

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord our God, we praise you.

People: We cried to you for help and you answered us.

Leader: You have rescued us from death.

People: You have restored our lives.

*Hymn #239

Come Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

*Call To Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, in the light of your steadfast mercy we see our own impatience and our tendency to blame. We see the suffering and hardship we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal our hearts and minds, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and live the good news of the gospel. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

*Assurance of Grace

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: God's forgiveness gives us joy, and our joy increases when it is shared. 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!

WE HEAR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:24

~ Children's Message ~

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-19a

Sermon

Resistance and Grace

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1987)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song #243

Be Not Afraid

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Song #243

Be Not Afraid

Call to Offering

Offertory Music

Grace

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn #250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfara Imperiale

Antonia Soler

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

Calendar

Sunday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 21

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg.

Wednesday, April 22

10:00– 4:00 Treasure Chest
12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Media Deadline
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, April 23

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study

Friday, April 24

5:00 p.m. Youth Event Set Up & Event

Sunday, April 26

9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:15 a.m. Deacon's Mtg.

WELCOME NAVI!

We are pleased to announce that Navi Shah joins our church staff as a new bookkeeper, bringing her bookkeeping skills and expertise to our team.

You can reach Navi by calling our church office, or stopping by her office during business hours.

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Pastor*
David Stultz, *Organist and Music Director*
Tameria Metiva, *Office Administrator*
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*
Navi Shah, *Bookkeeper*



Book of the Every Other Month Club

will hold its final meeting of this Program Year on Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM in the North Parlor. We will discuss *The Sirens' Call: How Attention Became the World's Most Endangered Resource* by Chris Hayes.

We will also be choosing five selections for the '26-'27 Program Year. Please consider joining us, and bring your suggestions for next year's reads!

For more information, contact

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NAMI-METRO MEETING

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a mental illness support group for relatives and friends of the mentally ill. We are dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

You can join us at First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. We also have a group meeting at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 A.M.

For more information and additional group meeting locations/ times call (313) 292-3324.

Could your prayer life use an upgrade?

Check out the display on prayer in the Narthex.

Thank you, Your Librarians

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Come Home to God's Love

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