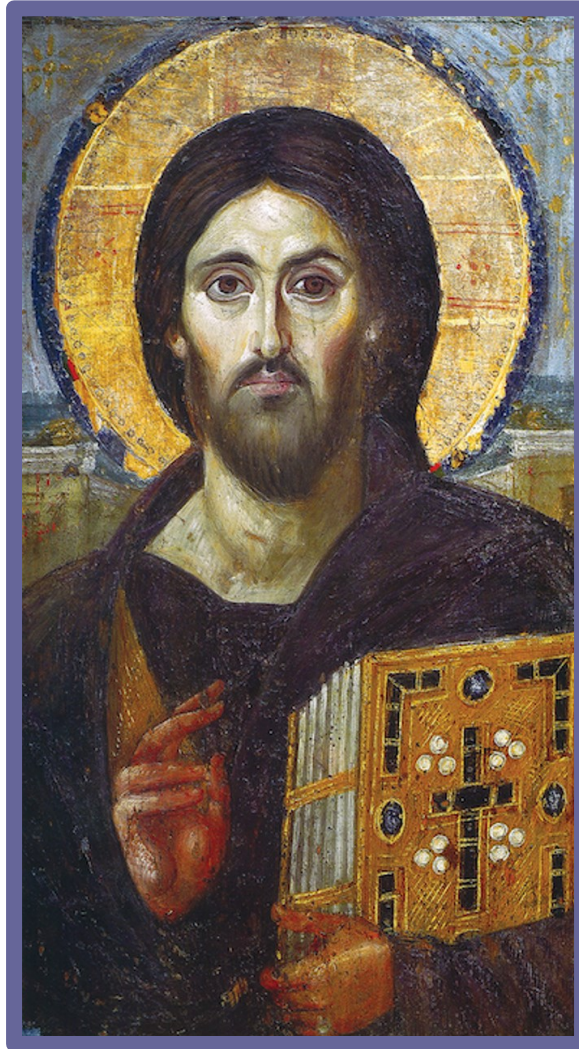


First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday, November 23, 2025

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water: God has brought us out to a spacious place.

People: Our God is an awesome God!

*Hymn #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*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: Yet you see us as we are. You cleanse us from all that defiles. You mend our brokenness and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you—awaken us to a life of praise, and help us to exude the faith that makes well. Amen.

*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

First Scripture Reading

John 14:27

~ Children's Message ~

Second Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Sermon

How to Live in Exile

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 #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Call to Offering

Offering

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Healey Willan

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Virgil Fox

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

Calendar

Sunday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Crazy Faith Class
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Deacon's Meeting

Monday, November 24

12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Media
Deadline
5:30 p.m. Grief Share/
Surviving The
Holiday's
6:30 p.m. Bible Study— Y.L.

Wednesday, November 26

10:00 a.m.—4 :00 p.m.
Treasure Chest
7:00 p.m. No Choir Practice

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!
Church Office Closed 

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed
11:00 a.m. Grief Share

Sunday, November 30

Advent Begins

9:00 a.m. Crazy Faith Class
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Bulletin and Media Deadline
for Thanksgiving week. Monday,
November 24th @ Noon



With Faith in the Resurrection, We share that our beloved friend **Margaret Richards** went to be with the Lord on the morning of November 18th. A Memorial Service was held yesterday, November 22nd. Please keep her 3 children (Beth, Karen and Bill) and her family in your prayers for God's comfort and peace.

A memorial service for

Pastor Don Wright

will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025

at 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome.

!! ATTENTION !!

**Cookie walk 2025 is coming to
First Presbyterian Church**

**Presbyterian Women is in need of homemade
cookies and/or candy. Donations will be
collected on Saturday December 6, 2025
after 10 am.**



**Presbyterian Women will be selling
cookie boxes immediately following worship on
Sunday December 7, 2025.
Please bring your appetite and check books.**



The Flowers in the chancel this morning are
in memory of David Cobb. They are place by
his wife Jan and family.

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Senior Pastor*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*
Rachel Haynes, *Business Administrator*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Jamie Palmer, *Custodian*



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Come Home to God's Love

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