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The Lord's Day Service
November 15, 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 reorganzied 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 95:1**

[1] Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

***Prayer of Invocation**

Hymn (9am)** ***Psalm 95

Song (11am)** ***Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Declaring our Faith **The Westminster Shorter Catechism #2 & #3**

Q2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Hymn ***Gloria Patri***

~ADMISSION OF OUR GUILT~

Prayer of Confession **Proverbs 3:5**

[5] Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

Psalm 37:5

[5] Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Assurance of Pardon **Psalm 37:39-40**

[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 (TPH 172)** ***Speak, O Lord

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 19:7-10**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise
the simple; 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD
is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD
are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

New Testament Reading **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom
you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which
are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by
God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that
the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and
by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove,
rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will
not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to
suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.
5 But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your
ministry.

Reader: This is the word of the LORD.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Illumination

Preaching of God's Word **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

~RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE~

Hymn (SH 269)** ***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

The Lord's Supper

Hymn (TPH 436, 9am)** ***My Faith Has Found A Resting Place
Song (11am)** ***All My Boast Is In Jesus

***Benediction** **Philippians 1:6**

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day
of Jesus Christ.

***Doxology**

EVENING SERVICE

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

***Call to Worship** **Psalm 95:1**

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Song** ***Be Unto Your Name

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.

Q52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

Song** ***You Have Searched Me

Scripture Reading **Revelation 2:12-17**

[12] "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. [13] "'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. [14] But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. [15] So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [16] Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. [17] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.'

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm. Dinner will be provided at 6pm prior to the meeting. Please mark your calendars!

RAKE & RUN will take place on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All Junior and Senior High students are invited to participate! Please remember to bring your own rake and register at fpchurch.com to attend.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE mark your calendars and join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00pm.

HOSTESSES NEEDED FOR WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA! Ladies, please prayerfully consider hostessing a table for this year's Advent by Candlelight event on Monday, December 7 from 6:30-8:30PM. This long-standing First Pres tradition is a beautiful evening intended to reflect on the birth of Jesus Christ and to prepare our hearts and minds for a Christmas season focused on HIM. Hostessing a table is truly a blessing to you as the hostess and the ladies at your table! To sign up as a hostess or to ask any questions about the hostessing process, please contact Jen McConnell at jenmcconnell@magicaltravel.com OR call (734) 308-0603. This year's Advent Tea guest speaker will be Karen Rozanski and our special music guests will be Tammy French, Mary Scullion, and Fran Webster.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 10:00am in the sanctuary. Mark your calendar!

GIVE N' GO will be on Saturday, **December 19**. This is an event for our youth group to help local families in need at Christmas. We are in need of monetary donations to purchase gifts for these families. Just mark '*Give N Go*' on your envelope or online donation. Donations must be received on or before December 19. Contact Sam Payne spayne@fpchurch.com for more details.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CANTATA will be held on Sunday, December 20, at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us!

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
New Members Class - 10:00am - Chapel
Evening Service - 6:00pm - Sanctuary
Sr. High Youth Group - 7:00pm -Room 302
Jr. High Boys Small Group - 7:00pm - Room 304
Jr. High Girls Small Group - 7:00pm - Cry Room
Choir Practice - 7:15pm - Sanctuary

Monday

Faith and Fellowship - 9:30am - Room 305
Administration Committee Meeting - 5:30pm - Virtual Classroom
Session Meeting - 6:30pm - Virtual Classroom

Tuesday

Compassionate Care Meeting - 1:00pm - Room 305
Family Life Meeting - 5:30pm - Virtual Classroom
Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm - Room 305
Sr. High Boys Small Group - 7:00pm - The Payne's Home

Wednesday

Congregational Dinner - 6:00pm - Fellowship
Annual Congregational Meeting - 7:00pm - Sanctuary

Thursday

Worship Team Rehearsal - 7:00pm - Sanctuary
Sr. High Girl Small Group - 7:00pm - The Payne's Home

Saturday

Rake & Run (Jr./Sr. High Event) - 9:00am - Meet at First Pres.
Goal Sports Flag Football - 10:00am - Elizabeth Park
Women's Bible Study - 10:15am - Room 305

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GIVING

Giving is an important part of worshiping 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

SERMON NOTES

FP KIDS

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)?

Verses the preacher mentioned:

What I learned today:

Draw a picture of something the preacher talked about.

Words I didn't understand:

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

Sam Payne - Assistant 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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