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*Church of the Open Hands*

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## October 22, 2023

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer of Preparation

Source: Episcopal Diocese of Washington - Prayers for Stewardship

*Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.*

## We Enter into God's Presence

Prelude

*Reflecting His Love*

Kevin Keil

Sailboat Church

Stewardship

Welcome / Greetings

MJ Floreno

*Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards*

Congregational Life

MJ Floreno

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Call to Worship

MJ Floreno

L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

**P: Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.**

L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

**P: We look around us at the wonders and marvel at the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.**

L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

**P: We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God's world. AMEN.**

Source: Nancy C. Townley, posted on Ministry Matters, <http://ministrymatters.com>

**Shema, Israel, Adonai Eloheynu, Adonai Echad  
Baruch Shem Kivod Malchuto Lay'olam Vayed**

(Translation: Hear O Israel, the Lord Your God, The Lord is One  
Blessed be the glorious name His majesty forever and ever, Amen.)

*\*Opening Hymn #307*

God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick

**1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

**3 Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

Holy One,  
We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.  
To serve each other in love and humility.  
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,  
when our words and actions are not guided by love.  
Turn our hearts when we act in folly.  
Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.  
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,  
And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen.

Source: Joanna Harader, posted on the Spacious Faith blog, <http://spaciousfaith.com>

### Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon-Forgiveness

Pastor Beckemeyer

## We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14*

MJ Floreno

### **Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon**

**29** These are the words of the letter which Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

*Acts 16:6-15*

### **Paul's Vision of the Man of Macedonia**

<sup>6</sup> And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> And when they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; <sup>8</sup> so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing beseeching him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

## The Conversion of Lydia

<sup>11</sup> Setting sail therefore from Tro'as, we made a direct voyage to Sam'othrace, and the following day to Ne-ap'olis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedo'nia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days; <sup>13</sup> and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup> One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyati'ra, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel Reading

*Luke 10:1-12,17-20*

Pastor Beckemeyer

## The Mission of the Seventy

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Anthem

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
First Pres. Choral Bells

Traditional Welsh Melody,  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Sermon

**When God Fills Our Sails!**

Pastor Beckeyemer

## We Respond to God's Word

Offertory & Doxology

Pastor Beckemeyer

*Collection of Prayer Cards*

**Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
in all I design, do, or say,  
that all my powers, with all of their might,  
might serve you both day and night.**

arr. Shari Fiore

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

MJ Floreno

L: Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings.

**P: We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.**

L: You are with us always. In each dark hour, you are here. In each bright hour, you are here.

**P: Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given.**

L: By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you.

**P: We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us.**

L: Protect and guide us on our journey, and guide those who are involved in Diocesan, and parish stewardship leadership.

**P: We seek to be your faithful stewards.**

Amen.

We pray all of this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say together,

**"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."**

## **We Follow God's Word into the World**

\*Hymn of Sending #39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas O. Chisholm

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain:**  
**Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Great is thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning, new mercies I see.**  
**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**  
**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,**  
**sun, moon, and stars in their courses above**  
**join with all nature in manifold witness**  
**to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**  
**thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,**  
**strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:**  
**blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

Benediction                      *Number 6:24-26 (Aaronic Benediction)*                      Pastor Beckemeyer

Postlude                                      *Fanfare*                                      William Mathias

**Please welcome back Pastor Rochelle Beckemeyer, today's guest preacher.**

Reverend Rochelle Beckemeyer is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God and has served as pastor of Echo Christian Fellowship in Lake Orion for 15 years. The ministry emphasis at Echo for the past 10 years has been toward special needs adults, including those living with various disabilities of body and mind. Pastor Rochelle has one adopted daughter, Sabrina (age 23), with whom she founded and continues to lead Safe & Sound Ministries, a nonprofit helping vulnerable adults. Pastor Rochelle is a guardian for 4 adults with various disabilities, and also works for Stellantis (aka Chrysler).

**Worship Liturgist**

We welcome MJ Floreno as today's liturgist. Manny Sharpe will serve as liturgist on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. For information on serving as a liturgist to assist the pastor during worship, please contact Kari Gorman.

**Session Town Hall - Mythbusters**

Session will hold a town hall, TODAY, Sunday, October 22. The Transitional Pastor Search Committee will provide an update on where things stand on our search as well as bust some myths that are circulating in the congregation. Don't miss the TPSC Mythbusters!

## 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, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- October 29: Last names beginning E-K
- November 5: Last names beginning L-R
- November 12: Last names beginning S-Z
- November 19: Last names beginning S-Z
- November 26: Last names beginning A-D



## Art & Craft Show-Volunteers Needed

Bakers and volunteers are needed for our art and craft show Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 - 29th. All proceeds will go toward the Music Ministry. We have a lot of talented bakers in our church so now is your opportunity to share what you have created in our kitchens. Also welcomed are any dry mixes, jams, jellies or

candies. A sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk for 2 hour lots to help during the show.. For more information please ask MJ Floreno or Deborah Draper.

## Luxury Items Also Featured At Fair

When you're at the crafts fair next weekend, check out the special table offering high-end, gently-used items for sale. A special benefactor has donated these lovely things, with all proceeds from their sale benefitting the music program. There are luxury goods including crystal vases, cashmere sweaters (size M), Coach purses (guaranteed authentic!), a fur jacket, and a handmade quilt. Cash or checks to the church will be accepted.



## Kudos To A Deserving Couple

Congratulations to Ron and Nancy Prieskorn! On PW Recognition Sunday, October 8, the Prieskorns were each presented with a prestigious award, the Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. They were chosen in recognition of their faithful and dedicated service to our church. They were joined Sunday by 23 previous recipients of this award.

## Scouts Wreath Sales



Scouts BSA Troop 179 are selling wreaths for the holidays. They will be for sale Sunday, November 19, before and after Church. The small wreath is \$27, the medium wreath is \$37, 25 feet of roping is \$30, and stands are \$6 each. If you would like one, but cannot be at Church on Sunday, please contact Katie Malisow at [kmalisow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmalisow@sbcglobal.net) or by cell at 248-202-3411. We will happily deliver! We take checks, cash, Venmo or Cash App.



## The Sailboat Church

The theme for Stewardship 2024 is "Sailing Adventures With God." The Stewardship Committee has 3 short skits planned for October 15, 22, and 29 that are based on the book, "Sailboat Church" by Joan S. Gray. We hope you'll enjoy the adventures and antics of the passengers on a rowboat church and a sailboat church.

## Fall Clean-up day Saturday Nov 4.

On Saturday Nov 4 at 8:30 am we will have our annual fall cleanup day. The main focus will be trimming the trees and shrubs around our property. Please bring saws and pruning tools that day. Cider and donuts will be provided. Any questions: contact Ron Prieskorn.

## Stewardship Pledge Forms & RSVP for Consecration Day Luncheon

Pledge forms and RSVP forms for the Consecration Day Luncheon were mailed last week so be watching for them to arrive soon. You may return the pledge form using the enclosed envelope or bring it with you on November 5, Consecration Sunday, and enjoy a lovely luncheon with your church family after the service. This is a special fellowship time for our church, and we hope to see you there! **RSVP's for the Consecration Day Luncheon are due no later than Sunday, October 29.** Drop the RSVP in the collection basket or call the church office to ensure we receive it in time for the caterer.

## Mission opportunity - Crossroads of Michigan

The final date to help serve lunch at Crossroads of Michigan is Sunday Nov. 5. You can help with 1 or 2 shifts that morning depending on whether you are an early bird or not. The link for the Sign-up Genius for the Crossroads Meal on November 5 is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EAAAF23A2FB6-44490287-crossroads>

Email or call Nancy Prieskorn to have the link sent by email to you or to be signed up.

Sunday doesn't work for you? On Friday morning, Nov. 3 we need to bake 1000 cookies (using premade cookie dough). We can even use extra help after 10:00 to bag up the cooled cookies. Do you prefer a sit-down job? We need onion slicers, too, on Friday.

Crossroads is serving 450-500 people every Sunday.



### **Save the Date-Nov. 5th**

In two weeks, on November 5, we will welcome back the Waddles Jazz Group. It is always a good time when the group returns to First Pres. Please mark your calendars!

### **Save The Date For PW Christmas Gathering**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. for the PW Christmas Gathering and play, open to all. This is a change from our usual evening event. This year's daytime Gathering, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," will include a catered lunch in Knox Hall after the play and music in the sanctuary. Tickets will be \$10 for the program and lunch.

### **Support CARES**

A reminder that the October "suggested" donation for CARES is: Soup and/or crackers. Chilly days are coming and nothing warms up a person better than a bowl of soup. Mmm, mmm, goodness! Thank you for your September donations of lunchbox items.

### **COVID-19 or Flu Symptoms**

Please be mindful if you have symptoms, stay home and take care of yourself and others.

### **Adult Bible Discussion – The Wired Word**

Join our Bible discussion **Sundays at 9:00a.m. in the Library.** Advance copies are available Saturday before by email. **Sunday's Topic: Civilians Caught in the Crosshairs of Conflict Between Hamas Militants and Israeli Military** To get on the email list contact Tom Neal at [ttneal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ttneal@sbcglobal.net).

### **News from the Church Office**

**NEW FALL hours** are in effect-the office is open Monday through Thursday. Hours are as follows: **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9am-4pm**; **Wednesday: 9am-2pm**. As a reminder please contact the church office via telephone at (248)474-6170 or email at [info@farmington-pres.org](mailto:info@farmington-pres.org). It will be a very good idea to call ahead if you need to come into the building.



### **All Saints' Day celebrated Sunday, Nov. 5**

On Sunday, Nov. 5, we will observe All Saints Day during worship. All Saints' Day is a universal festival of the church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints. All Saints Day celebrates all the people of God, living and who

have moved to "More Life," who together form the mystical body of Christ. Below are the names of the members and friends of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington who have been baptized, confirmed or have "Moved from this Life to More Life" during the past 12 months. At this service we will remember them in our prayers, and we give thanks for their lives.

**Baptized (Future Generation):**

Nora Renee Beaver  
Mikah William Piontek

**Moved from this Life to More Life (Past Generation)**

Marvellee McEachin	William D. Draper
David L. Carlson	Millicent "Mimi" Cramer
Ardis Scott	Chuck Cozier
Rosalie Perry	Lincoln Avery III
Marvin, Tisdale, Sr.	Shirley Kinsey
Leslie R. Van Hamme	June Lymperis

## **First Presbyterian Church Staff**

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