

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Why Presbyterians are the Way We Are: Sin
October 27, 2024
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "York"* Douglas E. Wagner
Mary Jo Cox, organ

WORDS OF GREETING

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
All: **and in God's word is my hope.**

WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

INTROIT *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* Walker's Southern Harmony

CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Fitzgerald

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit,
our steadfast, loving God reaches out to redeem us.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN No. 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*
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*CALL TO CONFESSION
(Silent Confession)

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way. Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships—with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and have brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and rest in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RESPONSE No. 605 *Praise to God the Father*
Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit;
praise to the Three-in-One.

**Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty;
praise to the Holy One.**

CHILDREN'S OFFERING; BLESSING

**Congregation: May the Lord go with you as you
worship and learn together.**

Children: May the Lord be with you as you
worship here.

Congregation: Go in peace.

Children: We go in peace. Amen.

During the response to the Passing of the Peace, newborns through 5th grade are invited to come forward to the chancel steps for the blessing. After the blessing, they will be dismissed to the Nursery and to the Children's Worship Center in the lower level for the Children and Worship time. Please pick up your child from the Nursery or Worship Center when they have finished their time of worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:1-17

Amen. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Create in Us a Clean Heart

Jeff Reeves

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:17-32

The Spirit speaks to the church today. **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"No One is Perfect, Except for Jesus"

Andrew Miller

Question of the Day: What is your understanding of sin?

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.**

*(The word "catholic" in the Apostles' Creed means the universal church that comprises
all believers in all times and places.)*

*HYMN No. 434

Restore in Us, O God

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Baptism of Cassel Myler the son of Billy and Amelia Myler.

HYMN AFTER BAPTISM No. 482 *Baptized in Water (v.1)*

**Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation,
trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

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OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP

Wilson Gyasi

MORNING PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven: hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

*HYMN No. 435

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You

Hal Hopson

*POSTLUDE

Darwall's 148th

Jason D. Payne

*NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS, SO GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD

Notes:

*Stand in body and spirit.

Worship Leaders: Mary Jo Cox; Tim Fitzgerald; the Chancel Choir; Andrew Miller

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Kolton Hutson, Laura Knutson (niece of Phyllis Heinze), J T Schmitt (Barb Lindley's son-in-law), Nick Baker, Wendy Shugert, Mike McNabb, Scott Campbell (Andrew & Martha Miller's friend), Betty Gempel, Jillian & Flynn Gray, Martha Loubert (sister-in-law of John, Pete, and Sheri Loubert), Lois Miller, Jaime Love (brother of Kevin Love), Louisa Ellis (Jeff & Cam Ellis granddaughter), Olivia Geisthardt (friend of Anna Clare Miller), Suzanne Hand, Charles Loubert, Jim Gilbert, Verna Russell, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Lavona Osborne. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Vowles Elementary, Linden Presbyterian, Linden, MI, Lapeer, MI, Christian Reformed Church in Sri Lanka, and Therapy Dogs International.

Offering

If you are joining us for worship in-person and would like to give an offering, please place your offering in an offering plate. You can also give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering by mailing it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt.

Pleasant, 48858. You can also give an offering by going to the church's website, www@fpcmp.org and hit the "Give Now" button or use the QR Code,



Isabella County Restoration House Rotating Shelter

Your help is needed with the rotating homeless shelter for the week of November 3-10. We need people to help to serve and clean up meals from 5PM – 7PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, (Monday night we will need side dishes and desserts made), in the evenings from 7PM-10PM volunteers are needed to hang out with the guest, and in the morning from 6-8:30AM to put out breakfast items and clean up. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex or scan this QR Code:



Save the Date:

Fall Harvest Dinner, Thursday, November 14 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall
Classics @ the Presby, Sunday, November 17 at 4pm
Advent and Christmas Decorating, Sunday, November 24 following Worship (potluck)
Noisy Offering Collected, Sunday, December 8 during worship
Annual Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 15 during Worship Service
Christmas Caroling, Thursday, December 19 5:45pm-7pm, meet at the church.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at First Presbyterian Church

In the Witherspoon Room
Saturday, January 25, 2025
9AM-2PM
Sign ups are available soon.