



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR



The Community at 5:05  
**January 29, 2012**



**Leading worship** is The Reverend Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers.  
**Participating in worship** is The Reverend David Prentice-Hyers.  
**The Pianist** is Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director.



# Gathering



## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTES FOR MISSION

Stewardship and Beyond  
Campus Ministry Superbowl Sub Sale

Johnny, Will and Betsy Ellsworth  
Rev. David Prentice-Hyers

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We light a light in the name of the Maker,  
who lit the world and breathed the breath of life for us ...

One: We light a light in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world and stretched out his hand to us ...

One: We light a light in the name of the Spirit,  
who encompasses the world and blesses our souls with yearning ...

**All: We light three lights for the Trinity of love:  
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us: The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.**

## OPENING SONG Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you brought order out of chaos and created humankind to live with one another in harmony. We have failed. We dwell on differences rather than similarities and make war rather than peace. We prefer to find fault and hold grudges rather than forgive. We expect far more of others than we do of ourselves, and are blind to our own sins and shortcomings. Forgive us once again. Set us on the right path, and strengthen us to live obedient and joyful lives.

## TIME OF SILENCE

*We will share one minute of silence, observing time for personal confession and contemplation.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**One to another: The peace of Christ be with you.**

**Response: And also with you.**



## Proclaiming



## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 10:34-43

## REFLECTION



## Responding



## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Adapted from The Confession of 1967*

The institutions of the people of God change and vary as their mission requires in different times and places. The unity of the church is compatible with a wide variety of forms, but it is hidden and distorted when variant forms are allowed to harden into sectarian divisions, exclusive denominations, and rival factions.

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humanity, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world 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.

These are tall orders and we trust that we alone cannot do them, but in you O God, we faithfully work for your kingdom. Amen.

WELCOME AND OFFERING

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

**THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**THE 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION


 Sending
 

**\*CLOSING SONG** We Are One in Christ Jesus



We are one in Christ Je - sus, all one bod - y, all one  
*So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no, so - mos*



spir - it, all to - geth - er. We are geth - er. We share one  
*u - no, u - no só - lo. So - mos só - lo. Un so - lo*



God, one might - y Lord, one a - bid - ing  
*Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la*



faith, one bind - ing love, one sin - gle bap - ti - sm, one Ho - ly  
*fe, un so - lo a - mor, un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -*



Com - fort - er, the Ho - ly Spir - it, u - nit - ing all.  
*pí - ri - tu y e - se es el Con - so - la - dor.*

**\*CHARGE**

One: We are a community,

**All: gathered in faith.**

One: Hearing God's call,

**All: we share God's grace.**

## BENEDICTION

One: Go out into the world.

**All: Hold on to what is good.**

One: Return no person evil for evil.

**All: Strengthen the faint hearted.**

One: Support the weak.

**All: Honor all people.**

One: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul.

One: And as you go

May the Lord bless and keep you.

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and give you peace. Amen.

## POSTLUDE



**Christian Life Academy - ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE: A weekend with the Rev. Dr. Clayton Schmit.** Grant monies awarded to First Presbyterian Church by the Calvin Institute for Worship Renewal will sponsor an adult education symposium February 10 to February 12. Dr. Schmit will address the subject of liturgical art, how visual and auditory stimuli influence our worship experience. Dr. Schmit writes: "The arts of worship are created not merely for the sake of beauty; they are created for the sake of God's people in order to open hearts as well as minds; to touch people deeply, strengthen their faith, and evoke a transformation in their lives." Friday evening (February 10, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monteith Hall) will include a presentation by one of Dr. Schmit's former students, Rev. Todd Farley, a semi-professional mime artist. Saturday (February 11, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monteith Hall) will include a catered lunch. Sunday (February 12) Dr. Schmit will preach at both our 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services of worship. Please pre-register through the church office by February 8.

**You Are Invited to DINNER AND EVENING in the Social Hall.** On Saturday, February 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., join the Philippines Task Force in the Social Hall for a Soup and Salad Dinner. The dinner has become a wonderful tradition! Enjoy a meal with members of our community and church, learn about Habitat, the Dumaguete community in the Philippines and witness the growth and development of a First Pres mission project started over a decade ago. The cost is \$12 per person or \$30 for a family.

**The annual YOUNG ARTISTS' CONCERT** will be held in Monteith Hall on Sunday, February 12, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Young people aged 8 to 18, who are interested in playing or singing in this 45-minute program are encouraged to participate. The deadline for applying is February 5. Forms are available on the website [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org), as well as in the Church Office. For more information contact Gerry Leckrone at 662-4466, ext. 347. This has been a thoroughly enjoyable occasion for performers and concertgoers alike in recent years. You are encouraged to sign up and participate, or come and enjoy the concert!

