

the 5:45



February 15, 2009

PREACHING today is the Reverend Jim Monnett.

PARTICIPATING in the service is the Reverend Julie Marks.

THE PIANIST is Jon Ophoff.

THE INSTRUMENTALISTS are Jonathan Smith, guitar and Linda Speck, viola.

THE VOCALISTS are David Bucholtz, Sally Carpenter, Kristin Eder, and Jonathan and Lydia Smith.

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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONGS

Arise, Your Light Has Come

Festal Song

Above All

Chris Tomlin

**Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things,
above all wisdom and all the ways of man,**

You were here before the world began.

**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders
the world has ever known,**

**above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what You're worth.**

Refrain:

Crucified, laid behind the stone;

You lived to die, rejected and alone.

Like a rose trampled on the gound,

You took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

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 fier - 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- fraid, 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

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 30:1-6

A: I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

B: **O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.
O LORD, you brought me up from the grave;
you spared me from going down into the pit.**

A: Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

B: **Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.
When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:21-31 (O.T., p. 668)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON To Whom Will You Compare Me?

A continuation of the 5:45 sermon series addressing the questions God asks

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

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.**

HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Breaking of the Bread, Pouring of the Cup

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All communion chalices contain only nonalcoholic grape juice. We will partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction. The bread will be passed from one person to the next. We are all invited to take a piece. When the cup is passed we are invited to dip the bread in the cup and partake of both the bread and the juice together. Please use the words, "The body of Christ" and "The cup of salvation" when serving your brother or sister in Christ.

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC **We All Are One in Mission**

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BENEDICTION

Announcements

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COST OF CHANCEL FLOWERS has increased to \$50 for 2009.

PHILIPPINES TASK FORCE SHOE DRIVE IS EXTENDED through February. Please donate any size children's shoes, and adult shoes up to size 7 for women, and 10 for men. Collection boxes are by the Welcome Center and outside the Church Office.

YOUTH NEWS: Check the website, www.firstpresbyterian.org, under Education and Youth Ministry for all the up-to-date happenings. **High Schoolers**, the 30-Hour Famine Lock-in is April 3. Come to **MIDS** at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, go to **dinner**, then enjoy **Youth Choir** at 7:00 p.m. **Winter Jam Concert** is coming to EMU Convocation Center, March 14, and we are going! Cost is \$10. **Youth Sunday school follows the same schedule** as the children's Sunday school. There will be no youth Sunday school next week, February 22. Bring your energy to worship. Let's kick it up a notch!

THE PW FEBRUARY GATHERING will be held Wednesday, February 17, beginning with a Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. At 10:45 p.m., Carl Binder and Malcolm Powers will talk about their artwork, particularly their pieces on display at the church. Lunch will follow in the Social Hall. RSVP to Toni Keuning, 663-3777.

PHOTO WORKSHOP: IMAGES OF GOD'S CREATION, a workshop to positively critique previously submitted work in order to help attenders see what makes a good photograph, will be held Saturday, February 21, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, in the Lewis Room. You need not have submitted a photograph to attend! Questions? Contact Scott Strodtman, scott.strodtman@comcast.net, Marion Powers, mmpowrs@umich.edu, or Heidi Goodhart, dendles@gmail.com.

ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY BEGINS IN MARCH: Join us for study, reflection, and prayer as we prepare ourselves for Easter. The study will use *An Altar in the World; A Geography of Faith*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Sign up to reserve a copy in the church office. Class offerings and leaders will be posted soon. Questions? Contact Rev. Aaron Janklow at ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 54.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM INVITES the congregation to the Youth Room from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. on **February 23** for the continuing education session, "Resources for Dealing with Economic Difficulties," presented by Helena Prince of Friends in Deed.

ANNUAL ASH WEDNESDAY TAIZE SERVICE will be held at 7:30 p.m. on February 25 in our Sanctuary. The service will include prayer, scripture, silence, imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and singing of music from the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, France. Worship leadership includes participants from Campus Chapel, First Presbyterian, Lord of Light Lutheran, Ann Arbor Campus Reformed, and Memorial Christian churches. Children are welcome at this service.

NEW ADAPTED EXERCISE CLASS: The Parish Nurse / Pastoral Care programs and the Ann Arbor Parkinson's Support Group are offering an eight-week adapted exercise program for those with movement disorders, beginning Thursday, February 26, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room. Classes will be led by a physical therapist experienced in adapted exercise programs. Tuition for the eight-week class is \$24, or \$4 per class as a drop-in. For more information, see www.firstpresbyterian.org or contact Jim Wheaton (665-4088, wheatonjim@sbcglobal.net) or Martine Blogin, parish nurse, (662-4466, ext. 26, mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org).

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR PW SCHOLARSHIP: Each year, the Presbyterian Women of our church provide scholarship funds to aid college women engaged in seminary training or training for Christian ministry. They are now seeking ap-

plicants for this year's award. Women interested in applying are asked to contact Katie Beery at ebeery@juno.com or 996-9139. Applications must be received no later than Friday, April 24.

THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICE is creating an email database for the purpose of sending out announcements of funeral and memorial services. If you would like to receive email notices about deaths and memorial services, please let the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers know, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

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. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Calendar for February 16-21

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Holyland Trip Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403
Campus Ministry Music, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Bible/Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom
Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Stewardship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

PW Gathering, 9:30 a.m., Monteith and Social Halls
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)
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Wednesday 2:42:

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir, Alleluia Choir,
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 Class,

Youth Choir, TnT Bible Study, Extraordinary Worship,
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study
Session, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room

THURSDAY:

Campus Ministry Intern Interviews, noon to 8:00 p.m., Youth Room
Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team, 3:30 p.m., Vance Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
Triangle General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Curtis/Founders Rooms

FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room
Campus Core Group Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel

SATURDAY:

Ann Arbor Schools/U-M Mid-Winter Break begins
Photography Workshop, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room
Campus Ministry Dominican Republic Mission Trip Begins



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*