

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsford, Michigan  
Rev. Michael March, Pastor

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Announcements / Opening Prayer

\*Praise Medley --Insert

\*Prayer of Confession: **Mighty God in Three Persons, hear our prayer. We bow our spirits before you and confess our sins as a body. We have spent too little time in prayer and missed too many opportunities to worship and serve you. We have fallen short as a family. Forgive us.**

**Righteous God, your word proclaims that each of us will stand before you alone and be judged for what we have done with our one life. Accept the yearnings of each penitent heart as our prayer continues:**

**Holy God, my Father, have mercy on me. You made me for love, and I do not love you with all my heart nor my neighbor as myself. I am selfish in sharing the love that you give so freely.**

**Lord Jesus, my King, have mercy on me: I do not follow you as King of my life. I pick and choose which of your clear commands are binding on me and which I can ignore.**

**Holy Spirit, Breath of my life, have mercy on me: I try to shape your holy leading in my life more than I am willing to be shaped by it, bargaining with you when I should simply obey.**

**My God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; forgive my continued willfulness against your Authority.**

**I bow my heart and my spirit before you. Accept my earnest promise to give you more.**

\*Assurance of God's Pardon

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-7 --Insert

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:1-13

Sermon --David Carlson

\*Hymn: *Just as I Am*

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come!  
I come!

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee  
whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come!  
I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a  
doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God,  
I come! I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,  
relieve. Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come!  
I come!

**\*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 Ghost, 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 on  
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.**

\*INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pastor Mike, Charlie Novara, Boyd Thomas, Steve Lorge,  
Nat Schroeder, Linda Peterson, Karyn Daft, Kenny Kasten,  
Henry Kasten

\*Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

\*Benediction

\*Response: *God Bless America*

God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with the Light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

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**CHURCH NOTES**

**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen Drive-thru

**Wednesday:** 3:30-5:00p.m. Pavilion fun, 4 yrs old-8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Veteran's Day** is this Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to thank a veteran.

**Operation Christmas Child** boxes are due next Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Christmas Program: December 20<sup>th</sup>**

This will be a very SIMPLE, but POWERFUL, telling of Jesus' birth! Two rehearsals are planned during December. Please text Lorna soon at 282-1772 if your children would like to participate!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
- 2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**
- 3 things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.
- 4 **We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**
- 5 He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,
- 6 **that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children,**
- 7 so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;