

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude *Voluntary of Doxology*

Henry Purcell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, all of you, into the presence of the Lord where the word of God speaks peace to those who are worthy and those who think they are not.

People: Come, hear the word of the Lord, who opens to everyone wisdom and life, a gospel not proclaimed from human origin but from the heart of Christ, our healer and redeemer.

***Hymn #459**

O Word of God Incarnate

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, our fault is always before you and our lack of faith apparent. We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not done the things that we intend to do, and we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have squandered time and purpose. Give us new life, we pray. Heal our broken intentions. Forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Psalter Reading

Psalm 96:1-9

Children's Message

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:1-17

Sermon

The Deserving and the Underserving

***Hymn #793**

O Christ, the Healer

***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

Lord, Here Am I

John Ness Beck

***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

As you are able, please come forward as directed by the ushers.

Communion Hymn #507 *Come to the Table of Grace*

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Hymn #826** *Lift High the Cross*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Presto in G Major

Johann Ernst

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



Announcements

FPCD ANNUAL MEETING - All are invited to the FPCD Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 9 at 11:30 a.m., following the service. We will be voting on proposed changes to the congregational bylaws. If you would like a copy of the changes proposed, they are available in the narthex. While everyone is encouraged to attend, only active members may participate in voting.

The 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! David Stultz

The Christian Education Committee wants YOU!

Lent is soon approaching and we are looking for parishioners who would like to help participate in putting together a church-wide Lenten Devotional.

This could be a favorite scripture you would like to share or maybe you like to draw and would like to sketch out a favorite scripture. Perhaps you are a writer and would like to tell of a spiritual happening. Then there are those with melodic voices who would prefer to put their devotion to a song. However you would like to participate, tell us why the scripture speaks to you.

Please have your devotion submitted by email to Shereen Lind at threelinds@gmail.com by **Monday, February 10th** or you may put them in the Christian Education committee mailbox.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Clayton Herrst. Clayton passed away on January 29, 2025. Arrangements to celebrate his life will take place in the Spring, and will be shared as information becomes available.

Calendar

Sunday, February 2

Communion by Intinction Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education
- 9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Guatemala Mission Info Mtg
- 2:00 p.m. Music Medley
- 5:30 p.m. Pizza Making

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 p.m. Worship & Arts

Wednesday, February 5

- 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline
- 1:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday February 7

- 1:00 p.m. Grief Share

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. FPCD Annual Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

BUT JESUS DIDN'T REALLY MEAN THAT, DID HE?

Let's find out together. We are starting a Bible Study in the coming weeks. Help us develop this event by answering the following questions. Drop this sheet into the offering plate.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Frequency of Bible Study:

Weekly

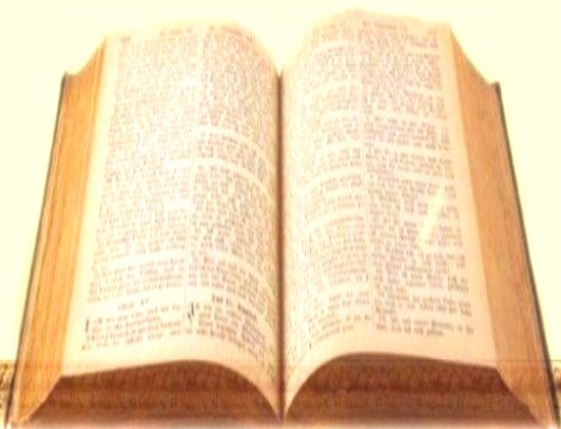
2x per month

Location:

Church

Different Home Host each time

Other



Guatemala Mission Trip

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Today!

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED!

Rev. Michelle James, who is Pastor Tom's wife and pastor of Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi, has invited us to join them in a one-week mission trip to Guatemala in mid-October. An informational meeting has been set up with Pastor Michelle for Today at approximately at 11:45 a.m. after worship and coffee, in our sanctuary.

Book of the Every Other Month Club:

Calling all parents and grandparents—the March meeting of Book of the Every Other Month Club will be held on Saturday, March 22 ([note the date change.](#)) at 10 AM in the North Parlor. We will be discussing Jonathon Haidt's notable new book *The Anxious Generation*. According to Emily Oster, bestselling author of *Expecting Better*, "This is a crucial read for parents of children of elementary school age and beyond, who face the rapidly changing landscape of childhood. Haidt lays out problems but also solutions for making a better digital life with kids." —Emily Oster, bestselling

author of "Expecting Better."

9th ANNUAL SOUPERBOWL

St. Paul Lutheran

Challenges

Cherry Hill Presbyterian, Good Shepherd United Methodist,

First Presbyterian, and First United Methodist

Prize – "The Trophy"

Benefit – Stocking the Pantry* for Needy Families

So, what is the CONTEST?

To bring the most cans** of food to your church

Starting January 1, 2025

Ending Super Bowl Sunday (February 9, 2025)



*All cans will be donated to the churches' food pantries

**Monetary contributions count as well, \$1 = 1 can, AND we are accepting cans with any type of food

New Class: Matthew 25 and Christian Hope

Starting February 16, 2025 at 11:15 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church has committed to being a Matthew 25 congregation. That means that we have affirmed a series of three emphases suggested by our denomination for ministry in the present context (congregational vitality and addressing systemic poverty and structural racism). But, what is Matthew 25—I mean, the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew’s Gospel—really about? The sayings of Jesus collected in this chapter go far beyond a church revitalization and mission program. Jesus talks about divine judgment, the end of the age, and what it means to “know” the Christ who will come as “king.” For four weeks, Pastor Tom will gather in Mitchell Hall (following worship) with whoever is interested in digging deeply into the text of the Gospel and grappling with questions of divine justice and mercy, eternal destiny, and Christian hope. Please join us!

2/16 Judgment, Outer Darkness, and the “chastening of that age” (Matthew 24.1-26.2)

2/23 The Ten Bridesmaids (Matthew 25.1-13)

3/2 The Valuable Coins (Mathew 25.14-30)

3/9 The Judgment of the Nations (Matthew 25.31-46)

Pastor Tom



Family Lunch—Sunday, February 9th , at 11:30 a.m.

Come join us for good food and fellowship! The menu will be pizza, salad and dessert!
Hope to see you there!

Community Game Night

Friday, February 14, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

\$5 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!**

Kaye McKay

Please welcome Kaye into our congregation. Kaye was received by Session and becomes a member by reaffirmation of faith.

Welcome Kaye!



Charissa James

Please welcome Charissa into our congregation. Charissa was received by Session and becomes a member by transfer from Eastminster United Presbyterian Church in Ohio.

Welcome Charissa!



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Come Home to God's Love

Elders

Class of 2025

Jim Barber

Jo Ann Cashwell

Bill Leslie

Bob Missler

Class of 2026

Jeremy Hughes

Jane Mykytenko

Nancy Slanec

Laura Thormann

Class of 2027

Joel DeHamer

Karen Fink

Elissa Osborne

Janet Witkowski

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

Deacons

Class of 2025

Charlie Aronson

Bud Cashwell

David Smith

Jan Smith

Class of 2026

Karen Fuller

Dorinda Hughes

JoAnn Isaacson

Olimpia Todor

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*

Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*

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