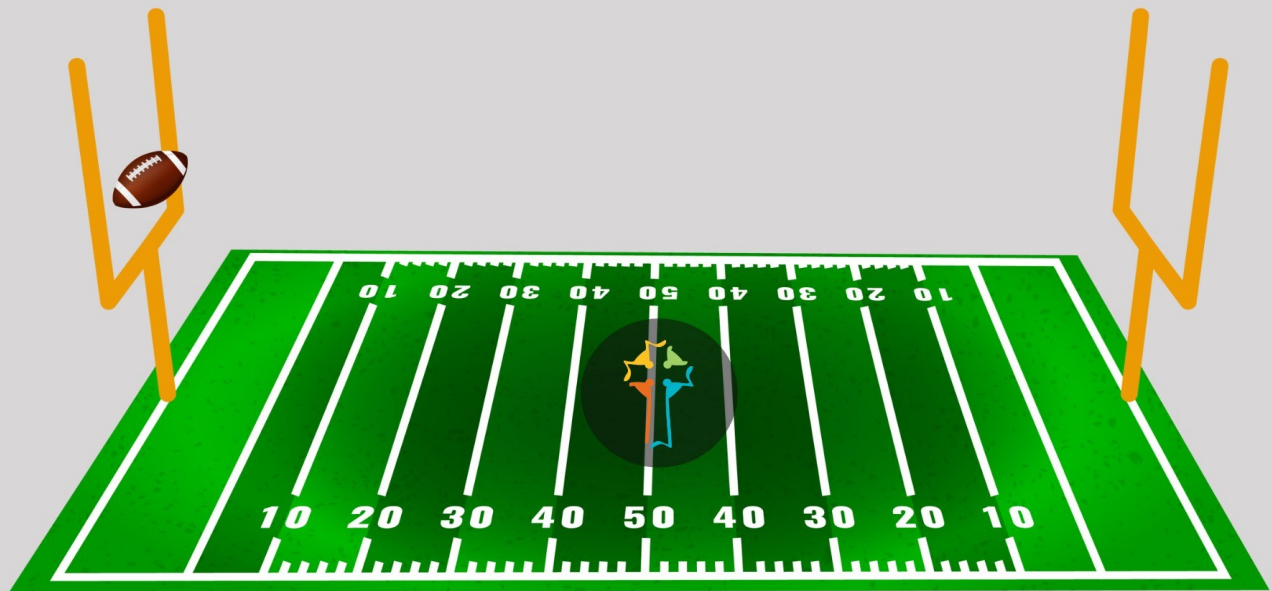


First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** of **DEARBORN**

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

David Stultz, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here.

People: But we are all here seeking an experience of the holy.

Leader: Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness.

People: We are listening for God's call in our lives.

***Hymn**

How Great Is Our God

Screens

Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that we are sometimes driven by the popular culture to be a winner. We stray into a sense of selfish ambition and vain conceit and want things because we think we deserve them. Help us to remember it is humility and valuing others that bring the rewards you have promised to us through your word. 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 For Illumination

~ **Children's Message** ~

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sermon

Back to the Basics

***Hymn # 187**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, of one essence with the Father through Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And He rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He will come again with glory to judge the living and dead. His kingdom shall have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Creator of life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke through the prophets.

In one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come.

Amen.

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

Call to Offering

Offertory *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* *Richard Proulox*

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Hymn # 749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

***Benediction**

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Rev. Zoë Gary, Liturgists Dave Young and Kevin Watts, Organist and Music Director David Stultz, The Sanctuary Choir

Calendar

Sunday, February 9

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education
- 9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting
- 11:30a.m. Family Lunch– M.H.

Monday, February 10

- 11:00 a.m. Garden Club

Tuesday, February 11

- 1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Mtg
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach & Mission Mtg

Wednesday, February 12

- 10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m. Treasure Chest
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
- 6:30 p.m. NAMI
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

- 10: 00 a.m. PW Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Starting Again

Friday, February 14

- 1:00 p.m. Grief Share
- 6:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education
- 9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Finance Comm. Mtg
- 11:30 a.m. Matthew 25 Class

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.

Announcements

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



The flowers in the chancel this morning are in loving memory of Bill Kennedy. They are placed by his wife Dottie.

MISSION TRIP TO GUATEMALA

As was announced earlier, Pastor Michelle James of Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi has invited us to join them in a one week mission trip to Guatemala October 19-25. Pastor Michelle presented information at a meeting after worship last Sunday. If anyone couldn't make the meeting but would like information, please call or text Jeremy Hughes, Cahir of the Outreach and Mission Committee, at 313-820-6634.



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