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The Lord's Day Service
May 3, 2026

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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First Presbyterian is a granddaughter church of the First Protestant Church of Detroit, later to be known as First Presbyterian Detroit, which was organized and planted by John Monteith in 1818.

On February 24, 1903, Pastor F.G. Ellet of First Presbyterian Church of Wyandotte (the Wyandotte church started in 1856 and reorganized in 1866) met with a few members who wished to start a mission to Trenton. Mr. A. W. Ford, who initiated the meeting, acted as a secretary. By June 1st of that same year, a petition was signed by 72 individuals and was presented to the Detroit Presbytery requesting that a Trenton Church be organized. The Original Petition read...

“We, the undersigned members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church, respectively petition the Presbytery of Detroit to organize a church in our midst. The town of Trenton has 1,200 inhabitants and is in the midst of a good farming community; has every prospect of growth as a manufacturing town, being already a delight and much sought summer resort on the bank of the Detroit River. There is only one other Protestant church, except a small Episcopal body. There is every indication of a successful work by our church and a much needed organization.”

On July 2, 1903, First Presbyterian Church of Trenton was organized with 39 charter members. The infant congregation began by meeting at the schoolhouse on the corner of Elm and Washington (now West Jefferson.) The first installed Pastor was George B. Crawford who served from 1903-1905.

Over 120 years later, First Presbyterian continues the faithful legacy of doctrinal integrity and evangelical mission.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We pray that the service and ministries may be a blessing to you.

In Christ,
Pastor Aaron Carr

~ ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ~

Our liturgy of worship is built around a dialogue between God and His people.
God speaks through His word and His people respond.

YOU WILL NOTICE OUR LITURGY IS BUILT AROUND 4 G'S

GOD'S GREATNESS

OUR GUILT

GOD'S GRACE

OUR GRATITUDE

WHY WE DO THAT:

4 G's - You may have noticed that our Sunday morning liturgy contains headings which can be summarized as: Greatness, Guilt, Grace, & Gratitude. The Bible tells us which elements must be present in our worship (i.e. preaching, singing, prayer, etc.), yet it does not prescribe a specific order in which these must be done. We are, however, given principles such as, "all things should be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). When we gather to worship as God's people, it should be done in a way that makes sense and in which the form and order of worship helps make the message clear. One may call this "gospel-formed worship" and that is our goal at First Pres.

The "4 G's" idea comes from the Heidelberg catechism question which tells us three general things which Christians must know: our sinfulness (guilt), how we are set free from that sin (grace), and how we are to thank God for that freedom (gratitude). We believe that a fourth "G" is also appropriate because it is when we recognize how great God is, we truly understand our own guilt. As you worship with us today and in the coming weeks, watch and listen for these movements in our services as we acknowledge and praise God for His greatness and might, confess our sins before the holy and awesome God, hear of the grace that is provided for us in the Lord Jesus Christ, and respond in gratitude to that grace which is so abundantly given.

REFLECTION BEFORE WORSHIP:

"In God, are treasures that can never be emptied and pleasures that can never be ended."

~ Thomas Watson

SUNDAY MORNING

Order of Worship

~RECOGNITION OF GOD'S GREATNESS~

*Call to Worship

Ephesians 5:19-20

¹⁹Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn (CH 225, 9am)

Come Christians, Join To Sing

*Song (11am)

Taste And See (Psalm 34)

Declaring our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 sits at 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 Spirit; the holy †catholic church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Hymn (CH 813, 9 & 11am)

Gloria Patri

~ADMISSION OF OUR GUILT~

Prayer of Confession

2 Thessalonians 1:9

⁹They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

Psalm 119:136

¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

Assurance of Pardon

Joel 2:12-13

¹²"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

CH = Celebration Hymnal

SH= Sing Hymnal

TPH = Trinity Psalter Hymnal

* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

† catholic meaning the "whole or universal church"

There will be a volunteer in the hallway to direct the kids to their classes.

The children are welcome to worship with us for the remainder of the service if parents so desire.

~ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE~

*Hymn (CH 438, 9am and 11am)

Jesus Saves

*Song (11am)

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 1:10-14

¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹“What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. ¹²“When you come to appear before me, who has required of you this trampling of my courts? ¹³ Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4:8-20

⁸Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more? ¹⁰ You observe days and months and seasons and years! ¹¹ I am afraid I may have labored over you in vain. ¹² Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong. ¹³ You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first, ¹⁴ and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them. ¹⁸ It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you, ¹⁹ my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! ²⁰ I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Pastoral Prayer

Preaching of God's Word

Galatians 4:8-20

~RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE~

*Hymn (TPH 429, 9am & 11am)

Come Thou Fount

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn (CH 79, 9am)

My Jesus I Love Thee

*Song (11am)

Let Your Kingdom Come

*Benediction

Romans 15:13

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

EVENING SERVICE

Conclude the Lord's Day with us this evening at 6pm

Call to Worship

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***Song**

10,000 Reasons

Confessing our Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) is a tool that helps us learn and commit to memory what the Bible teaches in question and answer form.

