

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, November 3, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Psalm-Sonata No.1*

Brenda Portman

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and

People: who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

Leader: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: God's forgiveness gives us joy. Let us share the joy with one another. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you. (Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable)

***Response #587** *Alleluia!*

Prayer of Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:24-26

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading I Kings 17:1-24

Sermon *How to Be a Prophet*

*Hymn #806 *I'll Praise My Maker*

*Affirmation of Faith: (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

Call to Offering

Offertory *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

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, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

Sanctus #552

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.*

(prayer continues)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Communion of the People Please come forward as directed by the ushers.

Communion Hymn #525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Hymn #526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

***Benediction**

Postlude *Shout for Joy to the Lord* Brenda Portman

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James;
Liturgist Rev. Don Wright; Children's Ministry Director Emily Kaltz,
Organist and Music Director *David Stultz*,
The Sanctuary Choir

Community Game Night

Friday, November 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$10 Entry fee for Dinner
(Pizza, Veggies, Beverages and Dessert)
and Table Games. (ie: Mexican Train, Euchre, Scrabble, Sequence, etc) We will also hold a Euchre Tournament (\$5 Entry fee with Cash Prizes.) No need to sign up, but **Please join us and bring a friend!**



Meal Packing Event November 9, 2024

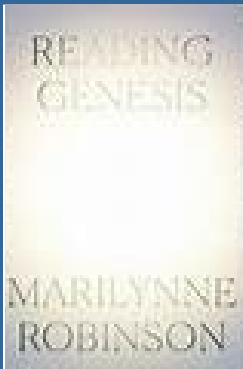
Join us in making a difference to our community and the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Please plan to help bag/package fortified grain protein for those in our community, for missions and for disaster relief. The event is Saturday, November 9th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can find more information and sign up to participate in the narthex.



Book of the Every Other Month Club

Book of the Every Other Month Club will meet in the North Parlor on November 9th from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. For this meeting, we return to one of our favorite authors, Pulitzer Prize winner Marilynne Robinson, and her new book, "Reading Genesis." Robinson's book "is a powerful consideration of the profound meanings and promise of God's enduring covenant with humanity...[it] radiates gratitude for the constancy and benevolence of God's abiding faith in Creation."

All are welcome--come join us!



Calendar

Sunday, November 3

Communion by Intinction Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Pastor's Class

3:00p.m. Music Medley Concert

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 p.m. Worship & Arts

Wednesday, November 6

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 7

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Friday, November 8

6:30 p.m. Game Night— M.H.

Saturday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Book of the Every Other Month

1:00 p.m. O&M Food Project

Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Pastor's Class

11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

Who is Israel and Why Should I Care?

Christians know that our faith grew out of the faith of ancient Israel. We are less sure about what we should make of the Old Testament, and even less sure how we should regard Israel. Is Israel the chosen nation? Does our faith require or encourage us to be loyal to modern Israel? Is the modern nation of Israel a continuation of ancient Israel, and do all the covenant promises still apply? Christians have had lots of different views on these questions. We begin our class discussing some of these views, and then we take a deeper dive into the historical realities of ancient Israel as we find them in the traditions of the Old Testament. We will conclude by asking a more direct theological question: what does Israel have to do with faith in Jesus? There has been a change in the class schedule. It will run for six consecutive Sundays beginning October 6 and ending November 10. We will gather for each session in Mitchell Hall following worship. **Schedule:**

October 6 Christian Views on Israel

October 13 The Historical Origins of Israel

October 20 Joshua vs. Judges (and Samuel/Kings on the Monarchy)

October 27 The Prophets and Exile

November 3 Contested Faith: Psalms, Proverbs, Job

November 10 Abraham from Genesis to Romans

What Does Israel have to do with Faith in Jesus?

Pastor Tom



Announcements

FPCD CHOIR MEMBERS— Choir rehearsals will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We are looking for instrumentalists to perform on Sundays. If you have a hidden talent you haven't shared or have a family member or friend who would like to play in a church worship service, please let us know! All are welcome to join us! Thanks for your support! *Jane Mykytenko*

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2025 is from Acts 4:32-33: "Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul... and great grace was upon them all" (NRSV). Please pray over this passage in the coming weeks as we launch our campaign: **Our greatest gift to the world is our joy!**

The Dearborn Area Interfaith Network (DAIN) is hosting a new series of free dinner events to help us get to know our neighbors from other communities of faith. Our first event (a "Friendsgiving") is Monday evening, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Islamic House of Wisdom (22575 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights). Please join Pastor Tom and others as we learn more about our neighbors. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office and let us know so we can help our friends at the House of Wisdom make appropriate plans.



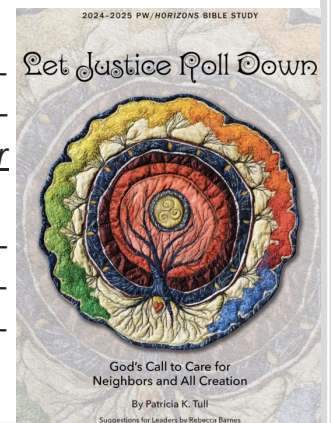
*Family Lunch—Sunday, November 10, at 11:30 a.m.
Mitchell Hall*

Come join us for good food and fellowship!
Lunch will be chili, cornbread, and dessert. 😊

2024-2025 PW/HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. beginning Thursday, September 12th after Kick off Sunday. Charlie Aronson and Jane Mykytenko will lead our discussions. Our first Bible Study will be "*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.*"

In this study we will investigate justice issues addressing a variety of topics: Environmental Justice, Land Justice, Food Justice, Water Justice, Air Quality, Climate Change, Economic Climate Justice, Intergenerational Justice, Sustaining Creation's Health for All.





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Come Home to God's Love

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Jane Mykytenko
Nancy Slanec
Laura Thormann

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Karen Fink
Elissa Osborne
Janet Witkowski

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Wendy Palmer, *Custodial Staff*
Amanda Rains, *Business Administrator*
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*

Church Office hours: Mon-Thurs 9 :00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Deacons

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