

# Sunday Morning Worship

September 17, 2023

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.*

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Young

The Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, O my soul! All my inmost being, praise his holy name!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul! Let us never forget how kind God is to us.**

God forgives us for all our sins and heals our diseases.

**God redeems us from the grave and blesses us with steadfast love and mercy.**

God fills our lives with good things!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

\*The Hymn of Praise *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* 457  
verses 1,2,4

\*The Call to Confession

God's Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and merciful God, we confess before you the evil of our hearts. We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge; toward pride and resentment, as we allow bitter feelings to come between ourselves and others. Too often we have offended and grieved you. [Silent Confession.]**

**Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us, that we may be set free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

God is merciful and gracious, slow to become angry and abounding in steadfast love. He does not punish us as our sins deserve, for there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Through the blood of Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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

\*Passing of the Peace

The Special Music

*Be Still, My Soul*

Sibelius

Handbell Quartet

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm

Psalm 103:8-13

page 662 OT

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

page 27 NT

The Sermon

Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967, 9.36-9.37

**The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for mankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to him in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.**

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological**

reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

\*The Hymn *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* 347

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 *Quem Pastores* Willan

\*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 *All Creatures of Our God and King, verses 1,5,6* 455

\*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude *The Heavens Declare* Marcello

\* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

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**The family of Joan Hall** wishes to thank the congregation for the prayers, texts, phone calls, cards and memorials shared with us after her recent death. It is comforting to know we have such a wonderful extended family.

**The Flowers today** are in memory of Joan Hall.

# Second Presbyterian Church

2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

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**“Forgive your  
brother or sister  
from your heart.”**

**MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV**

*Seeking and Serving Christ, We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

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**Liturgist:** Karen Schadel  
**Greeters:** Tom & Carol Poole  
**Ushers:** Pete & Ginny Brucker

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

### We Invite You to Join Second Presbyterian Church

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join Second Presbyterian Church. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the sign-up table, mark the Fellowship Pad, or call the church office (792-1023) to let us know you're interested. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Ruth.



For September, the mission focus will be "It's All About the Cross," the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) is continuing to collect books and bibles to provide to inmates at the

Saginaw County Jail. Our mission focused collection will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover, and with a positive theme, inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They may also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word-searches. They are unable to accept hard cover books, books with stapled bindings, or books with themes of romance, crime/thriller, or violent themes including those about war. In addition to any books collected, we will also be donating bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

### Peace & Global Witness –Special Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received in worship on **World Communion Day, Sunday, October 1st**. Each congregation retains 25% of the Offering it receives to use for local peacemaking within the church and its community. 25% is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50% is used by the General Assembly ministries for Presbyterian Peacemaking Programs.



### Feeding Individuals Sharing Hope – F.I.S.H.

On communion Sundays we also collect food for the First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. Please bring your non-perishable food and place them on the table in the Mission Corner on **Sunday, October 1st**.



### White Elephant Sale

Our annual White Elephant Sale is **Saturday, October 7**. You can start bringing your treasures Sunday, September 24 after worship. All proceeds from the sale are used to support many non-profit groups in our area and abroad.

### Fish Fry – Save the Date!



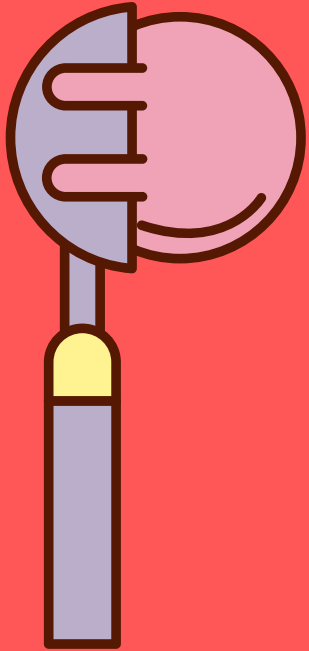
It's not too early to plan! Please mark your calendars for our next Fish Fry on **Friday, October 20, 2023!** We always need help to make our fish fries a great success. Proceeds from the sale go to the Presbyterian Men's

Group, which pays for many of the maintenance jobs around the church. Most recently the Presbyterian Men contributed \$9,000.00 towards our new roof, this was made possible by your hard work on the fish fries!

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JOIN US AFTER  
WORSHIP!

- ICE CREAM
- COFFEE/TEA BAR
- FACE PAINTING
- FALL CRAFT

PLUS LEARN  
ABOUT ALL OF  
THE WAYS YOU  
CAN JOIN IN  
THE LIFE OF  
THE CHURCH  
THIS FALL.