Q28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

***Song**

Christ Is Risen

Scripture Reading

Micah 4:6-13

⁶In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore. ⁸And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem. ⁹Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pain seized you like a woman in labor? ¹⁰Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you shall go out from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued; there the Lord will redeem you from the hand of your enemies. ¹¹Now many nations are assembled against you, saying, "Let her be defiled, and let our eyes gaze upon Zion." ¹²But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor. ¹³Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion, for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples; and shall devote their gain to the Lord, their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

Prayer of Illumination

Exhortation of God's Word

Micah 4:6-13

***Song**

Look What God Has Done

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS runs from 4:45-5:45pm every Sunday for 6 weeks. The class will meet in the Virtual Classroom (classroom located at the back of the sanctuary) Childcare is available. Register today at fpchurch.com.

NOMINATIONS If you would like to recommend someone to the nominating committee as a possible church officer (elder or deacon) or to serve on the upcoming 2027 nominating committee, please visit the welcome center to fill out the appropriate form and place it in the small black box. The nominating committee will then review all recommendations from the congregation.

SPRING CLEANING the church kitchen, Monday, May 11 at 10:00am. If you have some time available consider stopping by to lend a hand in cleaning our church kitchen. Contact Terri Rexford for details.

WIDOWS GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING Wednesday, May 13 at 1:00pm in Room 305.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 to 10:00am. Come enjoy good fellowship and good food.

SAVE THE DATE **Vacation Bible School** is June 15-19. Registration is now open at fpchurch.com.

SAVE THE DATE for Summer Camp July 19-25. Registration is now open!

MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about our events or ministries, please visit our website at fpchurch.com or download the **Church Center App** on your phone. You can also call us at (734) 676-1510 or email the office at office@fpchurch.com.

THE WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

Morning Worship - 9am & 11am - Sanctuary

Sunday School - 10am

Evening Worship - 6pm - Sanctuary

New Members Class - 4:45pm - Virtual Classroom

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group - 7pm - Room 301

Monday

Faith And Fellowship - 9:30am - Room 305

Ministry Minded - 5:00pm - Virtual Classroom

Missions Committee - 7:00pm - Room 305

Wednesday

Prayer Mtg - 6:30pm - Room 305

Men's Bible Study - 7:00pm - Virtual Classroom

Women's Bible Study - 7:00pm - Room 302

Kingdom Explorers - 7:00pm - Fellowship Hall/
Rooms 101 & 102

Jr. & Sr. High Small Groups - 7:00pm - Room 301

Thursday

Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Saturday

Women's Bible Study - 10:15am - Room 306

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



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GIVING

Giving is an important part of worshipping God as we obediently and joyfully give from what has been generously provided to us. The faithful stewardship of God's people enables us to sustain our church-based ministries and programs, assist in the planting of new churches, and the sending of missionaries around the world. Options for giving:

- **Online giving** is available at fpchurch.com
- **Text giving** is available at (734) 672-3675
- **The Black Box** near the sanctuary exit is available for contributions by check or cash



If your children will be with us for the sermon, we hope they can use these prompts to help them listen and learn.

What is the BIG idea (main point of the sermon)?

Blank space for writing the main point of the sermon.

Verses the preacher mentioned:

Blank space for listing verses mentioned by the preacher.

Draw a picture of something the preacher talked about.

Blank space for drawing a picture related to the sermon.

What I learned today:

Blank space for writing what was learned from the sermon.

Words I didn't understand:

Blank space for listing words that were not understood.

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Elders oversee the spiritual care of the church through shepherding as well as oversight of various committees within the church.

Aaron Carr - Senior Pastor

Jerry Barwikowski- Administration

Jerry Bringard- Administration

Mark Merkey- Missions

Tom Montie- Family Life

Mark Prim- Missions

Mike Rozanski- Shepherding

Jim Scullion- Worship & Administration

Gary Westerbeek - Stated Clerk & C.P.
Residency

DEACONS

Deacons help steward the needs of the congregation by overseeing a variety of committees within the church.

Matt Berk- Welcome & Frontline Greeters

Eric Keel- Communion

Mike Overwater- Facilities/Security

Alex Piasecki- Congregational Care

Gary Siemers- Compassionate Care

Lee Shirley- Meal Ministry

Joe Strozeski- Mercy Ministry & Physical Needs

Mike Thisse- Congregational Care

Our Elders & Deacons are assisted by Care Team Members in caring for our families.

**Please direct your questions related to ministry times and rooms to:
Administrative Assistant - Desiree Merkey - dmerkey@fpchurch.com**

**Please direct your questions related to financial giving to:
Financial Administrator - Tracey Riley - triley@fpchurch.com**



Worship Times: 9am, 11am, & 6pm

Sunday School: 10am

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