

# 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.*

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**February 14, 2010**

Opening Song                      Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words of Welcome

Song:                                      Before the Throne of God Above

Song:                                      When Our Hearts Condemn Us

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon:                                  A Mountaintop Experience (Luke 9:28-36)

Offering/Song:                      God of This City

Prayers of the People

Communion

Closing Song:                      It Is Well with My Soul

Blessing/Benediction

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

Sermon Title: A Mountaintop Experience  
Scripture: Luke 9:28-36  
Preaching: Rev. Julie Marks

### Questions for Further Reflection:

- 1) Read the parallel accounts of the Transfiguration in Matthew 17:1-8 and Mark 9:2-8. What similarities and difference do you notice? What might that reveal about the themes or emphases each gospel has?
- 2) The Transfiguration occurs within the larger context of a focus on Jesus' identity. Read Luke 9:18-22 and 9:28-30. What is the role of prayer in God's self-revelation? How does God reveal Himself to you in your own prayer life?
- 3) Where do you encounter the other-ness of Christ? How can you make room for the mystery and wonder of God in your life?

### Next Week:

Sermon: One Lack This Lent  
Scripture: Mark 10:17-22  
Isaiah 55:6-11  
Preaching: Rev. Lawrence W. Farris

Thank you for worshipping with us! The 545 Planning Team welcomes your feedback. The planning team members are 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.

# Announcements

**YOUTH UPDATE: High Schoolers** – Today, Keystones will go to 5:45 worship followed by youth group until 8:00 p.m. **MIDS** meets this Wednesday, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., then goes to dinner together during Wednesday 2:42 in the Social Hall. Youth Choir meets from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

**FAITH MADE VISIBLE:** Have you ever wondered about the pictures in the church's stained glass windows? Perhaps you have been curious about where all the pieces of art throughout the building came from. This information is now available on our website. Go to [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org), click on "About First Presbyterian" and then click on "Art of the Church – Windows and Nave" and "Art of the Church – In the Building." Thanks to Ann Andrews for her many hours of research and writing for this project, and to Tom Brandt for technical assistance in creating this section of our web site.

**THE PERU TASK FORCE** welcomes Stan de Voogd, PCUSA World Mission Area Coordinator for Central America & Mexico, to First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, February 16, in the Curtis Room, beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and a presentation at 6:30. Mr. DeVoogd plans to discuss Presbyterian mission opportunities in Central America & Mexico. All are welcome to attend this dinner and presentation, but please RSVP to [rlsizemore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlsizemore@sbcglobal.net) if you know in advance that you would like to attend (last minute attenders are still welcome!).

**ASH WEDNESDAY – TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP:** First Presbyterian will have a family-friendly Ash Wednesday service at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, in the Sanctuary. At 7:30 p.m. that day, we will host the annual community Taizé Ash Wednesday service in our Sanctuary, with participants from several local congregations. Dinner will be served between the two services, in the Social Hall. If you are already signed up for dinners as part of "The 2:42," our weekly Wednesday all-church program, the meal is free. If not, there will be a charge of \$5 per person for the dinner, and we ask that you call the Church Office, 662-4466, to make your reservation.

**THE FEBRUARY GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will be held Wednesday, February 17. Bible Study will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Lewis Room, with a discussion of Joshua, "Outsiders Become Insiders." Coffee and fellowship will follow in the Social Hall at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., John Whittier-Ferguson, Associate Professor of English at U-M, will present "Faith and the Shapes of Poetry." All are welcome.

**A DIGITAL EDITING WORKSHOP**, sponsored by the First Pres Photographers, will be held Saturday, February 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. The workshop is designed to discuss digital editing techniques and encourage photographers toward better work. All those interested are welcome. Questions? Contact Scott Strodtman at [scott.strodtman@comcast.net](mailto:scott.strodtman@comcast.net), Marion Powers at [mmpowrs@umich.edu](mailto:mmpowrs@umich.edu), or Heidi Goodhart at [dendles@gmail.com](mailto:dendles@gmail.com).

**MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION EMAIL GROUP:** Our church office now maintains an email group for those who would like to be informed of memorial services of our members. When one of our members dies, an email goes out and will also note date and time of any services to be held. To join that email group, let Melissa Anne Rogers know, at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

**ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS A LAY READER** at a future 11:00 a.m. service of worship? If so, please send your name to the Church Office, via Melissa Anne Rogers, at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). All readers will be asked to attend an upcoming training session. If you currently volunteer to read at the 9:30 a.m. worship, and would be willing to serve at 11:00 a.m., let us know.

**THE DIVINE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC:** The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County continues its five-part winter/spring series on "The Divine Language of Music" with its second theme, CHORALE MUSIC, on Sunday, February 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Mormon Green Road Congregation, 1385 Green Road, Ann Arbor. Three outstanding local groups will sing and explore the meaning of their music: the Chalice Singers from the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, the host Mormon Choir, and the Willis Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email [gbrides@umich.edu](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu). The suggested donation is \$10.

**THE 2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Turning into the Noise. . . Tuning into God. Join us April 17 and 18 for a time of retreat. There will be time for quiet, time to get away, and free time. There will be good food, great conversation, spiritual deepening, laughter and singing. And we'll leave more sure than ever that our God is indeed, in the words of Rev. Jenny McDevitt, "a very noisy God." We'll spend these 24-hours together at the Weber Center (where we have both single and double rooms reserved) in Adrian, Michigan, to be led by four clergywomen - Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Rev. Sarah Wiles, ministers in residence, the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Director of Pastoral Care, and special guest leader and speaker, Rev. Susan Systma Bratt, a former volunteer at our own congregation who is now a Lilly Minister-in-Residence at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. We're excited to welcome her back for this wonderful 24-hours together! All women of the church are welcome.

**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 February 15-20

### MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room  
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room  
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 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  
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room  
Interfaith Roundtable Day Forum, 12:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104  
Peru Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis and Founders Rooms  
Grief Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m. French Room  
Troop 7 Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union, Anderson Room

### WEDNESDAY:

#### Ash Wednesday

Staff Pastors' Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Larry Farris' Office  
PW Gathering, Study, Lunch, 9:15 a.m., Lewis Room, Monteith Hall, Social Hall  
Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101  
Taize Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

#### Wednesday 2:42:

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir,  
Alleluia Choir, Family-Friendly Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service  
5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall  
6:00 p.m. - Keys Dinner and Worship, BTB and Nave  
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade  
Class, Youth Choir, TnT, Adult Education Class ("I Am")

Taize Worship, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### THURSDAY:

Pastors' Lunch, noon, Social Hall  
Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall  
OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave  
Triangle Nursery General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Curtis and Founders Room

### FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room  
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room  
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room

### SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Hillegonds Chapel  
Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Monteith Hall  
First Pres Photographers Workshop, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room



A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation