

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Minute For Mission

Bill Leslie

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all of your mind!

People: Love your neighbor as yourself, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Leader: Do this and you will be fully alive!

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn # 692** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we are your beloved children, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We fail to defend the weak or those without fathers or mothers. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We are weak in our commitment to efforts to rescue the weak and the needy; we sometimes deliver them into solitude and neglect. Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice to living with guilt and fear. Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

Response# 576 *Lord, Have Mercy*

***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 # 215**

What Wondrous Love Is This (verse 1)

Prayer For Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 82

~ **Children's Message** ~

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37

Sermon *The Clamor of Conscience*

***Hymn # 771** *What Is the World Like*

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

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Call to Offering

Offertory *Offertory* John Ness Beck

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

***Sending Hymn** (Displayed on Sanctuary Screens) *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

***Benediction**

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

Calendar

Sunday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:00 a.m. Inquirers' Class
9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m. Matthew 25 Class M.H.
11:30 a.m. Family Lunch

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.
Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
6:00 p.m. Lenten Simple Supper
Suggested donation \$5pp/\$10 pf
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service– Chapel
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study

Friday, March 14

6:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:00 a.m. Inquirers' Class
9:20 a.m. Music Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
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 / Jamie Palmer *Custodial Staff*
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*
Nancy Setterlun, *Bookkeeper*

Announcements

New Class: Matthew 25 and Christian Hope

Continues Today, March 9, 2025 at 11:30a.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!

3/9 The Valuable Coins (Mathew 25:14-30)

3/16 The Judgment of the Nations (Matthew 25:31-46)

Pastor Tom

Community Game Night

Friday, March 14th 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!

Sanctuary Banner

The Confession of 1967 (United States of America)

- THE BLUE, THE RED, AND THE GOLD— Colors of the official seal of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.
- THE GOLDEN, DOWN-REACHING HAND— God, relating to his world.
- THE CROWN AND THE NAIL-SCARRED HAND— The death and victory of Christ as he reconciles the world
- THE FOUR HANDS AND CLASPED HANDS— The reconciled world at the foot of the cross.
- THE STARS AND PLANTES – The Space-Age setting of this Confession.



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Come Home to God's Love

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