

# **First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**



**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

## WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

**Prelude**

*Blessed Assurance*

*Phoebe P. Knapp*

### Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Blessed be God, Eternal Majesty, Living Word, Abiding Spirit.

**People: Glory to God forever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus said, the way to see God's dream for the world is to be born from above.

**People: To be born from above, Jesus says, is to be born of water and Spirit. That gift is available this day.**

Leader: May you receive God's Spirit, be made whole, and dwell more deeply in love divine. Amen.

#### **\*Hymn #4**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (verse 1)

#### **\*Silence**

#### **\*Prayer of Opening**

Leader: Divine Goodness, Holy One, still our restless minds and quiet our souls:

**People: We confess that we live, breathe, and love by your grace.**

**We desire that our lives express your goodness more fully.**

**Christ poured out his life for us. We desire to live for Christ.**

#### **\*Hymn#4**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name* (verses 2-4)

#### **\*Assurance of Grace**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: To be in the presence of God is to be surrounded by grace and to be filled with joy. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)*

#### **\*Response #587**

*Alleluia*

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 53:1-12

~ Children's Message ~

#### **New Testament Reading**

Philippians 2:1-11

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith                      The Nicene Creed (325/381)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Song #468                      *In My Life* (verse 1)**

**Intercessions**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Song #468                      *In My Life* (verses 2-4)**

**Call to Offering**

**Offering**

*"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah*    George Frideric Handel  
Lydia Bangura, soprano

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn #839                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude                      *The Rejoicing*                      George Frideric Handel**

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Lynette Carlson ; Children's Message, Anne Witkowski; Organist and Music Director, David Stultz

# Calendar

## Sunday, August 31

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

## Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, September 2

7 p.m. Worship & Arts Mtg.

## Wednesday, September 3

10:00 a.m.-4 :00 p.m.

Treasure Chest

1 p.m. Personnel Mtg.

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## Sunday, September 7

### Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Music Practice

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:00 a.m. Volunteer Mtg.- M.H.

5:00 p.m. Choir Practice

6:00 p.m. Choir Kick-Off &  
Reception

### SAVE THE DATE

**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE  
OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
CONTACT KAREN FINK**

### Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*

David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*

Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*

Jamie Palmer, *Custodian*

Tameria Metiva, *Office Administrator*

Rachel Haynes, *Business Administrator*

### Book of the Every Other Month Club

Summer Reading: Book of the Every Other Month Club has chosen The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon as the topic for its September 13 th meeting. Set in Maine in 1789, this historical novel is based on a real-life character, Martha Ballard, a renowned 18 th midwife. In Lawhon's story, Ballard finds herself investigating a murder and standing up for justice at a time when women's abilities to take on such roles were severely restricted. A GMA Book Club pick and NPR Book of the Year, The Frozen River promises to be a great summer read. The Book of the Every Other Month Club meets on the second Saturday of September, November, January, March and May at 10:00 AM in the North Parlor. For more information, contact Janet Witkowski at janwit1978@gmail.com. Join us!

## MUSIC MINISTRY AT FPCD

### Join the Choir! All Skill Levels Welcome!

Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:45 pm

Location: Sanctuary Balcony

*Paid professional section leaders for SATB are also open! Come share your gifts of strong sight reading, supportive choral sound, and soloing on occasion!*

- Services: \$100
- Rehearsals: \$50

*Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! – Psalm 95:1*



Questions? Contact David Stultz, Director of Music and Organist

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*Come Home to God's Love*

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