

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Sharing is Caring



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Dr. George Matheson

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** 1 John 4:7, 11, 16

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

People: **Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loves us so much, we ought also to love one another.

People: **God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

***Opening Hymn # 367** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, you created us for life together, but we know there are times when we have strayed from your will and not love as you have commanded. Some promises are made and kept, others are made and broken. Forgive our sins, O God, and strengthen us in love, so that we may serve you and one another as a faithful people, through Christ our Lord.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

Assurance of Pardon

***Response # 435** *There's a Wideness In God's Mercy*

Staff Recognition Karen Fuller

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Song of Songs 2:8-13

Children's Message

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon Sharing is Caring

***Hymn # 350** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in the God of mercy, whose faithfulness to the covenant frees us to live together in the security of God's powerful love. Amid the changing world the eternal word of God stands firm, made known in Jesus Christ and revealed to us anew through the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

***Response # 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

Call to Offering

Offertory

Et misericordia, like a shepherd with his lambs (Magnificat)
Heather Slanac, soprano; Sanctuary Choir

J. Rutter

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn # 370 *This Is My Father's World*

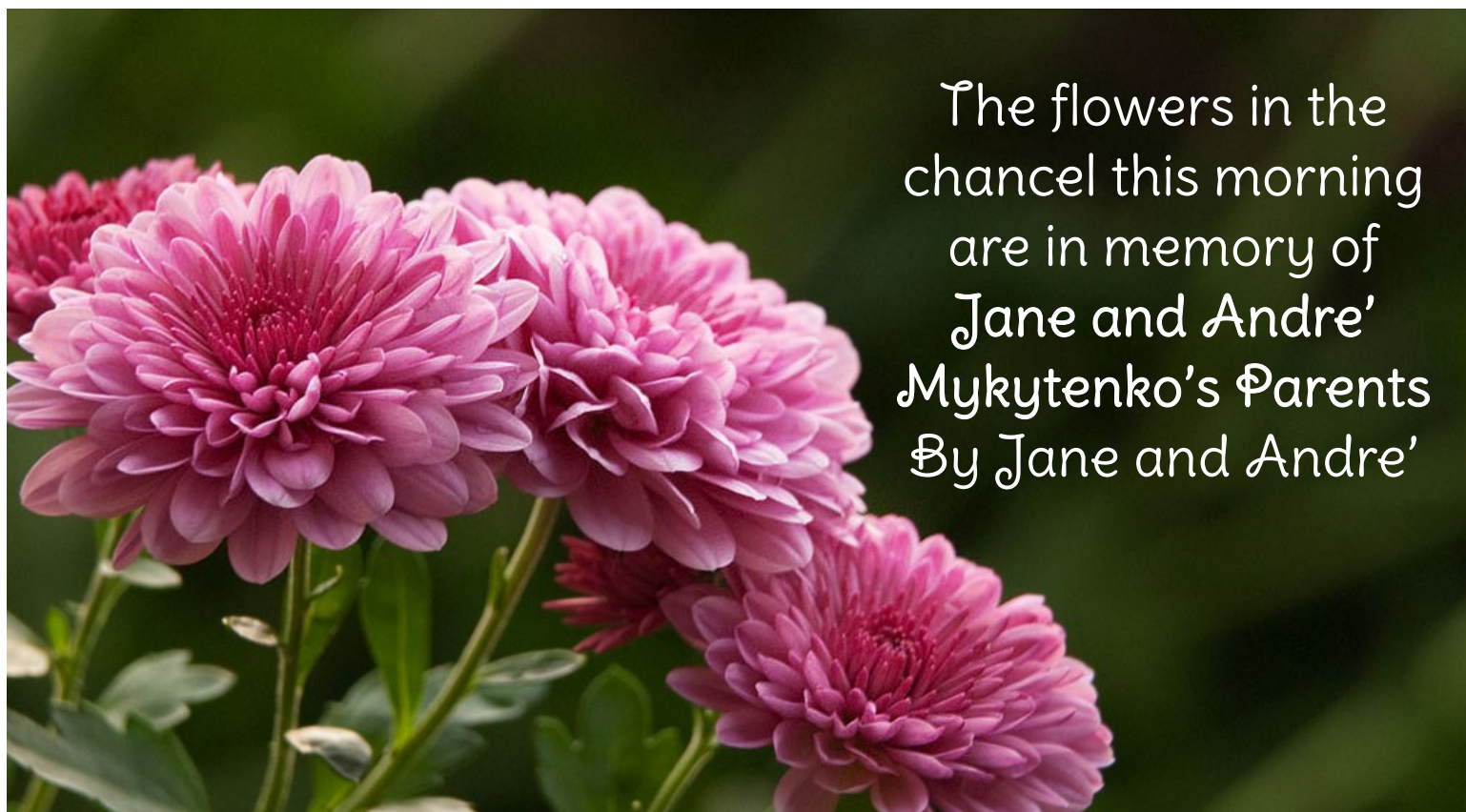
*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon, We Are Going to Meet the King

Spiritual

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



The flowers in the
chancel this morning
are in memory of
Jane and Andre'
Mykytenko's Parents
By Jane and Andre'



Announcements

Family Lunch today, immediately following the church service, will be a Ukrainian meal, “obid,” prepared by Andre & Jane Mykytenko to thank the congregation for all the cards, thoughts and prayers during Andre’s summer health issues and his recovery. We are grateful for this congregation which is such a life uplifting, supportive family. Thank You!!

