First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, November 8, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Abide With Me* George Oldroyd

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
**Please stand in body or spirit*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: People of God, call upon the Lord.
People: Sing to God, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.
Leader: God turns our mourning into dancing;
People: God takes away our sackcloth and dresses us up in celebration: our hearts sing without ceasing!

***HYMN #4** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
God, you know us in our brokenness and failure. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. At times, we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we find ourselves unable to do anything to help them. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the ways of destruction and restore us to a life lived in you. 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 8:2-3

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING II Kings 5:1-15a

SERMON *The Healing Waters*

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 *O Love* Elaine Hagenberg

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN #772** *Live Into Hope*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Craig Phillips

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

Christian Education

We Want to Hear From You!

The Christian Education Committee is polling church members about adult education classes. Please share your thoughts:

When would you most likely attend an adult education class?

- Sundays before church
- Sundays after church
- During the week

What topic would you most like to explore?

- Personal development with God
- A deep dive into a chapter of the Bible
- Christianity in the world

Please return your response to the Christian education mailbox located in the church office. Thank you for helping us plan classes that meet your needs!

Thank you!

The flowers in the chancel today are placed by Dottie Kennedy to the glory of God, and in memory and honor of all the veterans who have served our county.

Calendar

Sunday, November 8
9:15 a.m. Music Practice
9:45 a.m. Nursery
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:30 a. m. Second Sunday Lunch
Soup Bar with Dessert

Tuesday, November 10
1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Mtg
6:30 p.m. Outreach & Mission

Wednesday November 11
Veteran's Day
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m Treasure Chest
6:30 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, November 12
10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Friday, November 13
6:30 p.m. Game Night

Saturday, November 14
10:00 a.m. Book of the Every other
Month Club Mtg.

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.

It is with a sad heart and faith in the resurrection, we announce the passing of FPCD member

Sue Williams.

Sue passed away on
November 2, 2026.

A memorial service is being planned. When information is available it will be shared with everyone.



It is with a sad heart and faith in the resurrection, we announce the passing of FPCD member

James Jensen.

James passed away on
October 30, 2026.

A service will be held at Santeiu Funeral Home on November 10, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.