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The Lord's Day Service
June 7, 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:

"Worship is the activity of the new life of the believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His mighty redemptive acts, he seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are His due." ~ Robert Rayburn

SUNDAY MORNING

Order of Worship

~RECOGNITION OF GOD'S GREATNESS~

*Call to Worship

Psalm 67:5-6

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn (9am & 11am, TPH 214)

Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

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

Psalm 51:3-4

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 37:5, 39-40

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. ³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble. ⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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, TPH 51B)

Psalm 51B

Old Testament Reading

Hosea 10:12-13

¹² Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you. ¹³ You have plowed iniquity; you have reaped injustice; you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your own way and in the multitude of your warriors.

Jeremiah 17:10

¹⁰ "I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

New Testament Reading

Galatians 6:7-10

⁷ Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Pastoral Prayer

Preaching of God's Word

Galatians 6:7-10

~RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE~

*Hymn (9am & 11am, SH 594)

Yet Not I But Christ In Me

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn (9am, CH 349)

Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Song (11am)

Jesus Thank You

*Benediction

Psalm 67:1-2

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

*Doxology

EVENING SERVICE

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:5-6

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***Song**

Praise His Name (Psalm 148)

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.

Q31. What is effectual calling?

^AEffectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

***Song**

Flee From Sin (Run To Jesus)

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-5

⁶Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of God's Word

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***Song**

Come Thou Fount

***Benediction**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



PLEASE WELCOME this morning the arrival of our new Youth Ministry Director, Samuel Payne, his wife Hannah and two children, Jonathan and Phoebe.

VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00pm. Decorating the building for VBS will take place at 6:00pm before the informational meeting. It is not mandatory that you come to help decorate but it would be greatly appreciated!

SENIOR SUNDAY please mark your calendar for Sunday, June 14 at 11am. We will be honoring our graduating seniors at the 11am service.

GRADUATING SENIORS last call for graduating seniors to turn in their information to the front office. Please contact the church office or email office@fpchurch.com and provide us with your name, the school you are graduating from and what your future plans are. Thank you.

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.

SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School is June 15-19. We need volunteers! Please consider serving for the week. Registration is now open for both children and volunteers at fpchurch.com. See Jamie Barwikowski with questions.

DETROIT PRINCESS CRUISE Luncheon cruise on the Detroit Princess with Live Motown Entertainment, Wednesday, July 17. Register by June 16. All seats have been filled in the church vans. Tickets purchased from this date forward will need to provide their own transportation.

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 - 9:00am & 11:00am - Sanctuary

Sunday School - 10:00am

Evening Worship - 6:00pm - Sanctuary

Jr./Sr. High Youth Group - 7:00pm - Room 301

Monday

Ministry Minded - 5:00pm - Virtual Classroom

Wednesday

Grief Support - 1:00pm - Room 305

Decorating for VBS - 6:00pm

VBS Volunteer Meeting - 7:00pm - Room 305

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

Thursday

Lydia Circle - 1:30pm - Room 302

Facilities Committee Meeting - 6:00pm - Room 305

Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:00pm - Sanctuary

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE \$252,000 was promised, most of which is already in hand. We have begun making some improvements such as replacing our sign, installing new windows and renovating the main office space. We are also in the process of receiving bids for flooring, and much-needed HVAC improvements. Thank you for partnering in the capital improvement campaign.



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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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