

Order of Worship

Prelude

Arioso
Carol Russell, cello

J.S. Bach

*Passing of the Peace

Anthem

Gabriel's Oboe/How Great Thou Art

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

“The Seed, the Soil, and the Outcome - Part 2”
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Rev. Lorenzo R. Small, Sr.

*Hymn of Discipleship #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Offering

Largo

F. Chopin

*Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn #250**

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Spring Song

F. Bridge

* Please stand if able

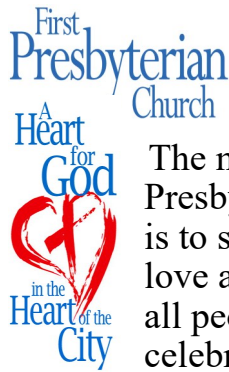
***Hymn of Response**

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

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- Please consider doing a solo or small group performance this summer...Come on, you know you can! Please talk to Carl and sign up in the hall by the kitchenette.



The mission of First Presbyterian Church is to share God’s love and grace with all people and celebrate the truth of Jesus Christ.

We approach this purpose with a commitment to “unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and love in all things.”

We fulfill this purpose by Serving Christ through SERVICE to others.

Connecting people to God through OUTREACH.
Nourishing people in the Spirit through WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP and DISCIPLESHIP.

- We express this purpose through our Core Values:
- † GLORIOUS WORSHIP
 - † SPIRIT EMPOWERED PRAYER
 - † LIFE ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE
 - † GRACIOUS WITNESS
 - † COMPASSIONATE SERVICE
 - † ABUNDANT LIFE THROUGH COMMUNITY
 - † EVERY PERSON'S DIGNITY AFFIRMED

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO CONNECT WITH US!



Remember in Prayer: Pat Brewer, Katie Graham, Carrie & Jim Hoglen, Jean Kraft (Randi May’s Mom), Chuck & Lela Mann (Denise Rust’s father), Paula McPhee, Richard Medaugh, Georgann Parker, Karen Rich, Jan Ritter, Ed Scheinfeldt, Annettie Tribbett. In Military; James Burns, Steve Mackinder, and Samantha Rainwater.

Flowers are given by the Weaver family to remember Karen Weaver’s birthday.

This week at First Presbyterian Church:

Mon., 7/20	9A Men’s Coffee & Prayer
	7P Discipleship Team Meeting - Rm. 14
Tues., 7/21	8:30A Prayer in the Chapel
Thurs., 7/23	10A ECC Music Playgroup
Sun., 7/26	10A WORSHIP
	11A Ice Cream Social

NOTE: Pickleball - Tuesdays and Thursdays, June, July, August - will use gym on rainy days.

MISSION - The Mission Ministry Team will again be putting together Health Kits (Hygiene Kits) for several of our community organization individuals or families. The following items will be collected on the Mission table in the Parlor during the months of July and August. The Mission Ministry Team will assemble the Health Kits at the end of August and distribute the beginning of September.

- Wash cloths
- Toothbrush – soft or medium
- Toothpaste – 4 or 6 oz.
- Bar of soap
- Deodorant
- Dental floss
- Chapstick
- VO5 Shampoo
- VO5 Conditioner

SURPRISE RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JENNY - Friday, July 24th at 5:45 p.m.

Jenny’s son and daughter in law are throwing a very special SURPRISE party to celebrate her retirement! Everyone is welcome! **Please do not mention anything to Jenny!**

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Take 37 North to Bristol Rd, and turn right

LEMONADE STAND TODAY

The Mission Ministry Team will be serving the lemonade in the parlor this morning as they are participating in the annual "Isaiah 117 House"

Lemonade

Fundraiser. Isaiah 117 House is one of our Faith Partners. We welcome this opportunity to share information about the mission of "Isaiah 117 House" and to provide for donations to them. Their mission is to change the way foster care begins by providing physical and emotional support for children awaiting foster placement.

You’re Invited!
TO RACHEL AND TAYLOR’S

Michigan Wedding Celebration

Blessing Ceremony
Saturday, August 29 at 4 P.M.
First Presbyterian Church
111 Capital Ave NE Battle Creek, MI

Reception to follow at David Brown’s Home
431 East Hamilton Lane Battle Creek, MI

Gifts are not necessary! We are just excited to celebrate with everyone. An optional offering will be taken during the ceremony to support the Youth Ministry at First Pres.

Contact Rachel or Taylor for the RSVP link.
(Please RSVP by August 1st.)

AUGUST 2nd 10A - WORSHIP & CHURCH PICNIC at our RETREAT CENTER!

AUGUST 5th - Battle Jacks Faith Night, mark your calendars! More details to come!

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