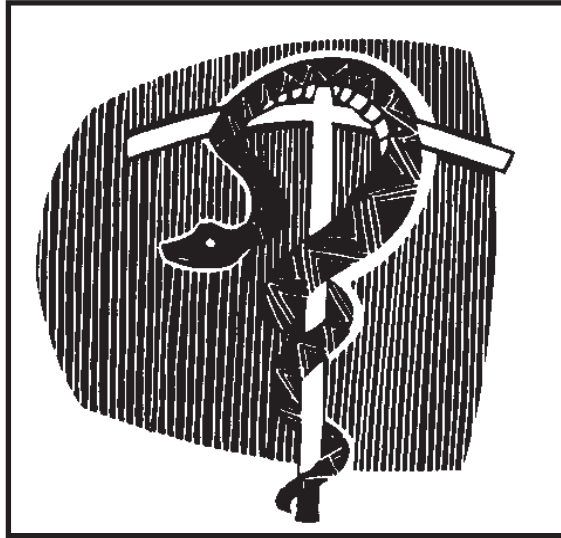


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March 22, 2009

PREACHING today is the Reverend Jana Reister.

PARTICIPATING is the Reverend Aaron Janklow.

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE VOCALISTS are Sally Carpenter, David Bucholtz, Jonathan and Lydia Smith, and Kathy Wirstrom.

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

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 SONG **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____



Lord, send your Spir-it in this place; _____



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, _____ send us



love, send us power, send us grace. _____

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

HYMN In 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM OF THE DAY

Adapted from Psalm 107

A: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

B: for his steadfast love endures forever.

A: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**B: those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from east and west,
from north and south.**

A: They cried to the Lord and he saved them from their distress.

**B: The Lord sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.**

A: Let them thank the Lord for his wonderful works to humankind.

All: Let us offer the Lord thanksgiving and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21:4-9 (O.T., p. 139)

John 3:14-17 (N.T., p. 94)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

The Ash Grove



1. Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing, The
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The

6



peop - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave. The
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face. Our

10



sup - per is end - ed, Oh, now be ex - tend - ed The
faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing, Em -

14



fruits of God's ser - vice in all who be - lieve. The
brac - ing God's chil - dren in each clime and place. With

18



seed of God's teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing, Shall
your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us; U -

22



blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all. God's
nite us as one in this life that we share. Then

26



grace did in - vite us, And love shall u - nite us To
 may all the liv - ing, With praise and thanks - giv - ing, Give

30



work for God's king - dom and an - swer God's call.
 hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

BENEDICTION

The First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor calls a meeting of the congregation to act on the request of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Brouwer to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. Brouwer and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2009.

Announcements

“PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE - PART I,” a presentation by the Rev. Aaron Janklow, is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, March 23, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

HILLTOPPERS - COME ENJOY SPRING MOVIE MORNING on Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. We'll watch the movie *Saved!* and discuss it afterwards. The film, based on a young man's experience attending a Baptist high school in Baltimore, touches on issues of religion, ostracism, the Christianity and homosexuality conflict, teen pregnancy, divorce, and disabilities. Bring a brown-bag lunch; drinks, dessert and good conversation provided. Sign up in the Church Office by March 24. Questions? Contact Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

DO YOU DONATE CHANCEL FLOWERS ANNUALLY? If you do, please contact Verna Thompson, (248) 437-0164, at least two weeks before your scheduled date to confirm your flower reservation and the wording of the bulletin announcement. Contact Verna Thompson also, if you are interested in donating chancel flowers to honor a loved one or special event.

COME TO THE ANNUAL FAMILY SWIM AND PIZZA PARTY on Sunday, March 29, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Whitmore Lake High School swimming pool. Pizza will be served at 3:15 p.m. Children under five are free, ages five to 17 are \$2.50, and adults are \$3.00 per person, payable upon arrival. Sign up at the Welcome Center, or email Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE QUAD D BRUNCH IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you live in Belleville, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti or another nearby area outside of Ann Arbor, please plan on attending the brunch. It's a great time for fellowship! Questions? contact Carol Mohrlock, 665-5254.

THE JOB SEEKER/JOB LOSS SUPPORT GROUP meets next on April 2 at 11:45 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All are welcome.

YOUTH NEWS:

Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Look for goodies outside all three morning services on April 5 to support the youth program's Costa Rica Mission Team. Twenty-three of our high schoolers and ten students from First Presbyterian Church, Boise, will travel to Costa Rica, June 21 - 30, together to build a low income housing apartment building and rehab a church.

High School Update: The 30-Hour Famine begins Thursday, April 2. Raise money and awareness for hunger by taking 30 hours off from food. Complete your famine with a Lock-in on Friday, April 3, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. **Senior Sneak** - Seniors, on June 1 and 2 we are fleeing reality for a quick getaway of fun, food & hardhats. Sign up by May 1. The cost is \$80, scholarship/help available. **Juniors Road Trip** - Juniors, on July 12 through 14, we're loading up the vans and going to Hiram, Ohio to climb Nelson Ledges, swim in the quarry, and sit in a waterfall on the Chagrin River. Cost is \$120, scholarship/help available, sign up by May 1.

6th-8th Graders: The MIDS Service Weekend is May 1 - 3. On Friday, at 4:00 p.m. we load up the vans and head to Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake. We will be painting, trail mending and more. We will return by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$100, scholarship/help is available. Sign up by Easter for this great weekend.

The Annual Cedar Point Trip is Memorial Day, May 25. The motor coach is ready to take fifty 5th through 12th graders to Cedar Point. Meet at 6:30 a.m., return at 9:00 p.m. for this great day of rides, drinks, and laughter. 5th-8th graders will be with an adult all day. High schoolers will have the run of the park. The cost is \$60, scholarship/help available. A signed consent release form and payment will reserve your spot. Thirty-four spots remain. Adults needed.

DONATE EASTER FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12 to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one. Sign up in the church office or at the Welcome Center on the clipboard provided. Clearly print the name of the person for whom the flowers are given. Flowers are \$16 each, the deadline for donating is Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. After Easter services, our deacons will deliver these flowers to members and friends in our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut-in.

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 March 23-28

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Nominating Committee, 7:30 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
Lenten Study, 10:30 a.m., Glacier Hills
Lenten Study, noon, French Room/Library
Osher Class Writing Workshop, 1:30 p.m., Curtis Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 a.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

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

Wednesday 2:42:

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna and Alleluia Choirs
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, Adult Education Classes,
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, Lenten Study, Compline

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers Spring Movie Morning, 10:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Vance Room
Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Program, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
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., French Room/Library
Campus Core Group, 2:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel

SATURDAY:

Samaritan Counseling Marriage Preparation, 9:00 a.m.,
Curtis/Founders Room
Saturday Suppers, away



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