

the 5:45



May 31, 2009
Pentecost

PREACHING today is the Reverend Brewster H. Gere.

PARTICIPATING is the Reverend Jana Reister.

THE PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

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

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

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.

THOUGHT FOR YOUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

Pentecost is the Greek word for fiftieth. Today is the festival fifty days after Easter when we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. We Christians consider the events of Pentecost to be the founding of the Christian church. The events that took place on the Day of Pentecost are recorded in Acts 2.

“When the Holy Spirit breaks in, old ways of thinking and living are left behind and new ways of thinking and living begin to take over. Old, boring, oppressive and dead social structures and institutions are transformed into exciting, new, liberating ones. It may not happen all at once, but when the Holy Spirit comes, there is the dawn of a new day, hope for a new and different future, and courage and strength to move toward it.”
- Shirley C. Guthrie

“The Wind of God is always blowing, but you must hoist your sail.” - Francois Fenelon

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN 128 On Pentecost They Gathered

Munich

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE Hymn 322 Spirit of the Living God

Living God

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

HYMN 129 Come O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Ebenezer

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21 (N.T., p. 119)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Who Has the Power?

“The Spirit can work in you with a soft but insistent voice, telling you that your life is empty and meaningless, but that there are chances of a new life waiting before the door of your inner self to fill its void and to conquer its dullness ... The Spirit can give you the courage that says ‘yes’ to life in spite of the destructiveness you have experienced around you and within you ... The Spirit can awaken you to sudden insight into the way you must take your world, and it can open your eyes to a view of it that makes everything new.”

- from *The Eternal Now*, by Paul Tillich

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S PROMISE

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 **Santo, Santo, Santo / Holy, Holy, Holy**

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

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: **and forget not all God's blessings.**

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING HYMN 319 Spirit

BENEDICTION

Next Sunday, June 7, there will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service so that the entire congregation may participate in the All-Church Picnic. Please feel free to wear comfortable clothing to church.

On Sunday, June 14, the 5:45 p.m. worship service will become "the 5:45@11:00," and take place at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.

Announcements

DON'T MISS THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC, SUNDAY, JUNE 7! The fun begins at 10:45 a.m. Enjoy games for all ages and a terrific picnic lunch. **Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m.** Cost is \$4 per person or \$10 for a family of four or more. Children, come to church in your play clothes! Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs for the family, and tableware.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED at the Delonis Center for cooking (3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) and serving (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) shifts. First-time volunteers are more than welcome! Those interested please contact Brady West at 734-223-9793 or bwest@umich.edu.

YOUTH UPDATE: The **KEYS Road Trip to Nelson Kennedy State Park**, July 12 to July 14, is filling up! Any present freshman, sophomore, or junior may go. We will stay in a hotel, and go swimming, water parking, and hiking! Sign up by submitting a check (\$120) and a consent release form.

The Costa Rica Mission Team will be commissioned June 14 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, followed by a parent/student meeting in the Sanctuary. The team leaves June 21 at 4:00 a.m. from Detroit Metro Airport. Please keep them in your prayers!

"DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR DISORDERS," a presentation by Gordon Prepsky, MS, LLP, psychotherapist with the Samaritan Counseling Service, is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, June 1, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

OUR MONTHLY CARD MAKING GROUP WILL MEET Monday, June 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders Room. New members are always welcome, and you don't even have to be crafty ... just willing to try using glue, stamps, and ink pads! For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

PLEASE SAVE YOUR OATMEAL CONTAINERS AND LIDS as well as lids from plastic margarine and whipped topping type containers! The Children's Education and Family Ministries program will be using them for crafts during summer vacation Bible school. Please drop off your saved containers and lids to Deborah MacVey's office, on the 300 level.

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS, Tuesday through Thursday, June 16-18, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the church grounds. Marketplace 27-28 AD - Christ's Chosen, our VBS program for children kindergarten complete through fifth grade, teaches the stories of Jesus and what life was like during his time. Children will enjoy visiting the storyteller, synagogue school, watching dramas, and of course, perusing the crafts available at the marketplace. This program is free and friends are welcome! Sign up by **June 1** by completing the registration form that was mailed home. Late registrations will be accepted. Need another? Additional forms are available at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

SIXTH ANNUAL RUMMAGE, BOOK, AND BAKE SALE, sponsored by the Philip-pines Task Force, is scheduled for June 20. Please search your garage and home for items you no longer need and turn them into mission dollars. **We are collecting now!** Suggested items are books, linens, kitchenware, tools, outdoor furniture, children's toys. This year we have started a "Finer Item Recycle" program. At any time your donation of no longer wanted jewelry, broken jewelry, china, silver can be donated and sold. Let our mission task force turn those nicer no longer wanted pieces into homes and hope for others. For questions and personal pickup, please call John Kinzinger at 645-8647.

JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION in Monteith Hall on the first and third Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting is June 6. We will spend time in silence and with a simple scripture reading. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com). If you are interested but cannot meet on Saturday mornings, please contact Jeanette with suggested times.

THE HEAVENLY HOSTA SALE happens rain or shine, Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 7, between the worship services and from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the courtyard outside Monteith hall. (Note: the dates in the headline of the *First Press* article were incorrect.) The sale, a fundraiser for the Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, will feature all sorts of hosta ... variegated blue, green and yellow varieties, sizes from miniature to giant, popular and recently introduced varieties. Special varieties include the Hosta of the Year for 2010, First Frost; 2009, Earth Angel; and 2008, Blue Mouse Ears. Master gardeners will also be on hand to answer questions.

HILLTOPPERS COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Take on tea at the June 11 meeting: Sign up soon for our June gathering "Teas from A to Z: Health Benefits and More." Enjoy a hot lunch (\$5), followed by a presentation on the varieties of world teas by Whole Foods Market and a tea tasting. Sign up by June 9 by calling the Church Office, 662-4466, or emailing Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

On June 18, we're taking a special trip to put the "Spotlight on Thimbles!" Hilltoppers invites anyone in our congregation interested in sewing, needlework, or more to join them for a journey to the Thimble Museum. Come with us to Shelby Township, you'll be amazed at what is so beautiful, and so tiny! A magnifying glass is recommended. We'll leave at 9:00 a.m., and after a tour of the museum and lunch at Olive Garden, return by 3:00 p.m. **Sign up by June 12** by contacting Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. Cost: \$7 for the museum tour, plus your cost for lunch. We'll carpool, so signify if you'd like to drive, or ride with someone else.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21! Join us as we make our annual trip to cheer on the Detroit Tigers! It is a 1:05 p.m. game versus the Milwaukee Brewers. Tickets cost \$22 each, and transportation can be purchased for an additional \$13. That is \$22 for ticket only or \$35 for ticket and bus. Tickets must be paid in full at time of sign up. Tickets can be purchased during the 10:30-11:00 a.m. coffee hour today and also in the Church Office during normal office hours. Sign-ups will close when all 100 tickets and 56 bus seats are sold, so please don't delay! Bring your family friends and neighbors. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor or bring exact change. Questions? Contact Rev. Aaron Janklow at ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org or 734-662-4466 ext. 54.

A FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE REV. AARON JANKLOW will be held on Sunday, June 14, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Aaron has completed his two-year Lilly residency and leaves us to take the position of Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, Florida. The congregation is warmly invited to attend and express their good wishes to Aaron. Cards and gifts may be sent to the Church Office.

AN ORDINATION SERVICE FOR SUSAN SYTSMA-BRATT and reception will be held on Sunday, June 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Residency and Candidates Committee warmly invites members and friends of the congregation to attend the ordination service and reception that will immediately follow in the Social Hall.

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 notice about deaths and memorial services, please let the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers know, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

DO YOUR SUMMER PLANS INCLUDE A MOVING VAN? We hope not! However, every year at this time, several of our members complete residencies, finish degrees, or experience job transitions and other changes. If your plans include relocating, we wish to formally say "God-speed" to you in the context of worship sometime this summer, and to send you off with our prayers. Please let Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 12) know if you are planning to move.

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 June 1 - 6

MONDAY:

Synod Committee, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room
Card Making, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Senior Sneak Trip Returns, noon, Church Parking Lot
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
WEBS, 5:30 p.m., Founders/Curtis Rooms
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Lewis Room

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Triangle Parent Conferences, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Rooms 200/201
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis Room

WEDNESDAY:

Triangle Parent Conferences, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Rooms 200/201
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
Vacation Bible School Orientation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

THURSDAY:

Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Program, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Session, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Heavenly Hosta Sale Set Up, 10:00 a.m., Monteith Courtyard
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Heavenly Hosta Sale, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monteith Courtyard
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



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