



The First Presbyterian Church

Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Our mission is to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, mission, learning, and prayer. We commit ourselves, in all we say and do, to demonstrate God's grace and love.

A Service of Wholeness and Healing

April 25, 2010

WE GATHER

Welcome and Prayer

Song: Womb of Life
 I Love You Lord

Prayer of Confession

One: You know us God.
 We do not have to pretend with you.
 In the silence of your love, we bring you
 the things that trouble us,
 that harm us,
 that make us feel ashamed or afraid.

Silence

**Many: God of the turning tide
 change us so that the energy of your forgiveness
 Flows into bold and joyful action,
 into a humility that is not defeatism,
 into the strength and confidence to be vulnerable.**

Assurance of Pardon and Sharing the Peace of Christ

WE PROCLAIM

Scripture: John 11:1-45

Meditation

WE RESPOND

Offering of Ourselves and

Song: Breathe

Prayers of the People for Healing and Wholeness

Song: There Is a Balm in Gilead

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

Song: Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Benediction

Sermon Series: Close Encounters - Engaging Jesus As He Engages Others

Scripture: John 11:1-45
Preaching: Rev. Sarah Wiles
Assisting: Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Instrumentalists: Carol Muehlig and Scott Goodhart

Tonight's worship is a service for wholeness and healing. Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus which the church has been called to continue. In this service we pray for God's healing in our lives, in the lives of those around us, and in the wider world. We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for God's promises, and ask and wait in faith for God to move in areas of pain and brokenness. Healing, in whatever form it might take, is never a result of our personal holiness, earnestness, or prayer, but is a gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

During the time of prayer, you are invited to pray in a way that feels comfortable to you. You may remain seated, praying with the music, perhaps tracing the labyrinth, and resting in the Spirit's presence. You may come to the back of the sanctuary to pray with someone and be anointed with oil if you would like. You may light a candle as you pray, remembering that Christ's light has come into the world and the world has never overcome it. You may write your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving on the papers and maps posted on the right side of the chapel. You may plant seeds in the back of the chapel, remembering that it is through death that we find new life.

Thank you for worshipping with us! The 5:45 Planning Team welcomes your feedback.

The planning team members are Rev. Julie Marks, Daniel Scott Hefferan, Dody Blackstone, Rev. Jim Monnett, Rev. Matthew Nickel, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Lucie Audette, David Bucholtz, Scott Ellis, Rev. Sarah Wiles, Jonathan Smith, Carol Muehlig, Kaitlin Brenna Terpstra-Sweeney, and Joe Sandman.



Labyrinths are ancient mazes that have no dead ends, only one path that twists and turns. They were adopted widely by the medieval Church across Europe as a means of prayer, meditation, and connection with God. As you walk a labyrinth, or trace the pattern with your finger, you may reflect on what is at the center of your life, pray for a closer relationship with Christ, remember and give thanks for God's faithfulness thus far in your journey, or simply rest in the Spirit's presence. A labyrinth reminds us that our lives with Christ are never a straight line. They are always full of twists and turns, and it can be difficult to discern progress, but through it all we are held safe within the guidance of God's love.

Announcements

ELIJAH TO BE PERFORMED AT FIRST PRES ON MAY 2: Mendelssohn's glorious oratorio "Elijah" will be presented on May 2 by our Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists in the sanctuary **at 1:00 p.m. (note early time.)** This dramatic and emotional work is full of beloved choruses and solos. Our soloists will be Daniel Washington (Elijah), Leslie Smith, Alice Pierce, John Pierce, Wendy Bloom, Sally Carpenter, Terence Farmer, Clayton Farmer, Glenn Ellington, and Gerry Leckrone. While the concert is free, a suggested donation of \$10 is encouraged.

A NEW BOOK STUDY will begin Tuesday, April 27, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Common Cup. We will be reading Mike Yaconelli's *Messy Spirituality*. If you feel you don't pray enough; don't read the Bible enough; don't share your faith enough, or don't love God enough, this book is for you. Book orders will be taken on Tuesday, April 27. Sign up with Rev. Jim Monnett at jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE DELONIS CENTER CARD PROGRAM URGENTLY NEEDS blank cards and Thinking of You cards. If you have cards to donate, please drop them off in the Church Office in the Card Program mailbox.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: The Stephen Ministry invites the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, April 26, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topic "Addiction and Recovery: A Parent's Journey in Al-Anon," will be presented by First Presbyterian members.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, sponsored by the Parish Nurse and Pastoral Care programs, will be held May 2 through May 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Topics are:

May 2 - Chronic Pain

May 9 - What Do You Need to Do When a Loved One Goes to the Hospital ... Being an Advocate

