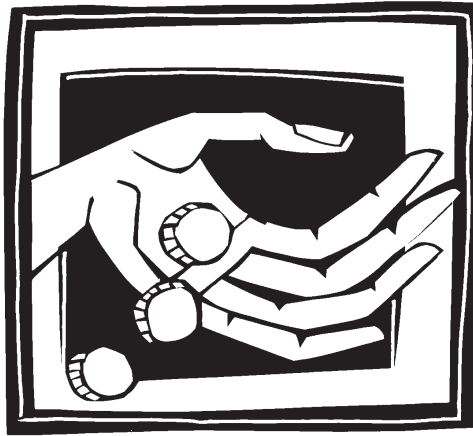


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August 9, 2009

**PREACHING** today is the Reverend Doctor Norman M. Pritchard, Senior Pastor, Head of Staff of Kirk in the Hills, in Bloomfield Hills. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland and studied for the ministry of the Church of Scotland at the University of Glasgow and Trinity College. He holds an Honors M.A. degree in Classics, an Honors B.D. and an M. Th. in New Testament, and later gained the degree of D. Min. with a concentration in preaching from Fuller Theological Seminary in California. Dr. Pritchard has always ministered in congregations where the preaching demands are high. He has been regularly invited to be guest preacher at special services in other churches and these invitations have taken him throughout Australia as well as to New Zealand, America and several cities in Scotland. In 1996, he and his family moved to the USA as he took up a call to become Senior Pastor, Head of Staff of the Kirk. As Pastor, he oversees the Kirk's weekly worship services and extensive congregational programs.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship service today is Karl Hauser.

**THE PIANIST** is Carol Muehlig.

**THE READER** is Georgia Goodman.

**THE INSTRUMENTALIST** is Linda Speck.

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

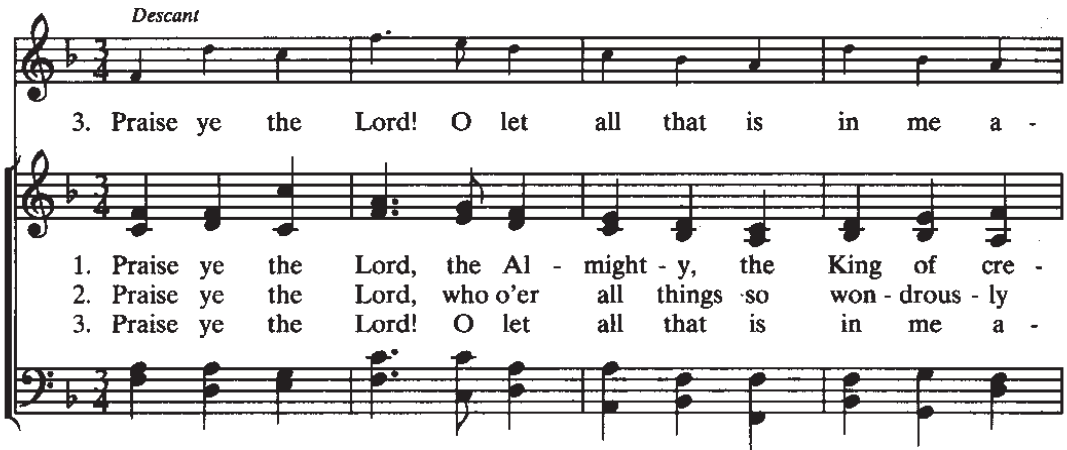
GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

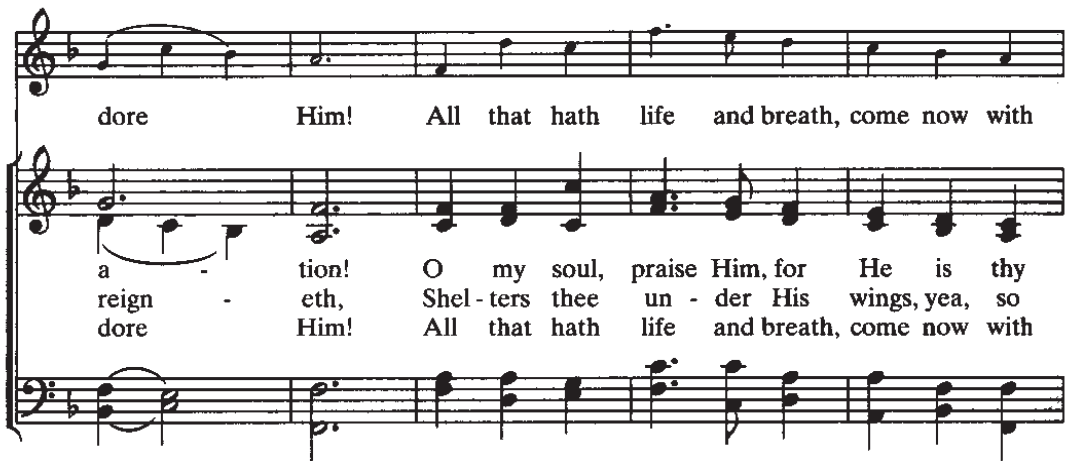
HYMN 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

*Lobe Den Herren*

*Descant*



3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
reign - eth, Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His  
 health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, Now to His  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the a - men Sound from His

peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.  
 tem - ple draw near; Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

CALL TO CONFESSION  
 SILENT CONFESSION

# SUNG RESPONSE Christ Alone

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the  
 3. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

4  
 light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 world by dark - ness slain; then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

7  
 ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain. And as He  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

10  
 love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

13  
 cease. My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the  
 me; for I am His, and He is mine, bought with the  
 hand; 'til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

16  
 love of Christ I stand.  
 pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 pow'r of Christ I stand.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

HYMN Thy Word



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet, and a light un-to my  
path. When I feel a- afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right be - side me, And  
noth- ing will I fear as long as you are near, Please be near me  
to the end. Thy Word is a  
(Repeat twice)  
lamp un - to my feet and a light un - to my path.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 5:1-14 (O.T., p. 336)  
Matthew 25:14-21 (N.T., p. 28)

Leader: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

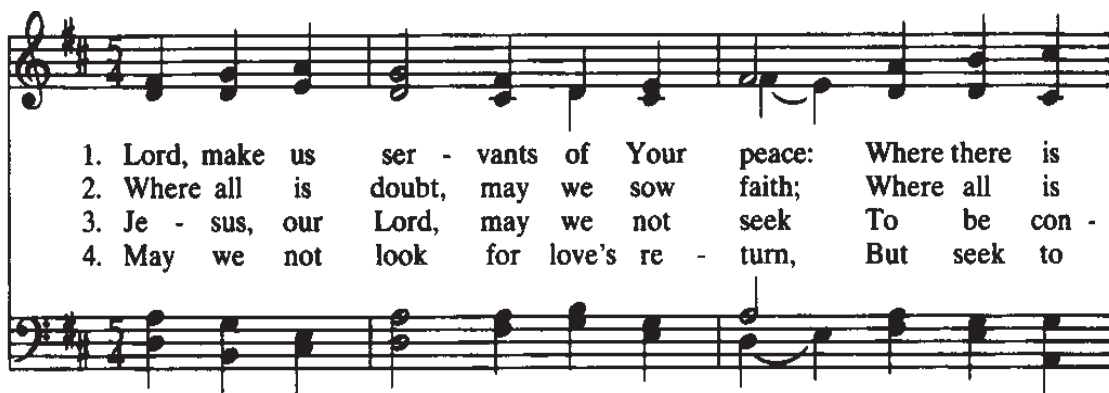
SERMON    Something for Everyone!

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC    Hymn 374    Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace



1. Lord, make us ser - vants of Your peace:    Where there is  
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;    Where all is  
3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek    To be con -  
4. May we not look for love's re - turn,    But seek to



hate,    may we sow love;    Where there is hurt,    may we for -  
gloom,    may we sow hope;    Where all is night,    may we sow  
soled,    but to con - sole,    Nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
love    un - self - ish - ly,    For in our    giv - ing we re -

give;        Where there    is    strife,        may    we    make    one.  
 light;        Where all        is    tears,        may    we    sow    joy.  
 hearts,        But look for    hearts    to    un - der - stand.  
 ceive,        And in for -    giv -    ing    are    for - given.

5. Dying, we live, and are reborn  
 Through death's dark night to endless day:  
 Lord, make us servants of Your peace  
 To wake at last in heaven's light.

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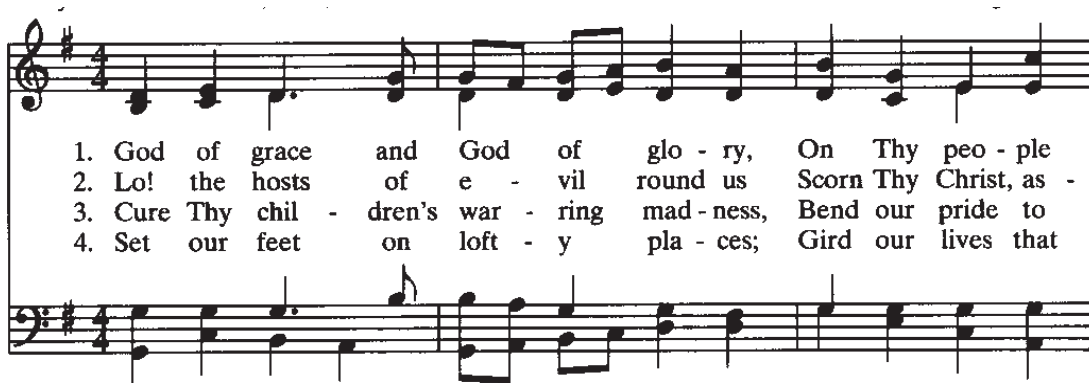
## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

