

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

People: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: It is our high calling to give voice to creation's praise of its maker.

People: Let us worship God.

*Hymn #403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

*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 your creatures cry—the creation groans—and that we often feel too weak or too unimportant to make a difference. May your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

*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 1:50-51

~ Children's Message ~

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 27:1-4,15-23; 28:10-17

Sermon

Beginning with a Dream

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #81**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 715

J. S. Bach

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

Calendar

Sunday, September 21

9:15 a.m. Music Practice

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Monday, September 22

7:00 p.m. CE– Bible Study

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.

Treasure Chest

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 25

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

7:00 p.m. Starting Again

Sunday, September 28

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

9:15 a.m. Music Practice

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:15 a.m. Deacon's Mtg



With heavy hearts, we announce that Bette Mys passed away peacefully on September 12th. There will not be a Memorial Service per her request and there was an intimate funeral for the family at the Cemetery.

Don and Bette are very grateful for your love and care for them while Bette was ill.

May God continue to be a strong Presence of Strength, Comfort and Encouragement to Don and his family in the days ahead.



SAVE THE DATE

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH.

The Nicene Creed Today: Re-tracing the Journey of Christianity's Oldest Ecumenical Creed

6 weeks: October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16

2025 marks the 1700th anniversary year of the Council of Nicea (325). The creed that emerged during the fourth-century controversies that surrounded the Council became the ecumenical statement that has defined orthodoxy ever since. But what does it mean today? This class will explore the questions that our ancestors in the faith debated so that we can retrace the steps they took in defining our faith. At stake is nothing less than a Christian understanding of God.

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*

David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*

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Come Home to God's Love

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