

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God calls us by name into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

People: We answer this call by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn #49**

The God of Abraham Praise

***Silence**

*** Prayer of Opening**

Leader: Divine Goodness, Holy One, still our restless minds and quiet our souls. Bring us gently into an awareness of truth:

People: We confess that you have given us life, and that all life is an expression of your goodness.

We recognize that we are often weak in faith and doubtful of your love.

We long to live more deeply in our faith, and more consistently in love.

***Assurance of Grace**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: To be in the presence of God is to be surrounded by grace and 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

Gospel Reading

John 1:29

~ Children's Message ~

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Sermon

Where Is the Lamb?

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*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, male and female, 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 #581

Glory Be to the Father

Prayers of the People

Prayer Song #470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts (verse 1)

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song #470

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts (verses 2-4)

Call to Offering

Offering

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Alfred Fedak

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The God of Abraham Praise

Michael Burkardt

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

Calendar

Sunday, September 14

9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m. Family Lunch



FAMILY LUNCH

Please join us for Family Lunch on September 14th at 11:30 a.m. The menu will be chili, combread, fruit, & dessert.

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg

Wednesday, September 17

10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.
Treasure Chest
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice



SAVE THE DATE

**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE
OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
CONTACT KAREN FINK**

Thursday, September 18

10:00 a.m. P.W. Bible Study

Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Adult Education
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship



The flowers in the chancel this morning are in loving memory of Thelma, First Lt. Thomas , and Alan Gentinne. They are placed by Laurie Gentinne.

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*
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Come Home to God's Love

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