

the 5:45



November 16, 2008

PREACHING today is Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministry.

ASSISTING is the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers.

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST is Linda Speck, viola.

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

THE LITURGICAL DANCERS are Shirley Axon, Erika Meier, Joan O'Connell, and Nancy Heers.

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 SONGS

Honor and Praise



1. Right-teous and ho - ly in all of your ways;
2. Fill - ing the tem - ple, the work of your grace;



we come be - fore you with hon - or and praise.



Here to a - dore you for all of our days,




we come be - fore you with hon - or and praise. —



Lord of the heav - ens, how faith - ful you are.



Shine down up - on us, }
Rise in our spir - its, } O bright Morn - ing Star. —



Righ-teous and ho - ly in all of your ways;



we come be - fore you with hon - or and praise.

Father, I Adore You



1. Fa - ther, I a - dore you, lay my life be -



fore you; how I love you.

- 2. Jesus, I adore you ...
- 3. Spirit, I adore you ...

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

SUNG RESPONSE Christ Alone

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-fraid, 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING AND LITURGICAL DANCE OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30 (N.T., pp. 28-29)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Parable of the Talents

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC Take My Life

Hendon

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

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE DEPART WITH GOD'S BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC Lord of the Harvest

BENEDICTION

CAMPUS MEAL: Students, join us in the Curtis Room after the worship service, for the Campus Meal. We invite all university students and college-aged individuals to attend this time of fellowship and enjoy a free meal together!

Announcements

A full description of the events listed below can be found in our newsletter, First Press, available in the narthex, at the Welcome Center, outside the Church Office, or online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

FOR THOSE GRIEVING, First Presbyterian is holding a six-week loss support group on Mondays, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., in the Hillegonds Chapel. Those who are grieving old or new losses are invited to meet together for mutual support and help during the holiday season. To join the grief group, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

WEDNESDAY 2:42 – EXTRAORDINARY WORSHIP: Join us on November 19 for Extraordinary Worship in Monteith Hall! This special time together will include stories of faith and gratitude, just in time for Thanksgiving, and a bread exchange. Three laypeople and members of our church will speak on the topic of gratitude. Elizabeth Davis, Don Faber, and Tom Trevathan will all share a few reflections with us on what “gratitude” is to them. In Christ, we find we have many moving stories to tell! And we’ll also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Bring whatever bread you can (sealed in a bag) and join us in Monteith Hall at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. To participate, simply bring bread (home-made or store-bought, rolls, a loaf, or something more creative), in a closed or zip-lock plastic bag. During the service, you will be invited to bring it forward and take the bread that someone else has provided. Liturgy will guide this act of thanksgiving and sharing. For more information, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Director of Pastoral Care, 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

LET THE RAKING BEGIN! The annual fall leaf raking and clean-up party will be held on Saturday, November 22, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Cider, coffee, and doughnuts will be served, hosted by the irrepressible John Laird. Boy Scout Troop 7 will also be on hand to assist with the clean up. Please bring your own rakes and, as there are several events happening at First Pres that day, park in the Forest Street parking structure, or the Hill Street part of the parking lot.

THE ANNUAL BOY SCOUT TROOP 7 WREATH SALE is happening November 23 and 30 during coffee hour in the Social Hall. Be sure to stop by their table and buy a wreath, or just visit!

WE NEED YOUR SHINY BUTTONS AND PINECONES! The annual Advent Happening will be Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you have shiny, metallic buttons to donate or have access to pinecones, please give them to Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries, or drop them off in the Church Office.

GROWING DEEPER AND WIDER :

Don't forget to complete the 2009 pledge card and Stewardship Opportunities survey that were recently mailed to you. You may return them to church by mail, or bring them to worship on Sunday, November 23, when the pledges will be dedicated during all four services. Pledges that have been mailed in will be dedicated at that time as well. We believe that God is calling First Presbyterian Church to be a welcoming, teaching and missional church. We need your support to continue our programs and ministry. Please prayerfully consider your 2009 pledge.

The children of First Pres are invited to consider their role in stewardship also! Parents have been mailed a letter describing the 2009 Children's Stewardship program, along with a pamphlet to share with their children. A pledge card is enclosed, with suggestions for simple ways children can give of themselves to help others and the church, as well as a paper leaf, for children to write a "thank you " prayer on. Please help your child complete the pledge card and leaf, return the card to your child's Sunday school class, and attach the leaf to the Stewardship Tree on the fourth floor. The pledge card and leaf may be returned any time in November, but please, by Sunday, November 23. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries, at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 15.

