

# First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**The Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Prelude** *Prelude and Fugue in E minor (the Cathedral)* Johann Sebastian Bach

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

**All: Come, let us put our trust in God.**

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

**All: Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!**

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**All: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace**

**\*Hymn # 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

## **Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession: Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Response #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** Acts 3:12-19

## **Children's Time**

**Scripture Lesson** 1 John 3:1-7

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 24:36b-48





The PNC unanimously  
nominates  
**Reverend Tom James**

For the position of  
Senior Pastor,  
Head of Staff of  
The First Presbyterian  
Church of Dearborn

Whose candidating sermon  
will be given on  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
at the 10 a.m. Service

Greetings, First Presbyterian Church!

I'm delighted to begin ministry with you in Dearborn and beyond. I am originally from Daytona Beach, Florida, where one of my older brothers (I have three) held me in front of him to break through spider webs as he walked through the scrub to the beach, just across A1A from our house. Thankfully, I don't really remember that! I grew up moving back and forth between Florida and North Carolina as my father progressed in his career in the grocery store chain, Winn-Dixie. After college in Georgia, I attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where I met my wife, Michelle. Michelle is pastor of Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi. We have lived for the last eleven years in Grosse Ile, occasionally driving to Dearborn for robotics and volleyball tournaments, Ford's Garage and Shatila bakery. Michelle and I have been married for twenty-eight years and have three adult (or semi-adult!) daughters. Emma is twenty-three, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and currently lives in Chicago as she considers graduate work. Anna, twenty-one, is in Grand Rapids working in hospitality while she writes and works on her art. Charissa (pronounced "ka-rissa") is nineteen and studies biology at Michigan State. We also have two cats, two dogs, and a chinchilla, and we wonder every day how we got ourselves into this!



I have been a Presbyterian pastor for twenty years (four of them teaching at Union Presbyterian Seminary, where I received my PhD in theology and ethics), serving churches in Ohio, Virginia, and Michigan. I love preaching, teaching, community ministry, reformed theology, and delving deeper into Christian spirituality. Currently, I'm in a training program for spiritual directors at Columbia Theological Seminary and I believe myself to be called to teach and lead people toward a deeper relationship with Christ through prayer and other Christian practices. I enjoy reading, writing, taking walks, and watching probably too much TV.

I am excited to get to know you and I look forward to walking with you during the coming years as we seek to build up Christ's body in Dearborn!



# Announcements



**The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**

## **Notice of Special Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**Our session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:30am after morning worship for the purpose of voting on terms of call for the new pastor, subject to the approval of our candidate by the Detroit Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.**

**Book of the Every Other Month Club** will meet on May 11 from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. in the North Parlor to discuss *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. First published ten years ago, and reissued with a new preface by the author, *The Birmingham News* deems this book "the most important book published in this century about the U.S." The May meeting will conclude our '23-'24 program year, so we will be choosing books to read for next year. So come with your suggestions--all are welcome!

### **Your Favorite Hymns:**

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" was requested by Jeremy Hughes.

"I Will Come to You" (You Are Mine) is a favorite of Bunny Barr.

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Beethoven) is one of Brenda's 800 favorites.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Brenda will gladly include it in worship. There is a Favorite Hymn gold box in the Narthex for you to submit your choice. Please include your name!

**The Personnel Committee** would like to remind the congregation that if you have any questions or concerns during this time of transition at church, please direct those questions or concerns to Jim Barber [jbarbercavu@hotmail.com](mailto:jbarbercavu@hotmail.com) who is Clerk of Session. He will direct your questions or concerns to the proper person or committee at church. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

# Calendar

## **Sunday, April 14**

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. Finance Committee  
11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

## **Monday, April 15**

6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless  
6:30 p.m. Griefshare

## **Tuesday, April 16**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

## **Wednesday, April 17**

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, April 18**

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Men's Hope and Love Class  
3:30 p.m. Bells of Heaven  
4:30 p.m. Youth Music

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After 3 years, 7 months, 1 week, 1 day;  
1316 days in Foster care and 679 days processing the  
adoption, Joey is now officially, legally

Joseph Jordan Campbell.

We will celebrate this exciting news with our church  
family on April 14 and have a special family lunch after  
service. Everyone is welcome!



## **The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**

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*Come Home to God's Love*

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2024**

Karen Fink  
Sue Smith  
Kevin Watts  
Janet Witkowski

#### **Class of 2025**

Jim Barber  
Jo Ann Cashwell  
Bill Leslie  
Bob Missler

#### **Class of 2026**

Jeremy Hughes  
Jane Mykytenko  
Nancy Slanec  
Laura Thormann

### **Clerk of Session**

Jim Barber

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Brenda Ferguson, *Music Director/Organist*  
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*  
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*  
Wendy Palmer, *Custodial Staff*  
Amanda Rains, *Business Administrator*  
Jennifer Taub, *Office Administrator*

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2024**

Nancy Barber  
Lynn Campbell  
Matt Higgins  
Carol McFadden

#### **Class of 2025**

Charlie Aronson  
Bud Cashwell  
David Smith  
Jan Smith

#### **Class of 2026**

Fran Buckley  
Dorinda Hughes  
Rebecca Scott  
Olimpia Todor