First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Reign of Christ Sunday — Sunday, November 22, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Virgil Fox

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: God established the world from of old.
People: God's reign shall never end.
Leader: God delivered us in freedom and truth.
People: God's love is everlasting.

***HYMN #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. 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 5:14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4

SERMON *Christ and the Nations*

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 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Healey Willan

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN #376** *When All Is Ended*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Symphony No. 1 in D Minor, Op. 14: VI. Final* Louis Vierne

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

Farewell Reception for Dr. David Stultz

Please join us immediately following worship in the North Parlor, as we gather to celebrate and express our deepest gratitude to

Dr. David Stultz.

Dr. Stultz has been such a valued part of our community, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship, enjoy some cake and coffee, and celebrate his accomplishments at First Presbyterian Church. Please drop by to wish him God's speed and every blessing in his next chapter!

Calendar

Sunday, November 22,
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Tuesday, November 24
6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Mtg.

Wed., November 25
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving
Church Offices Closed

Friday, November 27
Church Offices Closed

Saturday, November 28
2:00 Sue Williams
Memorial Service

Sunday, November 29
Advent Begins
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation at First Presbyterian Church for the many inquiries, well wishes, and cards and letters regarding my wife, Sue, during her lengthy illness.

The inquiries and well wishes were dutifully reported to Sue, and she personally took the time to read all her mail.

Sue was truly comforted by the interest in her condition, and she often commented on the kindness and thoughtfulness of members of this church.

Sincerely,

David Williams

NOEL: A Christmas Festival

Featuring: FPCD Choir & The Great Lakes Ukulele's
Annual Christmas Dinner Catered by Szegedi's

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn
Sunday, December 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Donation: $20 adults $10 children - Tickets on sale in narthex
Contact Jane Mykytenko: 313-657-2776 - janeel1@me.com



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Come Home to God's Love

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