First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 15, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praeambulum in G* Heinrich Scheidemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

**Please stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Worship is a gift of God.
People: In worship, we are invited to come into God's very presence, to be met by God's grace and encircled by God's love.
Leader: Worship is a promise.
People: In worship, we see a vision of the day that is yet to come, the hope of what is yet to be. In this present hour we await the coming reign of God.
Leader: Worship is a demand.
People: In worship, God demands the very best of our heads and our hearts. God demands of us our very lives. With gratitude and joy, promise and hope, commitment, and dedication, let us worship God.

***HYMN #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God of grace and glory, you have called us to live into great visions. But we confess that too often we have let petty matters sidetrack great dreams. Forgive us when we become so preoccupied with trivial things that we lose sight of the eternal in our midst. You called us to be brothers and sisters. But we confess that too often we find it easier to find fault than to offer grace. Forgive us when we are more interested in how we will look to one another than in how we will live together. You have called us to be salt and light. But we confess that too often we have been content to be pale imitations that neither cause a ripple nor make a difference. Forgive us when we would rather go along with the world than risk challenging it. We pray these things in the name of Jesus our savior. 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 9:13

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Micah 1:2-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

SERMON *God's Controversy*

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 *Offertory* John Ness Beck

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN #749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Fanfara in D* Antonio Soler

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

Calendar

Note- **NO** PW Bible Study on November 19th!

Sunday, November 15
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m. Deacon's Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Lectio Group Mtg.

Tuesday, November 17
6:30 p.m. Session Mtg.

Wed., November 18
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 19
10:00 a.m. **NO** PW Bible Study

Saturday, November 21
12:00 p.m. Meal Packaging Event

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

The flowers in the chancel today are placed by Jane Mykytenko to the glory of God, and in memory of her parents Betty Peace, born on Armistice Day, and Rolly Mniece, WWII Vet.

Farewell Reception for Dr. David Stultz

Please join us on Sunday, November 22, 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 thank him for all he has contributed. Please drop by to wish him God's speed and every blessing in his next chapter!

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