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May 3, 2009

PREACHING today is the Reverend Jim Monnett.

PARTICIPATING is the Reverend Julie Marks.

THE PIANIST is Jon Ophoff.

THE VOCALISTS are Jonathan and Lydia Smith.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST is Jonathan Smith, guitar.

THE LITURGICAL DANCER is Stacie Barrett.

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

HYMN 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

CALL TO CONFESSION

O God, it is so easy to stray from the best we know. Before we realize it, we are lost in our fears, dominated by life's shadows, preoccupied with our own suffering. We complain of our lot, even though our cups overflow with your goodness and mercy. We are reluctant givers and ineffective followers. Turn us around, God, for we want to be disciples.

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE 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

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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, here 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 Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet, and a light un-to my
path. When I feel a-raid, 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.

LITURGICAL DANCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:16-24 (N.T., p. 240)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 23

A: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**B: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

A: He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.

**B: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

A: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**B: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God**

Joel 3:16-21 (N.T., p. 849)

SERMON Touching SAFE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC The Twenty-third Psalm

Folk Melody

THE LORD'S SUPPER
Invitation to the Table

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

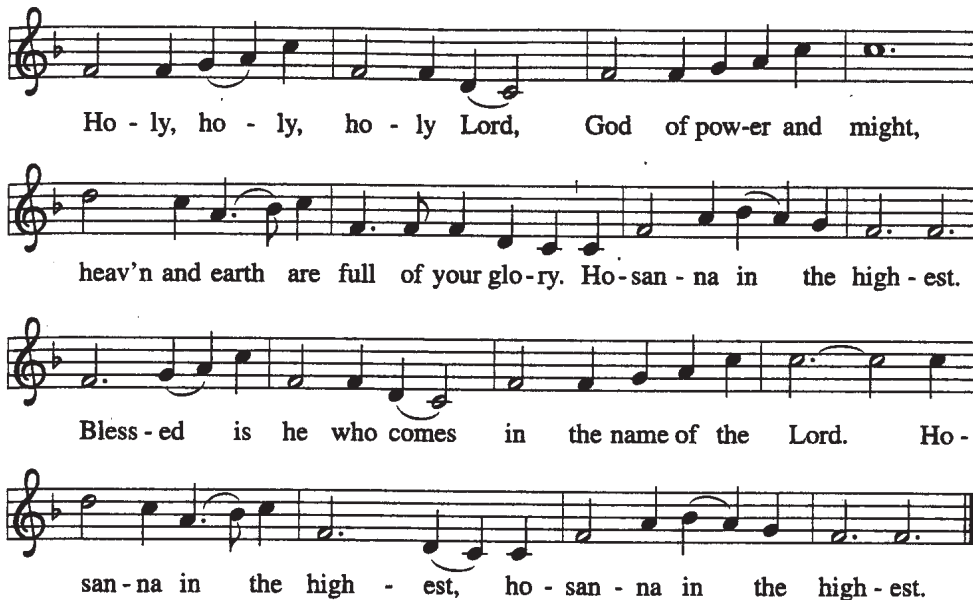
Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

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.**

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING HYMN God of Abundant Life

text: Lavon Baker

tune: St. Edmund

God of abundant life, we sing your praise,
healed by the wounds of Christ, through all our days.

Trusting our Shepherd's care, we would our faith declare.
Though fear and pain intrude, wonders amaze.

God of community, as we return
with all who seek your signs, help us to learn.

Let your apostles teach ways still beyond our reach.
Draw back your straying flock, truth to discern.

God of the table spread for all to feast,
may we break the bread, in love, with great and least.

Help us to be the church; gladden our earnest search,
as in your care we grow, from sin released.

BENEDICTION

Announcements

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARE COLLECTING FOOD to be delivered to the Detroit Presbytery for distribution. Please bring canned goods and non-perishables and place them in the boxes at the Welcome Center and by the Church Office. The drive will be held the first three Sundays in May.

ALPHA HOUSE NEEDS YOU! First Pres' spring commitment week at Alpha House, the temporary shelter for homeless families in Washtenaw County, is May 4-10. About fifty volunteers are needed. Questions? Contact Nancy Vander Kuyl (741-1814), Lucie Audette (998-0152), or Wendy Rampson (994-4920).