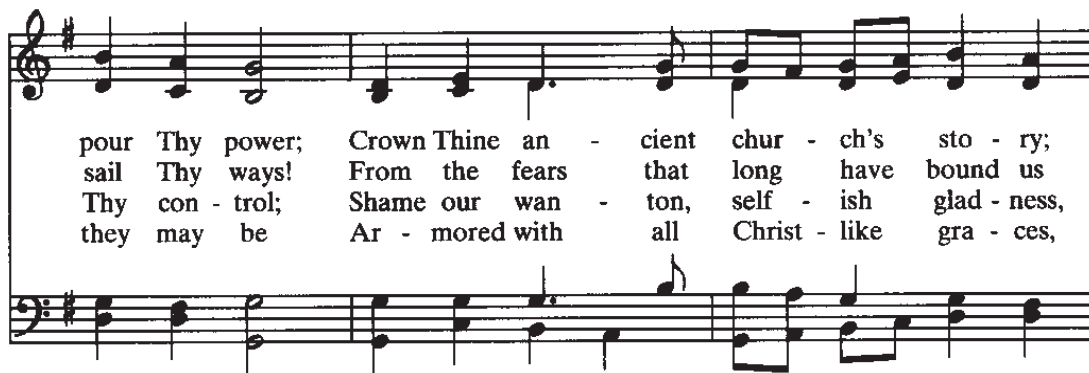
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

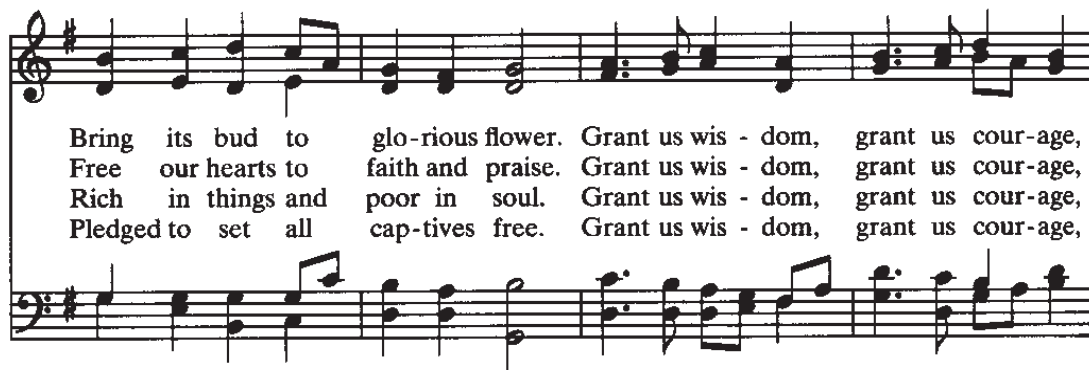
SENDING HYMN 420 God of Grace, God of Glory



1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -  
3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to  
4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour,                      For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days,                      For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal,                      Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not them nor Thee!                      That we fail not them nor Thee!

BENEDICTION

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**JOIN US FOR THE POTLUCK DELUXE SUMMER LUNCH SERIES!** Please come back at noon, or stay after the 5:45@11:00 a.m. worship service for this informal potluck lunch in the Social Hall. A main dish is provided, so feel free to bring a stress-free side dish or dessert. This is a great time to socialize and meet people in a more intimate setting. If you have any questions, please contact Mallory at [am\\_traxler@yahoo.com](mailto:am_traxler@yahoo.com). The Potluck Deluxe will continue on Sundays all summer.

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**INTERIM PERIOD UPDATE**

Last Sunday, the Session acted on a motion of the Personnel Committee to present a candidate to be interim pastor pending the completion of all requirements necessary for the hiring of an interim pastor as set forth by the Presbytery of Detroit. Session is pleased to introduce the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris – a pastor, preacher, teacher, spiritual director, and writer – as our new Interim Pastor. Reverend Farris will begin his work at First Pres on September 1. For more information, see the front page article in *First Press*, online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

The Self Study Committee has the goal of completing the Self Study report before the end of the year. They are spending August “defining the congregation,” and plan to follow, as a general guideline, the design for a self study as prepared by Philip Reed in his paper, “What Makes a Terrific Congregational Self Study?” A copy may be obtained on the church’s website. The committee feels it is valuable and necessary to obtain congregational input. In September, a variety of tools will be offered to the congregation to gather that input — including the completion of a survey, attendance at small group settings, etc.

