

Sunday Worship

February 4, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude *Processional of Joy* Hobson

The Call to Worship

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to God! The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Great is the Lord and mighty in power. His understanding is beyond measure.

God is our strength and our hope. He does not grow tired or weary.

We put our hope in the Lord and in his unfailing love.

The Lord delights in those who fear him. Let us offer God our grateful praise!

*The Hymn of Praise *To God Be the Glory* 485

*The Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us confess our sins to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Lord, just as you call each star by name, you know each one of us. Our ways are not hidden from you. You know our thoughts, hear our words, and see our deeds. We confess that our ways are not always pleasing to you. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We try to live our lives by our own strength and by our own worldly wisdom, only to find ourselves tired and weary. Forgive us. [Silent confession.] Merciful God, restore to us the joy of our salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. Jesus Christ himself has redeemed us from all our sins. We are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 577
Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Anthem *The Prayer with Lead Us, Lord* arr. Fettke

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 40:25-31* page 781 OT

The Psalm *Psalms 147:1-11* page 692 OT

The Gospel Reading *Mark 1:29-39* page 48 NT

The Sermon Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*, verses 1, 2 & 5 429

Welcome of New Members Ted & Deb Easlick

*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*(traditional) hymnal, page 14

Installation of Elders Ruth Anderson, Samantha Engel, Christy Higley, Karen Kalina, and Chuck Kemerer

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Thy Word* Smith

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *God, Bless Your Church with Strength!*-verses 1&2 418

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

*Postlude *O Worship the King* Smith

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Karen Kalina

Ushers: Bob Donaldson, Sayre Nichol, Connor Rousseau

Greeter: Diane Kemerer

Fellowship Hour:

Musical Talents: Laurel Taipale

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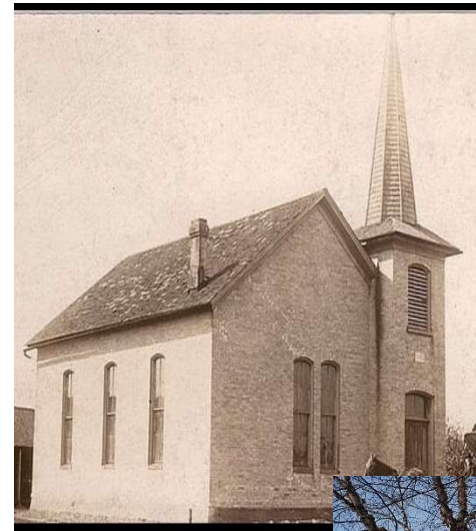
2nd @ Second will meet **TODAY** following worship in the library.

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.



The Second Presbyterian Church Session has called **The Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for NEXT Sunday, February 11, 2024 immediately following worship.** Any business of the congregation or corporation can be conducted. You may pick up a copy of the **2023 Annual Report** after worship today. They are on the table in the vestibule. Be sure to bring it with you to next week's meeting.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, February 5 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.

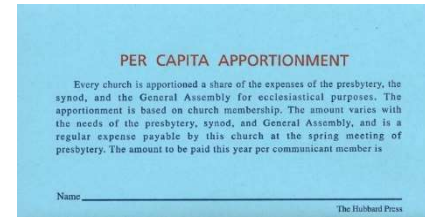


Inclement Weather Policy

When Saginaw Township Schools have been closed due to inclement weather (snow, ice, temperatures, etc.), the church office along with any church programming for that day will be cancelled. **This includes the church office, any activity of the church, or outside groups that use church facilities.** Examples are (but not limited to): Session, Committee meetings, Choirs, Bible Study, Women's Circle, Community events.



2024 Per Capita Apportionment



Per Capita is part of being a Presbyterian and connecting to the Presbyterian Church as a whole. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. The per capita for 2024 amount is **\$29.50 per member** (not per household). It goes to General Assembly, Synod of the Covenant, and the Presbytery.

Please mark Per Capita on your check or envelope.

Mission News



For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission's **Operation Hope and Care Totes**. The Rescue Mission's goal, through the **Operation Hope and Care** project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area.

Here is a list of items that the Rescue Mission has requested. Please bring items to the church by Sunday, February 25.

- Body Wash & Scrubie
- Anti-Bacterial Liquid Soap
- Lip Balm
- Shaving Cream (Men & Women)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Hand or Body Lotion
- Deodorant (Men & Women)
- Tissue
- Anti-Bacterial Wipes
- Diaper Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hairbrushes

You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.

The church office will be open Monday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As always, please call the office before driving to the church as unforeseen circumstances can occur.

Prayer of Illumination

Show us your ways, O Lord. Guide us in your truth and teach us.
For you are God our Savior and our hope is in you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 40:25-31 NIV

²⁵ “To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one

and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,

not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD;

my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,

and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary

and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,

and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint.

Psalm 147

¹ Praise the LORD.^[a]

How good it is to sing praises to our God,

how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars

and calls them each by name.

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

his understanding has no limit.

⁶ The LORD sustains the humble

but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;

make music to our God on the harp.

⁸ He covers the sky with clouds;

he supplies the earth with rain

and makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ He provides food for the cattle

and for the young ravens when they call.

¹⁰ His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

¹¹ the LORD delights in those who fear him,

who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Mark 1:29-39 NIV

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.