

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

People: With glad and grateful hearts, we give praise to God!

***Hymn #30**

O God, in a Mysterious Way

***Call To Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. Our lives have been disrupted by our own desires and aversions. We are anguished by the fallout of our own failures. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as if we were strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy. And, so, we offer our prayer, trusting in your lovingkindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:1-15; 50:20

Sermon

God Meant It for Good

***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 and The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory Music

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sending Hymn #250**

In the Bulb There is a Flower

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Allegro in F Major

George F. Handel

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

Calendar

Sunday, August 16

9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship-N.P.
6:30 p.m. Lectio Group

Monday, August 17

2:00 p.m. Finance Mtg.

Tuesday, August 18

6:30 p.m. Session Mtg.

Wednesday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 20

11:00 a.m. P.W. Birthday Brunch-Off Site

Sunday, August 23

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

ALL PW: Mark your Calendars!

The next Presbyterian Women's Birthday Brunch will be on Thursday, August 20 @ 11:00 am at Jane Mykytenko's house. Call the church office for the address. If you want to bring a simple side dish feel free, although it's not necessary.

First Presbyterian Church Dearborn E-Mail Blast

If you would like to be included in our church informational email blast, please send your email request to

fpcd.events@gmail.com

LECTIO GROUP MEETING



Join our monthly LECTIO GROUP! This is an opportunity to LEARN A PRAYERFUL APPROACH TO SCRIPTURE READING THAT GROWS OUT OF OUR LENTEN CLASS ON LECTIO DIVINA ("SACRED READING"). NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. WE WILL MEET IN PERSON IN THE TURCO ROOM ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:30 p.m. (Today, August 16th). OR, if you would prefer, you may also participate on ZOOM. WE WILL BE USING THE SAME LINK WE USED FOR PREVIOUS MEETINGS. If you would like the link sent to you, you can request it from TAMI in the church office.

Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Pastor*
Dr. David Stultz, DMA, *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.