin Watts
Janet Witkowski

Class of 2025

Jim Barber
Jo Ann Cashwell
Bill Leslie
Bob Missler

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Jane Mykytenko
Nancy Slanec
Laura Thormann

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

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Rev. Jim Faile, *Interim Pastor*
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Brenda Ferguson, *Music Director/Organist*
Karen Fuller, *Business Administrator*
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Wendy Palmer, *Custodial Staff*
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