A FOUR-WEEK ALL-CHURCH ADVENT STUDY, using *Repentance, Faith, Holiness and Love: An Advent Study*, written by the Rev. Dr. James Howell and Rev. Joyce MacKichan Walker, will begin the week of November 24. Study books are available in the Church Office for \$2. The study will be conducted in small groups: Mondays at noon with Rev. Budge Gere (starts November 24), Mondays at 6:00 p.m. with Carol Gottliebsen (starts December 1), Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills with Rev. Jana Reister (starts November 25), Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Eldon Berry (starts November 26), Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Rev. Jim Monnett (starts November 19), Thursdays at noon with Rev. Deborah Knott (starts November 20), and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. with Revs. Douglas J. Brouwer and Aaron Janklow (starts November 21). Sign up in the Church Office, or on the posters located in the Social Hall and in the foyer outside the Sanctuary.

THE FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM begins Sunday, November 30. Friends and members of our congregation once again will have the opportunity to "adopt" a local family or individual in need by providing them with Christmas gifts, or make a contribution using the special pew envelopes starting November 30. Sign-up to adopt families

will be in the Social Hall on November 30, December 7 and December 14. Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts on December 21 and to help with sign-up and other activities. For information on adopting or volunteering, please contact Julie Morrison at 668-0420, or morrison@comcast.net. Look for more details in your bulletin on Sunday, November 30 and in the December issue of *First Press*.

THE POINSETTIAS THAT WILL DECORATE THE CHANCEL on December 21 and on Christmas Eve may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one or family member. To recognize someone in this way, please sign up in the church office by December 15 so the person's name may be listed in the December 21 and Christmas Eve bulletins. The suggested donation is \$14. Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "poinsettia" in the memo line. Following worship, the poinsettias will be delivered by the deacons to our shut-ins, those who are ill, and those who are grieving.

A TWO-CLASS BAPTISM WORKSHOP will be held Wednesdays, December 3 and 10, at 7:00 p.m., for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian. **These two one-hour classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** Topics covered will include baptism and its meaning, living faithfully with your child, caring for and nurturing your child at church, and planning for the baptism day. If you are anticipating a baptism, call Jennifer Sansbury, Executive Administrative Assistant, at 662-4466, ext. 16, to register for the workshop and discuss possible dates for baptism.

FOURTH ANNUAL OLD-FASHIONED PANCAKE SUPPER for university students is Tuesday, December 9, 10:00 p.m. to midnight. This is a festive and fun-filled event for members of our congregation as well as for the students. We expect 400 this year. There are seven crews of volunteers – setting-up, cooking, welcoming, serving, distributing publicity, clean-up, and follow-up. Times vary with the work. Come join us! If you cannot work on one of the crews, consider being a sponsor for some part of the dinner (e.g. orange juice-\$65, pancakes-\$50, milk-\$20, etc.). To volunteer, email or call Ginny Rezmierski at ver@umich.edu or 971-6221.

VOLUNTEER AT ALPHA HOUSE: As we prepare for the upcoming holidays, please consider those in our community in need and sign up to volunteer for Alpha House, the family shelter on Jackson Road. Our next assigned week is December 1-7. Volunteer duties include hosting/babysitting, meal preparation and overnight stays at the shelter. Look for the signup poster in the Welcome Center or in the Social Hall after the 9:30 service. Contact Lucie Audette at 998-0152 or Nancy Vander Kuyll at 741-1814 for more details.

FIRST COUPLES WELCOMES DR. JAY SANDWEISS, Ann Arbor's renowned alternative, holistic, integrative healer, to speak on December 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. He will discuss "Synergizing Western & Eastern Approaches to Medicine." Dr. Sandweiss is extensively trained in the fields of Osteopathy, Applied Kinesiology, Applied Nutrition and Chinese Medicine, and has maintained a highly successful, wellness-oriented osteo-

pathic medical practice in Ann Arbor since 1989. All are welcome to attend this fascinating presentation.

PRAYING THE PSALMS, our weekly prayer group, meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. You are welcome to attend a meeting to receive prayers, or inform us of them so we can add them to our prayers. Pew cards can be completed and dropped in the offering plate. For information, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. **Note:** There will be no "Praying the Psalms" on November 26, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We'll see you back December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room. New members and prayers are always welcome!

CAMPUS MINISTRY MID-WEEK WORSHIP, conducted in partnership with YoungLife College, is held Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. at the U-M Student Union. Questions? Contact Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministries, at jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 14.

Calendar for November 17 - 22

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:00 a.m., Curtis Room
Triangle Parent Coffee, 9:00 a.m., Room 204
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Loss Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
Boy Scout Troop 7, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall
Campus Core Group Meeting, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Sanctus and Gloria Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Bible/Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
Osher Class, 10:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Rooms
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., away
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms
Campus Ministry, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room
Young Life College Leadership, 6:30 p.m., U-M Student Union
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., U-M Student Union

WEDNESDAY:

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

Advent Study led by Rev. Jim Monnett, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room

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, TrT Bible Study, Extraordinary Worship,
Session, Board of Deacons, Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study,
New Member Class #4

THURSDAY:

Card Sorting, 9:00 a.m., French Room/Library

Advent Study led by Rev. Deborah Knott, noon, Vance Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room

