

# 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 7, 2010**

Words of Welcome

Songs: Spirit of the Living God and Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Testimony from Scott Ellis

Song: Amazing Grace

Prayer of Confession

Sung Response: In Christ Alone

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Gospel Lesson: John 4:3-42

Sermon: Encounter at the Well

Song: Blessed Assurance

Offering

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Song: Go Tell It on the Mountain, adapted

Benediction

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

Sermon: Encounter at the Well

Scripture: John 4:3-42

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Wiles

Sermon Notes:

### Questions for Further Reflection:

- 1) Do you feel pressure to appear as if you have things together or under control in your life? How does that pressure to keep up appearances limit the vulnerability and intimacy you are able to experience with other people or with Jesus?
- 2) If you had been at the well that day, what do you think Jesus would have said to you?
- 3) Even though this woman didn't have everything about God figured out, by God's grace her testimony was more than sufficient to change the lives of her neighbors. What news about God do you feel you can share with your neighbors? News of God's mercy, God's love, God's justice, or something else entirely?

### Next Week:

Sermon: A Mountain Top Experience

Scripture: Luke 9:28-43

Communion

Preaching: Rev. Julie Marks

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** – Come to the Super Bowl Party tonight, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Lindstrom home, 2045 Rouse Creek Ct. Email RJ (Rev. Jim Monnett) to RSVP. Bring a dessert or side to pass. Next Sunday Keystones will go to 5:45 worship, followed by youth group until 8:00 p.m. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium, July 20-24, closes on February 10. We have two \$260 leadership scholarships available. See RJ to get connected. **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.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT HUNGER PROGRAM:** The Presbyterian Women are collecting food donations for the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Program, now through February 14. Canned and dry foods are requested, especially high protein foods such as tuna, beans, peanut butter, stews and soups. Please place donations in the boxes marked for the food drive, located near the Church Office and the Welcome Center.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES:** The Stephen Ministry would like to invite the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, February 8, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topic is “The New Memorial Planning Package,” presented by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY: There is a mission trip meeting** February 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room for students traveling to Costa Rica or New Orleans.

**MOTHERS’ MORNING CELEBRATES WITH VALENTINES:** Mothers’ Morning, our group for mothers of children ages newborn through fifth graders, will meet on Tuesday, February 9, for a Valentine craft and socializing. The cost is of \$5 per semester or \$2 per meeting.

**OUR CHURCH WEEPS WITH THOSE WHO WEEP:** First Presbyterian Church will host a grief group on Tuesdays, February 9 and 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It is free, and open to members of our church and our community. Please let us know if you are coming by calling the Church Office, 662-4466, ext. 12., or emailing mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

## **HILLTOPPERS EXPLORES BEING FAITHFUL AMONG MANY FAITHS:**

On Thursday, February 11, Rev. George Lambrides will present part two of his program, “What’s a Respectable Presbyterian to Do? Being Faithful Surrounded by Many Faiths.” A hot lunch (\$5) will follow the presentation. Please call the Church Office, 662-4466, and sign up, so we can plan the meal.

**MEMBERS OF QUAD C AND THEIR FAMILIES** are invited to the annual Quad C Potluck Brunch on Sunday, February 14, in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Questions? Contact Rob Bauman, audettebauman@hotmail.com, or 998-0152.

**A PHILIPPINES TASK FORCE SOUP & SALAD FUNDRAISER** will be held Saturday, February 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Supper will include nice fresh salad, fine breads, and the opportunity to taste many different dinner soups. There will also be a LIVE AUCTION at 6:30 p.m. of gift certificates from Ann Arbor restaurants, and other special dinner offers. Price at the door is \$10, or \$25 for a family.

**A TWO-SESSION BAPTISM WORKSHOP** will be held Saturdays, February 13 and 21, at 10:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall, for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian, or those interested in the topic of baptism. **These classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** To register, call Jennifer Sansbury, 662-4466, ext. 16.

**ARE YOU A NURSE?** Whether you are employed, not currently working, or retired, you are invited to the annual First Pres Nurses Gathering on Saturday, February 13, in the Curtis Room. Come for coffee at 10:00 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., Beatrice J. Kalisch, RN, PhD, FAAN, Chair, Nursing Business and Health Systems and Titus Professor at U-M School of Nursing, will speak on her research, “What Has Happened to Nursing Care As We Knew It?” Sign up to attend in the Church Office (662-4466) or email Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, at mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – WORSHIP AND DINNER:** On Ash Wednesday, First Pres will have two opportunities for worship. First, there will be a family friendly service at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Second, First Pres will host the annual community Taizé Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m., also in the Sanctuary. In between the services, all are invited to attend the Ash Wednesday dinner, at 6:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Stay after the 5:00 p.m. service, or come early to the 7:30 p.m. service to share food and fellowship as we enter the season of Lent. If you are not currently registered for Wednesday 2:42, the cost for dinner is \$5 per person. Sign up by calling the Church Office, 662-4466.

**THE FEBRUARY PW GATHERING** 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.” Brunch 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. Please make brunch reservations (\$7) by signing up in the Church Office.

**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. Questions? Contact Scott Strodman at scott.strodman@comcast.net, Marion Powers at mmpowrs@umich.edu, or Heidi Goodhart at dendles@gmail.com.

**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 1-6

### MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Mission Fundraising Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room / Library  
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room / Library  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Caregiver Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel  
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Room 101  
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
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  
Mothers' Morning, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room  
Card Sorting, 10:00 a.m., French Room / Library  
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104, Youth Room  
PW Horizons, 1:00 p.m., away  
Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Campus Spring Break Mission Trip, 5:30 p.m., Lewis Room  
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 5:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
Grief Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room / Library  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union, Anderson Room

### WEDNESDAY:

PW Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., away  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
Delonis Greeting Card Program, 5:00 p.m., Delonis Center  
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101

#### 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, Adult Education Class ("I Am")

### THURSDAY:

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  
Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

### FRIDAY:

Prayer / Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Founders Room  
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room  
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room

### SATURDAY:

First Pres Nurses Gathering, 9:00 a.m., Curtis / Founders Rooms  
Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Monteith hall  
Philippines Task Force Soup and Salad Supper Fundraiser, 5:00 p.m., Social Hall



A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation