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The Lord's Day Service
June 21, 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

Psalm 111:1

*1*Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn (9am & 11am, TPH 224)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*New Members & Baptism (11am)

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 (9am & 11am, CH 813)

Gloria Patri

~ADMISSION OF OUR GUILT~

Prayer of Confession

James 4:6

*6*But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

*7*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

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 (9am & 11am, SH 400)

O Great God

New Testament Reading

James 3:15-18

¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 1:1-7

¹The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: ²To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, ³to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; ⁴ to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— ⁵Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, ⁶to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. ⁷The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Pastoral Prayer

Preaching of God's Word

Proverbs 1:1-7

~RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE~

*Hymn (9am & 11am, TPH 446)

Be Thou My Vision

*The Lord's Supper

*Hymn (9am & 11am, CH 348)

My Savior's Love (I Stand Amazed, How Marvelous)

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Doxology

EVENING SERVICE

*The 6:00pm Evening Worship Service and
7:00pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group will not meet this evening.*

*Join us next week
at the 6:00pm Evening Worship Service
as we continue our
evening sermon series in the book of Micah.*

*Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group will also resume
next Sunday at 7:00pm.*

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

BAPTISM - Baptism, along with the Lord's Supper, is one of two sacraments (holy ordinances) of the church. These sacraments were instituted by our Lord and will continue until He returns. Baptism, which is a naming ceremony, is always to be done with water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and is a sign and seal of our union with Christ. Baptism does not guarantee a person's salvation or itself save anyone, yet it remains an important element of obedience for every believer.

Baptism is what we call an "ordinary means of grace" which means that God uses something ordinary (water) to administer grace. It is not the water itself that makes the baptism effective, nor is it the pastor who administers it, nor is it even the faith of the person being baptized; rather, it is the Holy Spirit who works through these ordinary means to effectively administer grace.

In the Old Testament, circumcision was the sign of the covenant between God and man. This sign was given to all who were to partake of the blessings of being part of the covenant community of Israel. This included children, servants, and even foreigners who submitted themselves to the covenant requirements. Since Jesus came and inaugurated the new covenant, circumcision has been replaced by baptism as the sign and seal of the covenant and the entrance into the visible church (covenant community). For this reason, baptism is to be administered to adults who have professed faith in Christ, along with their children. This welcomes the entire household into the covenant community and allows them to partake of the benefits of that community. Each time we witness a baptism, we should remember our own baptism and reflect on God's faithfulness to His covenant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE that our session has extended a call for Assistant Pastor, which has been accepted by Pastor Dom Marko. He will begin his new role January 1, 2027. We look forward to welcoming Dom, his wife Morgan, and their children back to First Pres!

PLEASE WELCOME today, our new members who are joining our First Pres. family at the 11am service: Nancy Allison, Hannah Bulatovic, Jared Feguson, Kyle Kelley, Andrew Marsilio, and Sam & Hannah Payne.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT First Presbyterian Church is seeking an Administrative Assistant to join our team. This position will become available at the end of September as our current Front Office Assistant, Lily L'Heureux, relocates following her wedding in early October. Interested candidates may contact the church office at (734) 676-1510 or submit a resume and letter of interest to office@fpchurch.com.

PARENTING CONFERENCE with Ginger Hubbard, hosted by Redeemer Church in Detroit, Saturday, June 27 8:30-11:30am. Cost \$25 individual/ \$40 couple. See Tom Montie for more details or grab a brochure off the table in the Narthex.

REGISTER for Summer Camp July 19-25. Registration is now open for both students and volunteers!

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 - 9:00am & 11:00am - Sanctuary
Sunday School - 10:00am

Wednesday

Jr./Sr. High Small Groups - 7:00pm - Room 301
College Group - 9:00pm - Mark & Desiree Merkey's Home

Thursday

Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:00pm - Sanctuary

**PCA General Assembly is Monday - Friday (June 22-26).
Please be praying for our commissioners as they travel this
week.**

NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Allison
Jared Blackson*
Jaylee Blackson*
Hannah Bulatovic
Jared Feguson
Kyle Kelly
Andrew Marsilio
Sam Payne
Hannah Payne

**Jared and Jaylee Blackson will be joining our church family officially next week on Sunday, June 28 at 11am.*

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)?

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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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