

# the 5:45



March 8, 2009

**PREACHING** today is the Reverend Deborah Knott.

**PARTICIPATING** is the Reverend Julie Marks.

**THE PIANIST FOR THE OPENING VOLUNTARY** is Laura Stahl.

**LEADING MUSICAL WORSHIP** today is the Hosanna Choir.

**THE HOSANNA CHOIR CONDUCTOR** is Barbara Trevethan.

**THE INSTRUMENTALISTS** are Barbara Trevethan and Linda Speck, strings; and Carol Muehlig, piano.

*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    What Wondrous Love Is This            *American Folk Hymn*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God our Creator, who made the earth a peaceful garden: We confess that we have often ignored places in the world that have been riddled by violence, terrorism, and injustice. We repent for the times when our religious language has fostered hatred and division. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to bring healing to those who have experienced discrimination. Instill in us a renewed spirit of reconciliation, and foster within us a desire to promote change, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 22: 23-31**

A: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**B: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;  
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

A: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**B: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live for ever!**

A: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**B: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

A: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**B: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-21 (O.T., p. 13)

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

**SERMON**

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC      A Prayer for Humility      *Mark Patterson*  
*Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you; how we long to serve you; help us now to love you even more. Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: create in us humble hearts. When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us; draw us close to you again. Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: create in us humble hearts. Amen, amen, amen, amen.*

The Hosanna Choir

## 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    Jesus, Friend of All the Children

*Grace Jones*

### BENEDICTION

## Announcements

**SENIORS TRIP TO AZALEA FESTIVAL:** The First Presbyterian Church of Flint is hosting a spring trip for seniors to the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia, from April 29 to May 4. Our seniors are invited and will be picked up locally. Bus travel, lodging, and many unique sight-seeing opportunities are included. Cost is \$694 per person. A \$100 deposit is due immediately. If you are interested, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, as soon as possible.

**DO THE IRONMAN!** Keystones challenges YOU to run a total of 26.2 miles, bike a total of 112 miles, and swim a total of 2.4 miles during the month of March! Sign up today for the Keystones Ironman Competition and track your progress on the youth bulletin board by the Welcome Center. Weekly prizes will be awarded! Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett at 662-4466, ext. 20, or [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

**AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN,** people from our community and our church family are seeking help to pay for such necessities as rent, groceries, and gas. First Pres has a Pastoral Care Discretionary Fund for emergencies, particularly for church members. We also support the work of Friends in Deed. People have asked if there is an opportunity to help our members in need. The answer is yes! Checks can be made to the First Presbyterian Church and marked Pastoral Care Discretionary Fund. Contributions to help the work of Friends in Deed can be made to Friends in Deed, 1196 Ecorse Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY** in the Church Office, or on the boards around the church. We are reading *An Altar in the World; A Geography of Faith*, by Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor. Study books are available in the Church Office for \$20. Questions? Contact Rev. Aaron Janklow at [ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 54.

**"LONELINESS AND ISOLATION,"** a presentation by Deb Hutton, Ph.D., is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, March 9, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOST PWPD** (Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit) on Monday, March 9. Dessert will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. All women are invited to attend and meet women from Farmington First, Howell, Milford, Northville, White Lake, Orchard Lake Community, Waterford Community and Westland Kirk of Our Savior. At 7:40 p.m. in Monteith Hall, the Reverends Melissa Anne Rogers and Deborah Knott will present "Celebrating the Gifts of Women." Call Moderator Ruth Barnard, 995-0281, if you can help with arrangements that evening.

**JOIN CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hillemonds Chapel for support, understanding and advice in caring for loved ones. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466 ext. 26, or [mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org).

**MOTHERS' MORNING**, our group for mothers of newborn through elementary school age children, will meet in the Youth Room Tuesday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m., for socializing and a springtime craft project with Rainbow Creations. Child care is provided. Questions? Contact Carolyn Gehrke at [gehrkej@hotmail.com](mailto:gehrkej@hotmail.com), or 572-5832.

**HILLTOPPERS WELCOMES REV. GEORGE LAMBRIDES**, retired UM Hospital chaplain in Ann Arbor, to the March 12 meeting. He will talk about the special ministry of a hospital chaplain and some of the dilemmas that arise from providing spiritual care in a hospital setting. He is replacing Chaplain David McNeil, who is unable to join us. We meet at noon for lunch and discussion. Please sign up in the Church Office by March 10, at noon. Call Martine Blogin for more information, 662-4466, or email to reserve your space at mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

**COME TO THE WATERS:** A Retreat to Renew Women of Faith, our annual women's retreat, will be held March 14 and 15 at the Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan. Women of all ages are invited. The cost is \$80. All rooms are singles. The Reverends Deborah Knott, Janna Reister, and Melissa Anne Rogers will lead the retreat. Register by picking up a brochure at the Welcome Center, downloading it from our website, [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org), or calling the Church Office, 662-4466. **Register by tomorrow, March 9.** Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, 662-4466, ext. 12, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

**"FOUR HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER,"** a piano concert by Karlos Moser (professor of opera at the University of Wisconsin) and Melinda Moser will be held March 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM** will meet Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 101.

**A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING** will be held on March 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, following the Wednesday 2:42 dinner. Our world is broken. Whether we face lost income, lost work, or lost hope, we all know people who are hurting, grieving, or facing trying circumstances. Join us in this unique worship opportunity to know the powerful presence of the Lord, and the healing that only Jesus can provide.

**JOB SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP** begins Thursday, March 19 at 11:45 a.m. in the Founders Room. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto: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](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

## *Calendar for March 9 - 13*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel  
PW Cluster Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Social Hall and Monteith Hall  
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  
Campus Ministry Music, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

**TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Vance Room  
Lenten Study, 10:30 a.m., Glacier Hills  
Lenten Study, noon, French Room/Library  
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., away  
Osher Class Writing Workshop, 1:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom  
Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Campus Ministry Mission Trip Debriefing, 6:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Personnel Committee, 7:30 p.m., Doug Brouwer's Office  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 a.m., away

**WEDNESDAY:**

Lenten Study, noon, Vance Room  
Presbyterian Women Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., away  
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, noon, Social Hall  
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  
Choir Officers, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

**FRIDAY:**

Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library  
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Campus Core Group, 2:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel  
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., at the Goodman home, 1509 Shadford

**SATURDAY:**

Women's Retreat, away  
Pickford Presbyterian Youth Group Overnight, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Winter Jam, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*