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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Church of the Open Hands

WELCOMING ALL SHARING CHRIST SERVING OTHERS

In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

October 12, 2025

Eighteen Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

"Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth."

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude	Holy, Holy, Holy	arr. Brent Edstrom
Welcome / Greetings		MJ Floreno
<i>Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards</i>		
Stewardship	"Welcoming All"	Karl Cressman

*Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

His mercy endures forever.

Let the people of God now say:

"The mercy of the Lord endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord now say:

"The mercy of the Lord endures forever."

The Lord is at my side to help me.

I will overcome and put to shame my enemies.

It is better to rely on the Lord than to put our trust in the flesh.

It is better to rely on the Lord than to put our trust in rulers.

The Lord is my strength and my song of praise;
He is my salvation and my rock.
Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn #4 Holy God We Praise Your Name

**1 Holy God, we praise thy name! Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on Earth thy sceptre claim, All in Heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.**

**2 Lo! The loud celestial hymn, Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the Heav'ns with sweet accord; Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord!**

**3 Lo the apostolic train, Join thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain, and the white robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.**

**4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.**

*Prayer of Confession (standing)

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

Our prayer of confession is followed by a time for silent confession.

Gracious God, we are people with many privileges, and we know that scores of others, near and far, live without. We know what the Lord requires of us, that we do justice, love mercy and walk humbly in God's presence. We confess that, despite what we know is the good and loving response to those in need, in response to God's saving love in Jesus Christ, we often fail to fight for justice, to be merciful, to walk with a humble posture. Forgive us, God of steadfast love, for the ways in which we ignore what you have commanded us to do.

(Silent confession)

*Words of Assurance (standing)

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

Amen. For every age and generation, God's mercy is endless. This is the good news:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace (standing)

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

MJ Floreno

O God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. Help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty.

Give us a grateful heart and a way to recognize what you do in us and through those all around. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Psalm 66:1-7

MJ Floreno

Listen now to the Word of the Lord

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." *Selah* Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Love You Lord
(Bell Choir)

arr. Peggy Bettcher

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon

"Ten Lepers"

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

Hymn #834

Precious Lord Take My Hand

**1 Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

*Doxology #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here and below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only 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 sitteth 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending #643

Now Thank We All Our God

**1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**2 O many this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Benediction

Rev. Annemarie Kidder

Postlude

Christ The King Reigns

Ben Logan

The Rev. Annemarie S. Kidder, Ph.D. has been serving Presbyterian churches in Michigan and Ohio for the past thirty years until her retirement last October. Originally from Germany, she came to the United States on a Rotary Scholarship to study journalism. She has earned graduate degrees in mass communications from the University of Berlin, Germany; the School of Journalism at Columbia, Missouri; and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, from where she also earned a Ph.D. in systematic theology. Pastor Kidder was an associate professor at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, and she is the author and editor of ten books in New Testament literature, spirituality, and historical theology. She currently serves as a chaplain at Glacier Hills Senior Community and as a parish associate at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church. She lives in Ann Arbor with her cat, Willie.



OFFICE NEWS: Monday, October 13th the office will be closed due to federal holiday. However, staff will be available through email. Amanda May Schreiber, our administrative assistant, will be in the office on Monday mornings 9:30am-12:00pm, Wednesdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and working from home on Thursdays. Please email any bulletin requests, or with any questions or concerns outside of these shortened office hours and we will contact you back as soon as we are able. Clerk of Session, Dorothy Tait will be covering on Wednesdays as well. The office will continue to be closed most Fridays. During this time of transition, you may wish to call or email ahead to make sure staff will be available to assist you if you need to stop by the office.

Stewardship Pledge Forms

Pledge forms will be mailed out soon so be sure not to miss it. You may return the pledge form using the enclosed envelope or bring it with you on November 2, Consecration Sunday, and enjoy a delicious luncheon with your church family after the service. This is a special fellowship time for our church, and we hope to see you there!

KIDS' WORSHIP BAGS

The kids' worship bags are available at the welcome desk (on the wooden tree hanger). The activities in the bags are updated each week to reflect the lectionary readings for that Sunday as well as some other fun items. The yellow bags are for kids aged preschool to 8 years old; and the white bags are for kids aged 8+ years. Kids are welcome to take a bag each Sunday to use during worship and/or to take home to enjoy. If your child forgot to pick up a worship bag before service, please let an usher know and they will get one for your child.

Hunger Warriors Pack Meals

On October 4, 2025, 14 members of our congregation helped to pack 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Thanks to: Karl and Sharon Cressman, Mary Carson, Charlene Diehl, Nancy Newell, Bob and Marcia VanHamme, Rick Fuller, Ginny Hubble, Dorothy Tait, Dan Piontek, Lorrie McVey, and Ron Prieskorn for spending part of a beautiful, fall day combating hunger. -Nancy Prieskorn, Mission



CALLING ALL EUCHRE PLAYERS for a fun afternoon!

Formerly known as "Women's Euchre", we're including men and women. We'll meet from **2 to 4 pm** in the Church Library. If you are new to the game, we can teach you. Depending on the number of players, we may play a different game. Mark these dates on your calendar: **Nov. 7, and Dec. 5**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the foyer!

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

October 19: Last names beginning L-R

October 26: Last names beginning S-Z

November 2: Last names beginning A-D

November 9: Last names beginning E-K



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don't carry cash on you, we've decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt just scan the QR code and follow

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