

# **First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**



**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, August 23, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

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

### \*Hymn #321

*The Church's One Foundation*

### \*Call To Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(A time of silent, personal prayer.)

### \*Assurance of Grace

**Leader:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin.

**People: But it is the Lord who is on our side.**

**Leader:** And so we are forgiven.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

### \*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

Romans 12:1-8

**Second Scripture Reading**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

**Sermon**

*The One Drawn Out from the Water*

**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 and The Lord's Prayer**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Music**

*Sonata in G Minor, II. Adagio, BWV1020*

*C.P.E. Bach*

Beckie Dicks, Flute, Dr. David Stultz, Harpsichord

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn #716**

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fugue in G Minor, BWV578*

*J.S. Bach*

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

## Calendar

### Sunday, August 23

9:45 a.m. Nursery  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship-N.P.

### Wednesday, August 26

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

### Thursday, August 27

6:30 p.m. Deacon's Mtg.

### Sunday, August 30

9:45 a.m. Nursery  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
11:00 a.m. C. E. Volunteer Training M.H.  
11:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship- N.P.



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6:00  
p.m.

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The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Laurie Gentine in memory of her mother Thelma Gentine and siblings Alan Gentine, First Lieutenant Thomas H. Gentine, Juliana Greeting, and Carol Brock.



### Church Staff

Rev. Tom James, *Pastor*  
Dr. David Stultz, DMA, *Organist and Music Director*  
Tamera Metiva, *Office Administrator*  
Navi Shah, *Bookkeeper*  
Kristin Parden, *Custodian*

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*Come Home to God's Love*

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