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# Announcements

**JOIN US FOR THE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** on Monday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Founders Room. Come share your burdens, questions and joys. This friendly group offers support, understanding and advice as we care for loved ones in our homes, in assisted living facilities, or from a distance. Contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

## YOUTH UPDATE:

**Keys Goes to the Movies on Tuesday, August 11!** Meet at Showcase Cinemas (4100 Carpenter Rd.) around 4:00 p.m. (exact time to come). We will see *GI Joe: Rise of Cobra* and walk to IHOP for dinner. We will call with pick up time at IHOP. Bring money for movie and dinner (Need help? It's available, just ask.)

**Sign up NOW to work at Booth 38**, the concession stand at Michigan Stadium. We need ten volunteers per game on September 19, October 24 and November 7 (which is also the Pittsburgh Project weekend). Please sign up to work now to secure funding for future youth mission projects!

Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett, 662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

**PUT FAMILY PLAYDATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Mothers' Morning, our group for moms of young children, is sponsoring a summer of Family Playdates on Tuesdays for moms, dads, families and children of all ages. All you need to do is show up! For details or to be added to the group email list, contact Carolyn Gehrke (572-5832, cell 262-1163, gehrkecj@hotmail.com) or Nancy Meyers, 734-718-9133 cell, nmeyers@comcast.net). A group email will be sent by 9:00 p.m. the night before regarding any changes due to predicted weather (indoor activity may be substituted). **The next scheduled playdate is Tuesday, August 11.** We will visit Allmendinger Park, located on Pauline between Hutchins and Edgewood, at 9:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch if you would like.

**JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** in Monteith Hall on August 15 and 29 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We will spend time in silence and with a simple scripture reading. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. JANA REISTER:** On Sunday, August 16, First Presbyterian Church will honor Rev. Jana Reister for her service to the church during her time here as a Lilly Resident. Jana has completed her two-year residency with us and has accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor at a large midwestern church. She will be candidating at the church at the end of August, at which time the congregation will vote on whether or not to receive her. Jana will share more details as her next call becomes official. The Residency and Candidacy Committee is planning an outdoor farewell reception for Jana following the 9:30 a.m. service on August 16, and warmly invites the congregation to participate in expressing their well-wishes

to her. Jana will be preaching at the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. services that day.

**HILLTOPPERS TAKES ON FALL PREVENTION:** Did you know that 50% of people over 65 who fall do not fully recover? Come to our Hilltoppers (folks 60 and up) presentation, "It's All About Balance: Preventing Falls" on Thursday, August 20, at noon in the Social Hall. E. Marie Moore will lead the discussion and asks you to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel or mat if desired. Please sign up in the church office. A hot lunch is provided, \$5. Call or email Martine, our parish nurse, for questions or to sign up, 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

**PAY YOUR PLEDGE WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS:** The Finance Office is pleased to announce that it now accepts American Express cards. If you would like to pay your pledge using your American Express card, call the Finance Office at 662-4466.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE:**

**Are you sick, hospitalized, or entering a care facility?** Please remember that our pastoral staff takes vacation and study leave during the summer, so visits to the hospital and rehabilitation center may be made less regularly by our pastoral staff. Please remember to let the church office know if you are hospitalized or ill and would welcome the visit of one of our pastors or deacons.

**We are seeking Sunday morning volunteers** to sit in the church office during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship hours. It is helpful to have the church office open and tended during these times when visitors are arriving and church members are in and out, signing up for events and using the staff mail slots. A brief training will be given to those with interest and a willingness to be welcoming. We are developing a database of volunteers who would be called on a few times per year to serve in this way. If you are willing, send your name and email (or phone number) to our staff at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or leave a message at 663-4466, ext. 12.

**If you'd prefer to greet people at the Welcome Center** during the times before and after worship, let us know that, too. Thanks for considering this much-needed act of hospitality and ministry.

**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 at any time.

# *Calendar for August 10 - August 15*

## **MONDAY:**

Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m, Vance Room  
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room

## **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
KEYS Movie Night, 4:00 p.m., Showcase Cinemas, 4100 Carpenter Rd.  
Endowment and Special Gifts Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Self Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

## **WEDNESDAY:**

PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),  
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room

## **THURSDAY:**

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room  
Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

## **FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away

## **SATURDAY:**

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



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*