

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663* *J.S. Bach*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (from Psalm 62)

Leader: From God comes my salvation.

People: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

Leader: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

People: God is my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

***Hymn #662** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Forgiving God, we confess that, in subtle ways, we turn from you. You call, but we are slow to listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. 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 18:13

~ **Children's Message** ~

Old Testament Reading Jonah 1:1-17 ;3:1-10; 4:1-11

Sermon *This Wasn't Supposed to Work!*

***Hymn #109**

Blest Be the God of Israel

***Affirmation of Faith:** (from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1987)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory Be to the Father

Call to Offering

Offertory

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Hymn #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

***Benediction**

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

FAMILY LUNCH in Mitchell Hall immediately after the service.

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James;
liturgist Sue Ingram; Children's Ministry Director Emily Kaltz, Organist and Music Director David Stultz,
The Sanctuary Choir

Calendar

Sunday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Family Lunch
11:15 a.m. Pastor's Class

Monday, November 11

11:00 a.m. Garden Club
1:00 p.m. GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" Event
6:00 p.m. Interfaith "Friendsgiving" - Islamic House of Wisdom

Tuesday, November 12

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Meeting
6:30 p.m. Outreach and Mission

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline
1:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting
1:00 p.m. GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays"
6:30 p.m.. NAMI @ Mitchell Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. "Starting Again" Meeting

Sunday, November 17

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Finance Committee

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. 😊



Dear church family ,

Once again, you have demonstrated your amazing generosity. The diaper drive collected 2,149 diapers, 749 pull-ups, 1,028 baby wipes and many monetary donations! What a blessing you are.

On behalf of the Starfish families, thank you.

Charlene and Tracie

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. We will gather at 5:45 p.m. at FPCD and drive together.



*The flowers in the chancel this morning
are in honor of
Rev. Donald Wright's 93rd Birthday
Happy Birthday!*



GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" event will take place Wednesday November 13th from 1-4 pm in the North Parlor. The cost is \$7 for the 2 hour session, including a small workbook with guidance to help you navigate the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. You can sign up for the event at GriefShare.org, choose "find a group" and put your zip code in. Then choose First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn.

GriefShare 13-week Series will begin Wednesday December 4th from 1-2:30 pm in the North Parlor. No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability-and gain solid support each step of the way. If you would like more information, please go to www.griefshare.org, choose "find a group:", and put your zip code in.

If you have any questions, you can call Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse at 313-271-0977



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Come Home to God's Love

Elders

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Jo Ann Cashwell

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Jane Mykytenko

Nancy Slanec

Laura Thormann

Class of 2027

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Karen Fink

Elissa Osborne

Janet Witkowski

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Jim Barber

Deacons

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Bud Cashwell

David Smith

Jan Smith

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Karen Fuller

Dorinda Hughes

JoAnn Isaacson

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Class of 2027

Nancy Barber

Lynn Campbell

Dottie Kennedy

Sallie Pray

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.