

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Three Variations on Psalm 146

Dr. David Stultz

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

People: Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

Hymn #806

I'll Praise My Maker

*Call To Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. 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

Psalm: 1:1-3

~ Children's Message ~

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:3-9

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

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Music

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn #309**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on Abbot's Leigh

Dr. David Stultz

Participating in this morning's service are Elder Elizabeth Ngare; liturgist, Charlie Aronson; Director of Music and Organist, Dr. David Stultz

Calendar

Sunday, July 19

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Diaper Ministry Luncheon

Tuesday, July 21

9:30 a.m. Finance Mtg.

Wednesday, July 22

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

Sunday, July 26

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Diaper Ministry Luncheon

The Diaper Ministry is hosting a diaper fund-raising luncheon today after worship. We are collecting diapers, pull-ups, any size, and wipes. We hope to see you there.

Thank you, Charlene and Tracie



Ron Doan

It is with a sad heart and faith in the resurrection that we announce the passing of Ron Doan. The white rose, on the lectern this morning, is in honor of Ron. Ron passed away on July 5th.

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Come Home to God's Love

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