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays on November 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Person: Christine Mayer, Parish Nurse 313-575-5853 or cmayer83@gmail.com

Register online

<https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/48283/registrations/confirm>

Cost \$10 (Includes survival guide and refreshments) Scholarships available

We are so sorry for your loss.... Most years we look forward to the holidays with joy and anticipation. But this year they are probably more of a dread than a joyful expectation.... It doesn’t have to be that way.

Come to our “Surviving the Holidays” event and find support, encouragement and key strategies that will help you have confidence that this year the holidays can still be a special time for you and your family.

Presbyterian Knitters. Enjoy a night out before the holiday stress takes over! Join the Presbyterian Knitters and Crocheters at Rebecca Scott's house, 2013 Mayburn, Dearborn MI on Thursday November 16 at 7:00 p.m. Bring a project and come relax! Don't know how to knit or crochet? That's OK we can show you! Contact Rebecca at rje1920@gmail.com

We Need Your Photos They say a picture says a thousand words. The PNC would like to share with prospective pastor candidates photos that depict the life of the church here at First Pres Dearborn. Please send your digital photos of the many aspects of our church life: youth group, children’s ministry, choir, musical performances, bell choir, outreach and mission, mission partners, Christnet, Second Mile, Kate and Billy’s ministry, food bank with Cherry Hill, Men’s Fellowship, Presbyterian Women, SOAR, Treasure Chest, grief ministry, mat making, Book of Every Other Month Club, Sunday school, worship services, tech team and worship service streaming, property and landscaping projects, communion and meals for the homebound

God is blessing First Pres Dearborn in so many ways as reflected through the many great activities and ministries our congregation is involved in. We would like to share those with our future pastor. Please send your digital photos with a brief description of the event, group or ministry to Jennifer Taub at Jennifert@firstpresdearborn.org. Please direct questions to Cathy Stormzand 313-598-4245 or cathystormzand@gmail.com.

Youth Music: Regular rehearsals except Thanksgiving Day - off
These kids are super talented giving their best back to GOD. Thank you!

Angels Aware: Youth Musical for Thursday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m.

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

The Book of the Every Other Month Club will meet on Saturday, January 13 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the North Parlor The book discussion will be on Mad Honey by Jodi Piccoult and Jennifer Finley Boylan. Fans of Jodi Picoult's fiction know that she tells a great story while giving the reader a lot to think about. Mad Honey is no exception. Hope to see you in January!

A large brown semi-circular graphic with a border of yellow and orange autumn leaves. The text "Thanksgiving" is in a white serif font, and "FOOD DRIVE" is in a white bold sans-serif font. Below the text are three yellow circular icons: a roasted turkey with pumpkins, a whole pie with a lattice crust and fruit, and a roasted turkey with pumpkins and fruit.

Thanksgiving FOOD DRIVE

Food Pantry Update

Thank you to all who have been contributing to the Thanksgiving dinner by St. Paul Lutheran/Cherry Hill Presbyterian. They now have enough large items for this event. From this point on, the Cherry Hill pantry will be preparing bags for individual families to have items for an at-home Thanksgiving dinner. Please concentrate on smaller-packaged items that you might buy for your own Thanksgiving dinner:

Yams, Beans, Stuffing, Soup, Cranberry sauce...etc...

Calendar

Sunday, November 12

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 a.m. Family Lunch

Monday, November 13

11:00 a.m. Dearborn Garden Club
6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless
6:30 p.m. GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays

Tuesday, November 14

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry
7:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, November 15

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, November 16

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

Sunday, November 19

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

Happy

Thanksgiving

**The church office will be closed Thursday,
November 23 and Friday, November 24.**

**All information for the November 26 and
December 3 bulletins will be due on
Tuesday, November 21.**

**Jennifer will be out the office
November 27-30.**

Noel Nite

Annual Christmas Dinner
at the First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Bells of Heaven
Carols led by Sanctuary Choir
“Belle” Marie Shearer
Susan Anzicek “Christmas Hats” Program

Tickets on sale in the Narthex after
the worship service
\$10.00 donation



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Come Home to God's Love

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Janet Witkowski

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Jo Ann Cashwell
Bill Leslie
Bob Missler

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Jane Mykytenko
Nancy Slanec
Laura Thormann

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

Church Staff

Rev. Jim Faile, *Interim Pastor*
Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*
Brenda Ferguson, *Music Director/Organist*
Karen Fuller, *Business Administrator*
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