Order of Worship

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn #450** *Be Thou My Vision*

Call to Confession
Friends, we invite you now to join us in the act of confession. May we have the grace to see truly what is inside our hearts, that we might be renewed, refreshed, or even reborn. The book of Hebrews exhorts us that we must pay the very closest possible attention to what we have heard in the gospel with a stern warning about neglecting the great salvation which has been declared to us. Let us confess now how we have failed to do these things.

Prayer of Confession (unison)
Heavenly Father, you have given us a great salvation, revealed and fulfilled in your Son Jesus. Lord, we have not fixed our eyes on him or cherished him in the way we should. Open our eyes and hearts to the seriousness of neglecting this good gift either in small ways throughout our week, or in a continual, coldhearted way. Lord help us to see more clearly the nature of who you are and how great this salvation is, that we might not drift but hold fast to you with all our strength. Let us perceive the weight of these realities, Lord. Forgive us for our passivity.

Assurance of Pardon
One: Friends, hear the good news! Jesus is able to save even the vilest sinner who draws near to the Father through him. Hebrews 7:25 says "*He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."* Receive this assuring word this morning!
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace**

Special Presentation

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "The Supremacy of Christ's Revelation"
Hebrews 2:1-4
Taylor Brown, Discipleship Coordinator

***Hymn of Discipleship #735** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Offering *Rain, Come Down* S. Kirchner
Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

***Offertory Prayer**

***Closing Hymn #463** *How Firm a Foundation*

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

***** Please stand if able

First time at First Pres?
Welcome! We're glad you're here!

Nursery care is available for infants and preschoolers. Please ask a greeter or an usher. We also have Children's Story Bibles in the front pews.

If you need a hearing device an usher can help you.

For more information on opportunities at First Presbyterian Church see our website: firstpresbc.org or call the church office at 964-3700.

Notes:

First Presbyterian Church

A Heart for God in the Heart of the City

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: Katie Graham, Shirlee Burlingame, Carrie & Jim Hoglen, Paula McPhee, Richard Medaugh, Georgann Parker, Ed Scheinfeldt, Annettie Tribbett, Leroy Miller, Marie Davy.
In Military; James Burns, Steve Mackinder, and Samantha Rainwater.

Flowers are given by Steve and Chris Owel in celebration of the weddings of two granddaughters.

This week at First Presbyterian Church:

Mon., 9/21	9A	Men's Coffee & Fellowship
	6P	Cabinet Meeting
	7P	DMT & Worship Meetings
Tues., 9/22	8:30A	Prayer in the Chapel
	9A	Pickleball
	10A	Chair Yoga
	1:30P	Pickleball
Wed., 9/23	12P	Bible Study in the Parlor
	7P	Bible Study in the Parlor
Thurs., 9/24	9:30A	Sew n Sews
	10A	PW CT Meeting
	10:30A	ECC Music Playgroup
	5:30P	Bell Choir
	6:30P	Chancel Choir
Fri., 9/25	8:30P	5th Quarter - Youth Ctr
Sun., 9/27	10A	WORSHIP
	11A	Celebrate September Birthdays
	2:30P	Crop Walk
	3:15P	*The Chosen* Viewing in the Youth Center

DEACONS - With the holidays coming before we know it, please consider a donation to the Deacon Fund to cover the cost of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter baskets.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK

YOU can be the difference in a successful CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, Sep. 27 at Leila Arboretum, 2:30pm registration. Please consider doing ONE or ALL of the following: **PRAYING - WALKING - DONATING**. **Pray** for all giving or receiving. **Donating** cash or checks made out to CWS/CROP Walk. Give to **walkers** Mary Burg, Finley McRae, Steve Owel, or Kathy Baker, or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/battlecreekmi

5th QUARTER 9/25 - Youth Outreach event after the Bearcat home game in our Youth Center! Invite your friends and join us for free food and a fun time!

The Connections Team invites you to join in watching The Chosen, adding October 4!

SUNDAYS
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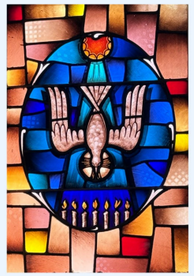
DOORS OPEN 3:15P
First Pres Youth Center

This is a *great* opportunity to invite an unchurched friend!

ONLINE GIVING - We are moving to a new online giving platform called Subsplash! If you have a recurring gift set up through Tithe.ly, please cancel it, and begin using the new page. Please contact the office with questions!

Women's Fall Gathering

"God's Light Shines Through Many Colors"



Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church of Battle Creek
Sanctuary and Parlor

Program:
Martin Ashley, Speaker
History of the Church Windows
Prayer & Meditation
Fellowship & Light Luncheon

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