Card Sorting, 9:00 a.m., French Room/Library

Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

Pilgrims of Ibillin Cinnamon Roll Baking, 1:00 p.m., Social Hall

SATURDAY:

Pilgrims of Ibillin Cinnamon Roll Baking, 7:00 a.m., Social Hall

Leaf Raking, 8:00 a.m., Church Grounds, French Room/Library

Stewardship Presentation, 9:00 a.m., Monteith Hall



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*



Celebrating Our Longtime Members

We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

Psalm 78:4



Over 70 years

Robert Beuhler
John Laird

Paul Lowry
Margaret Austin Rookes

Margaret W. Vezina



Over 60 years

Ernestine Bonisteel
Doris A. Christman
Jeanne Giltrow

Sue Gingles
Douglas Hayes
Betty Lou Moon

Barbara Oddy
Jeanne Seeley
Georgia Steinhebel



Over 50 years

David and Joan Anderson
Mary Ann Austin
Carl and Polly Binder
Donald Boettner
Marjorie Burnell
Elaine Clark
Lucy Cooper
George and Margaret DeMuth
Mary Dibble
Jean Dickinson
David Dickinson
Molly Dobson
Phyllis Eaton
John Etter
Margo Fisher
Merilyn Goetz

Gwen and Harold Groves
Mary Stevens Hathaway
Kathryn Hentschel
Sandy Herold
Eva Kelley
Robert Kerschbaum
Amelia Kesling
Tonetta Keuning
Kathleen Kock
Lloyd Kooyers
Margaret Laird
Elizabeth Langford
Donna Lowry
Frank and Loretta Maple
Norma Marshall
Lois Mayne

Paul McCracken
Dolores and Dean Millard
Lorrayne Mulder
Ethel Nesbitt
Duane and Nancy Peterson
Jane Pilcher
Dorothy Platte
Kay Reebel
Margaret Ressler
Liz Southwick
William Stegath
Dorothy Steiner
Virginia Townsend
Ben and Marcia Van Tuyl
Nancy Zahn



50 years in 2008

Frances Bull
Jenny Campbell
Peter Kaufman

Mary Jean Lane
Leon Ostrander, Jr.
David and Joan Pollock

Jean and Donald Smith



Over 45 years

Phyllis Allen
 William and Patricia Austin
 Sylvia and Edward Baker
 Suzanne Beutler
 Wanda Capps
 Charles Cares
 Anabella Clark
 Helen Corey
 Betty Damren
 Charles Donahey
 Jean Dotson
 Curtis Estes
 Carol and Robert Fletcher

Cozette Grabb
 Lynn Haddan
 Esther Woods Holmes
 Ralph Hulett
 Jerome Jelinek
 Jean Kraft
 David La Moreaux
 Jim and Jennie Lombard
 David Lutchka
 Claude Marshall
 Elizabeth McLean
 Cruse and Virginia Moss
 John and Joan Nixon

Margaret Osterwisch
 Burton and Nancy Perry
 Evelyn Pickard
 Charles Reinhart
 James Stephenson
 Edwin Taylor
 Leslie Thurston
 Jack Tobias
 Edward Vandenberg
 Ruth Weber
 Marjorie Zugich



Over 40 years

Bill and Betty Anderson
 Jill Arnold
 Jack Austin
 Deane and Marilyn Baker
 Marilyn Baker
 Andrew Beierwaltes
 Roscoe Bonisteel III
 Robert and Jeannine Buchanan
 John and Beth Caldwell
 Sally Carpenter
 Suzanne Carr
 Susan Cares
 Jim Clark
 Alice Cook
 Lee and Millie Danielson
 Lisa Danielson
 James Dickinson
 Ed and Betty Doezema
 Karen Edwards
 Margaret and Melvin Edwards
 Robert Ellis
 Marylou Estes
 Don Faber
 Marilyn Fink
 Robben Fleming

Donald and Elizabeth Freese
 Sue Anne Frister
 Rebecca Gaffney
 Karl and Eleanor Hauser
 Wendel Heers
 Kathleen Heise
 Carole Hendrickson
 Downs Herold
 Mary Hinderer
 David and Phyllis H. Justed
 Henry Johnson
 Martha Krehbiel
 Kay Lands
 Myra Larson
 Fritz Lehmann
 Joan Lutchka
 Jeannette Middleton
 Marie Moore
 Mary Kathryn Newton
 Cheryle Nicholls
 Josephine Pattinson
 Robert and Mary Ann Pierce
 Jerry and Lorna Prescott
 Elizabeth Richart
 Elizabeth Rogers

Steve Rogers
 John and Reda Santinga
 Fritz and Kathleen Schafer
 David and Marcia Schmidt
 William Smith
 Bob Snyder
 Kathryn and Paul Stevenson
 Marie Thalner
 Joan Tiboni
 Carol Tice
 John Vander Ley
 Burt and Jackie Voss
 Carol and David Williams
 Henry and Dorothy Zelisse