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! On Sunday, June 21, we make our annual trip to cheer on the Detroit Tigers at a 1:05 p.m. game, as they face the the Milwaukee Brewers. 100 tickets are available at \$22 each, or purchase a ticket and bus transportation for \$35. Bus seating is limited to 56 people, so sign up early! Purchase tickets in the Church Office or at coffee hour today, May 10 or May 17 from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. Tickets must be paid in full at time of sign up. Sign-ups close when all tickets and bus seats are sold, or on May 19. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "Tigers game" in the memo line, or bring exact change. Questions? Contact the Rev. Aaron Janklow at ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466 ext. 54.

"HOW TO MOVE FROM CONFLICT TO COLLABORATION," a presentation by Mary F. Whiteside, Ph.D., Ann Arbor Center for the Family, and Sally Rutzky, JD, Dodge and Woloshin, is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, May 4, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

CARD MAKING IS MOVING TO MONDAY, MAY 11, this month, and will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library.

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 "Godspeed" to you in the context of worship sometime this summer and to send you with our prayers. Please let Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 12) know if you are planning to move.

GET READY FOR THE CHORAL CABARET! On May 9 at 7:00 p.m. enjoy Broadway tunes sung by our choir, music performed by soloists and instrumentalists, dancing, delicious desserts and a silent auction. Don't miss this fabulous evening of fun and fundraising for our music ministry! Tickets are \$10 outside the Sanctuary, at the Welcome Center, and at coffee hour.

YOUTH NEWS: Highschoolers - Get ready for the **KEYS Wet Wombat**, Sunday, May 17, noon to 2:30 p.m. **The Senior Sneak has a new date!** We'll leave on Sunday, May 31, at 9:30 a.m., (meet at the Bell in the parking lot) and return at noon on June 1. Cost is \$80. **The Junior Road Trip** is July 12-14. All present sophomores and juniors are invited to come to Hiram, Ohio for hiking, quarry swimming, and more. Cost is \$120. Spaces are still available for the **Youth Cedar Point Trip** on May 25! A completed consent release form and \$60 guarantees you a seat on the

bus. **MIDS, there's only two weeks left!** On May 6, come to Youth Room for joy and madness. On May 13, the **MIDS Cookout** will be at Maggie Jones home, 1615 Cherokee Road, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Mary Jones at 741-4207 or marycjones@comcast.net. Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett, jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 20.

SIXTH ANNUAL CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF SCRAMBLE is Saturday, May 16! Join us to play golf at Stonebridge Golf Club, 1:00 p.m. start for 18 holers (\$75), and 3:00 p.m. start for 9 holers (\$40). Cost includes balls to warm up, a cart, prizes and a reception after play. All levels of play are welcome – it's a scramble with a shotgun start, and it is FUN. If you don't want to play but still want to show your support, you can sponsor a hole (\$75) or sponsor a student to play (\$50-\$100) or sponsor or provide a hole prize (\$10). This event is open to ALL First Pres golfers AND their friends! Sign-up forms are available in the Church Office, or at the Welcome Center on Sundays. All responses are due by May 10! Questions? Contact Dave Gunderson (665-2820) or Susan Cares (663-8342).

GRADUATES TO BE HONORED: On May 17, all graduates will be honored at worship services. If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, or grad school), let us know by May 12, so we can list the name in the bulletin. Fill out a pew card with the information, contact the Church Office (662-4466), or email mjones@firstpresbyterian.org. High school grads will be listed by name only. For college and advanced degrees, please also tell us the school and degree earned.

HILLTOPPERS meets for lunch and discussion on "Fall Prevention" on May 14, at noon in the Social Hall. E. Marie Moore, licensed massage therapist and instructor at Washtenaw Community College, will lead the discussion. Sign up by May 12, at noon, by calling the Church Office at 662-4466, or emailing mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

INVITATION TO MEDITATION: Join us as we quiet our minds and hearts before God in the practice of Christian meditation. We will meet two Saturdays a month at 8:00 a.m. beginning May 16, and 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.

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 May 4 - 9

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Choir Cabaret Set Up, all day, Social Hall
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
WEBS, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Lewis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 104

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Choir Cabaret Set Up, all day, Social Hall
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
FIG Steering Goup, 5:30 p.m., Founders Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Stewardship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Choir Cabaret Set Up, all day, Social Hall
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m., Russel Room
Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m., Room 404
MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
Youth Choir, 6:00 p.m., Russel Room
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
Fellowship Group Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Choir Cabaret Set Up, all day, Social Hall
Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Progam, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Vision and Strategy, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Abide, 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:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Choir Cabaret Set Up, all day, Social Hall
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Migonette Cheng Visitation, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Goodman home, 1509 Shadford

SATURDAY:

Migonette Cheng Memorial Service, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Choir Cabaret, 7:00 p.m., Social Hall