

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 25, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184

Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give praise to God!

People: Praise the Holy One, for it is God who saves.

Leader: It is God who forgives.

People: It is God who delivers. Give thanks and praise to God!

*HYMN #52

When Israel was in Egypt's Land

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Savior. Amen.

[silent confession]

*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 2:13-15

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

SERMON

Splitting the Sea

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Cantata No. 80: A Mighty Fortress, Movement V

J. S. Bach

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN #354** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* Johann Pachelbel

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

Calendar

Sunday, October 25

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

Tuesday, October 27

6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Mtg.

Wednesday, October 28

10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 29

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study

Saturday, October 31

Happy Halloween

Sunday, November 1

Communion Sunday

9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
3:00 p.m. Music Medley Series

SAVE THE DATE

FPCD is once again sponsoring a meal packing event for the Kids Coalition Against Hunger. Please plan on helping us pack nutritious meals on Saturday, November 21st at noon. Spread the word and bring friends!





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Elders

Class of 2027

Joel DeHamer

Karen Fink

Elissa Osborne

Janet Witkowski

Class of 2028

Charlie Aronson

Jim Barber

Lynn Hoffman

Bob Missler

Class of 2029

Carole Higgins

Nancy Slanec

Sue Smith

Anne Witkowski

Clerk of Session

Jim Barber

Deacons

Class of 2027

Nancy Barber

Lynn Campbell

Dottie Kennedy

Class of 2028

Mary Currie

Laurie Gentinne

Kaye McKay

Nancy Setterlun

Class of 2029

JoAnn Isaacson

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Come Home to God's Love

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