**HOUSE OF FAITH 2012:** First Presbyterian will again participate in renovating a Habitat for Humanity home. The 2012 House of Faith is located at 1219 Gault, in the Nancy Park neighborhood, in Ypsilanti. This foreclosed house is waiting for First Pres volunteers to turn it into a home for Crystal Cummings and her family. The demolition portion of the restoration will be done on February 2, 3 and 4. Then, in early March, after Team Habitat has made electrical and plumbing upgrades and installed new mechanicals, we will work on installing cabinets, siding, painting and insulating, ensuring that this will be an "energy star" rated home. For more information or to volunteer, sign up in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour, or contact Don Redding at [dredding58@yahoo.com](mailto:dredding58@yahoo.com), or Lois Nissly at [lnissly@firstpresbyterian.com](mailto:lnissly@firstpresbyterian.com).

**Join us for WEDNESDAY 2:42!** Wednesday 2:42, our churchwide, intergenerational mid-week program has returned! Join us for dinner, fellowship, adult education classes, a grief and loss support group, Lenten study, children's choirs, children's programs, Bible 101 and MIDS Youth Fellowship. 2:42 will continue through March 21 with one exception. There will be an all-church dinner (\$5) on Ash Wednesday, February 22, preceded and followed by Ash Wednesday worship services. Sign up at the Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings in January, or on-line at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). Click on the "Sign Up Now" button in the Wednesday 2:42 article on the front page.

**QUAD C BRUNCH:** Members of Quad C (zip code 48103) with their family and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad C potluck brunch on Sunday, February 12. The festivities will begin at noon in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us and meet your fellow Chapel members, get to know your Deacon and share fun, fellowship and a delicious meal! For more information contact your deacon or Jennifer Edwards (Quad C leader) at [jahedwards@gmail.com](mailto:jahedwards@gmail.com).

**The Israel/Palestine Task Force will host FEBRUARY'S THIRD SUNDAY POTLUCK** on February 19, at noon. Come to the Social Hall, with a covered dish, and hear the presentation of *Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak*. In 2002, author Deborah Ellis interviewed children that had lived through the complicated situation of living in a conflict-area (Israel/Palestine) and compiled their stories. Her book is

a powerful way of personalizing an area of conflict in the world. Discussion and reflection to follow the presentation. Questions, contact Rev. Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers (mprentice-hyers@firstpresbyterian.org, 734-662-4466, ext. 355).

**From the Philippines Task Force:** Thank you to the entire First Pres congregation for your outpouring of clothes, shoes, towels and love for the Filipinos affected by the recent typhoons in the Philippines. We have already packed four large 63 inch boxes that are on their way to Dumaguete. The collection will continue until the end of February. May God bless each of you!

**FOOD DRIVE for the Presbytery of Detroit:** The Presbyterian Women will be collecting non-perishable foods through February 12. Collection boxes are located at the Welcome Center and outside the Church Office. No contribution is too small, all are welcome and much needed. For details about the food collection, see the February First Pres or contact Jean White at whitej@umich.edu, or 734-663-2351.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY Tuesday Night WORSHIP continues** at 9:00 p.m., on Tuesdays. First Pres and Young Life College are partners in this high energy night of worship and fellowship. Contact Pastor Dave (734-619-0642, dprentice-hyers@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

**CONSIDERATE PARKING CHOICES:** If you are able-bodied, please park in the parking structure on Forest Avenue when you come to church on Sunday mornings. There is no charge for parking on Sundays, and it is only a short walk down Forest Court from the structure to First Pres. Please save the spaces in our parking lot for those who are visiting, elderly or find walking difficult.

# Calendar for January 30 - February 4



## **MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

Typhoon Relief Packing, 8:00 a.m. to noon, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Personnel Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Technology Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403  
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall

## **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104  
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., away

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Delonis Wednesday Night Meal Volunteers, 3:00 p.m., Delonis Center  
Young Life Staff, 3:30 p.m., Campus Interns' Office  
Ash Wednesday Planning Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Delonis Greeting Card Program, 5:00 p.m., Delonis Center  
**Wednesday 2:42:**  
5:00 p.m. - Bible 101, Alleluia & Hosanna Choirs, MIDS  
5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade program, Adult Education,  
Grief Support Group  
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

Mature Ministries Book/Bible Study, 12:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Drop-in Bridge for Intermediate Players, 1:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
Pastoral Care Visit, 1:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Chancel Choir, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Men's Lunch, 11:30 p.m., Founders Room

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall

Officers' Retreat, 8:30 a.m., Social Hall, Lewis, Vance, Curtis, and French Rooms

Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room

Sub Sale Preparation, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room

Triangle Open House, 10:00 a.m., Rooms 200 and 201

Board of Deacons, 1:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

Session, 1:00 p.m., Curtis Room



## *September 8, 1890*

From the Trustees Minutes: a letter of thanks was sent to Mrs. H. L. Sackett for her generous offer of \$2,500 to build a parsonage, however the trustees could not accept the offer because: "...the Society has not yet paid for all the repairs made to the church last year...the need of a new heating apparatus, ... the purchase of a new organ ...Therefore owing to the present financial conditions...the Trustees are not at present willing to advise the society to incur the additional expense of buying a lot and building a parsonage during the present year."