May 16 - The Diabetes Epidemic ... How to Stay Healthy

May 23 - Alzheimer's Disease and Chronic Dementias

MALICE IN THE PALACE: On Mother's Day, May 9, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, the Hosanna and Youth Choirs will present "Malice in the Palace," the story of Esther. The musical is filled with good songs and funny yet insightful dialogue. It is directed by Mori Richner, with musical direction by Barbara Trevethan. Enjoy a different worship experience ... join us for "Malice in the Palace" at 9:30 a.m. Note: The 11:00 a.m. worship service will be traditional.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE: The **Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Golf Outing** is right around the corner! Join us on May 8 at the Stonebridge Golf Club at 1:00 p.m. to play golf. Cost is \$75/golfer for 18 holes, \$50/golfer for 9 holes and \$20 for the fellowship and appetizers afterward. If you cannot make it, you can always sponsor a hole or a student golfer for \$75. This is a great way to meet students, support Campus Ministry, and practice your golf skills! Please join us for this fun event! To register or for more information, visit: www.firstpresbyterian.org/content/golf-outing.

LAY READER TRAINING EVENTS: Many members participate in worship as lay readers, offering the prayer for illumination and reading one of the two lessons each Sunday. Many others have expressed interest in being lay readers and have asked if training is provided. The answer to this last question is "Yes!"

Two identical training sessions will be offered in May: on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on Tuesday, May 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Both events will be held in Monteith Hall. Interim pastor Larry Farris and retired EMU Professor of Communication Theory and Practice Harry Bowen will lead the events, which will consist of basic instruction in leading worship and in the public reading of scripture, as well as the opportunity to practice reading several passages aloud. All who wish to read in worship, whether experienced or new, are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

In assigning lay readers for future Sundays, preference will be given to those who have participated in the training. Please sign up by May 10, either by calling the church office (662-4466) or going to the church website (www.firstpresbyterian.org).

SIGN UP TODAY FOR CEDAR POINT: All 5th-12th graders are invited to spend Memorial Day, May 31, at Cedar Point. The bus is reserved, and only 44 seats are available. Friends are welcome! To sign up, pick up the Consent Release form outside Rev. Jim Monnett's office, fill it out and turn it in with a check for \$60. High schoolers will roam the park on their own. 5th-8th graders will enjoy the park with an adult leader. **The deadline to sign up is May 12!**

COME AND WORSHIP AT THE 5:45: The 5:45 worship service is an informal, blended service that seeks to be accessible to families, college and high school students, while building community across generations. We use creative approaches in the visual arts, music, prayer and preaching to present the gospel in ways that are plausible to the skeptic and life-changing for the believer. Come experience the 5:45 worship each Sunday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

5:45 Planning Task Force Needs Your Feedback: Have you attended a 5:45 service this spring? The 5:45 worship task force is seeking feedback from regular, occasional, and even one-time attenders! If you are willing to share your thoughts with the planning team, email Rev. Sarah Wiles (swiles@firstpresbyterian.org) to receive a link to the on-line survey.

THINKING OF HAVING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED? There is a two-session baptism class for parents who are considering having their child baptized at First Pres. The class, a requirement for parents before children are baptized, is scheduled for May 11 and 25, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Church Office, 662-4466, to sign up.

GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED on May 16 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, or grad school), let us know by **Monday, May 10**, so we can list the name in the bulletin. Fill out a pew card with the information, contact the Church Office (662-4466), or email mjones@firstpresbyterian.org. High school grads will be listed by name only. For college and advanced degrees, please also tell us the school and degree earned.

During worship, graduating high school students will be recognized. Those graduating with college or advanced degrees will be listed in the bulletin.

FIRST SINGLES HAVE CHANGED THEIR NAME TO "MATURE SINGLES." They will continue to meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for spiritual programs, fellowship, and lively discussion. The group is specifically targeted at single folks age 55 and up. For more information, contact Marcy Toon, at mtoon@umich.edu, or Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, at 662-4466, ext. 12. A full listing of their programs is available on our church website.

PRAYING THE PSALMS prayer group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. Members and visitors are welcome to join the group at any time.

Calendar for April 26 - May 1

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
5:45 Planning Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Vance Room
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Technology Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
Interfaith Round Table, 1:30 p.m., Vance Room
Iona Trip Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

WEDNESDAY:

U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
MIDS Cookout, 5:00 p.m., Tichenor Home, 1081 Heather Way
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101
Youth and Hosanna Choir, 6:30 p.m., Russel Room
Malice in the Palace Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave
Triangle General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Curtis and Founders Rooms

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room
Blue Lake Painting Project, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room and Lounge

SATURDAY:

U of M Commencement
Haiti Missioners Depart
Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Malice in the Palace Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Elijah Concert Set Up, All Day, Sanctuary
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*