

the 5:45



October 26, 2008

PREACHING today is the Reverend Aaron Janklow.

ASSISTING is the Reverend Deborah Knott.

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR is Carol Muehlig.

THE PIANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE INSTRUMENTALIST is Linda Speck, viola.

THE VOCALISTS are David Bucholtz, Sally Carpenter and Kristin Eder.

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 Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the



Ho - ly One, give thanks be - cause he's



giv-en Je - sus Christ his Son. Give Son. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the



poor say, "I am rich be-cause of what the Lord has

Last time to Coda ⊕ 1, 3 2 *D.S.*

done for us." And us." Give

⊕ CODA

us." Give thanks! _____

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 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Ein Feste Burg

God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;

to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.

Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while

time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:34-40 (N.T., p. 25)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON The Greatest Commandment

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S PROMISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un-to you, that you love one an-oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an-oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis-ci-ples, if

you have love one for an-oth-er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis-ci-ples: if you have love one for an-oth-er.

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 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar Hyd Y Nos

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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.

ARE YOU A PREVIOUSLY ORDAINED ELDER OR DEACON and would like to serve communion? If so, there is a training session on Saturday, November 1, at 10:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary. Please register with Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 12. Deacons and elders in the class of 2012 will also be trained that day.

ALL SAINTS DAY will be observed on Sunday, November 2. At all three morning services of worship we shall read the names of members and friends of the congregation who have died during the previous twelve months. If you would like to include the name of a loved one to be read with the names of First Presbyterian members, **please contact the church office, 662-4466, or email mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, by Monday, October 27, for inclusion in the bulletin, or Thursday, October 30, to be read during the service.** Be sure to leave your name also, so that we may check pronunciation and spelling.

At the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, the Chancel Choir will present *Hear My Prayer* by Felix Mendelsson. In between the morning services, at 10:40 a.m., those who are interested will gather in the Memorial Garden to rededicate it and hear the names of those interred there in the last year.

FOR THOSE GRIEVING, First Presbyterian will hold a six-week loss support group beginning Monday, November 3, from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in 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 register for the grief group, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

CONSIDERING MEMBERSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN? You are invited to the next Inquirers/New Members Class, which starts on Wednesday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room and runs for four weeks. The classes are held on Wednesday evenings as part of First Presbyterian's mid-week program, Wednesdays 2:42. Please join us for dinner before the New Member classes. It is complementary for those attending the classes and begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

The new member classes provide overviews of the major programs of our very active congregation and of the history, beliefs, and governance of the Presbyterian Church. If you choose to join First Pres, a new member breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 23, at 8:00 a.m., along with a meeting of the church Session to accept you into membership. New members will be introduced to the congregation after breakfast at the 9:30 a.m., worship service. If you have questions, please contact Budge Gere, Executive Associate Pastor, at 662-4466, ext. 53, or bgere@firstpresbyterian.org.

HOLLYWOOD HILLTOPPERS: Come watch the movie *Vera Drake* with us on Thursday, October 30 at 10:00 a.m. in the Curtis / Founders Room. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a discussion afterwards. Drinks and desserts are provided. To sign up, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, 662-4466, ext. 12 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE GET CONNECTED ACTIVITIES FAIR will be held Sunday, November 2, in the Social Hall. Every aspect of our church life will be represented. Tables will be set up to present many of the activities and ministries people can participate in here at First Pres. If you would like to reserve space for your group, please contact Diana Gardner, 663-6677, drगतgard@aol.com, or Rev. Aaron Janklow, ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 54.

ORDERS FOR PILGRIMS OF IBILLIN CINNAMON ROLLS will be taken during coffee hour on Sundays, November 2 and November 9. The rolls are \$7.00 a tin minimum donation, payable at the time of your order. They may be picked up in the Social Hall on Sunday, November 23, before and after services. They can be frozen and heated for your holiday breakfasts or enjoyed right away. Proceeds from the sale go to support the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, in Ibillin, Israel, that bring together people of the Jewish, Christian, Druze and Islamic faiths and "seek to build peace on desk tops." The schools

provide education opportunities from kindergarten through university levels. This year, the money will support elementary and high school tuitions and the purchase of computers for use schoolwide.

W.E.B.S. (Women's Evening Bible Study) will meet Monday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room. The group will use the current HORIZONS Bible study (Luke: *Jubilee*), written by Rev. Dale Lindsay Morgan. Study books are \$6.50 and will be available at the first meeting. W.E.B.S. will continue to meet the first Monday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m. for study and fellowship. Questions? Contact Sue Dempsey, 769-0566, or Jennie Lombard, 663-7244.

A CHURCH-WIDE FOOD COLLECTION will be held November 2 to November 16. Boxes will be placed near the Welcome Center for your donation of canned meats, fruits, and vegetables; cereals; and dried fruits, which will be delivered to the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit for distribution on November 17. If you prefer to give money for food supplies, make your check out to First Presbyterian and write PWPD Hunger Program on the memo line. Drop it off in the Church Office or Finance Office. This is a really tough time for many families and elderly in the inner city, so please be generous in your gifts of dried and canned foods.

Artheillia Thompson, the Presbytery Hunger Program Coordinator, also serves hundreds of hungry people at the Westminster Church, Detroit, at Thanksgiving. Gifts to help defray those costs are also very much appreciated! To help with this effort, make your check payable to First Presbyterian and memo for Presbytery Thanksgiving meals.

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE EARLY! Come to the mission marketplace on Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 9, at coffee hour and after the 11:00 a.m. service. Several of our church's mission groups will sell a variety of handmade goods from Peru, Haiti, Israel/Palestine, and the Philippines. All proceeds will directly benefit these programs. Come see the enticing cultural treasures and memorable holiday gifts we have this year!

ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR VISITS NOVEMBER 11: The Pilgrims of Ibillin will host Fr. Chacour, founder of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, at First Presbyterian on Tuesday, November 11. Join us at 7:30 p.m. for coffee, tea and light desserts. At 8:00 p.m., Rev. Dr. Robert Sawyer, Executive Director of the national Pilgrims organization, will give an update on the schools' recent development, and the Pilgrim's upcoming plans for expanding and renovating the high school. Fr. Chacour will discuss the accomplishments of the schools, the needs and difficulties of Palestinian Christians, and will sign copies of his books, which will be available at the gathering. To attend, please RSVP to Rod Bentz at rrbentz@comcast.net or 973-0394.

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 Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

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 October 27 - November 1

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:00 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Stewardship Mailing, 1:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Boy Scout Troop 7, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall
Sanctus and Gloria Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Osher Class, 10:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Stewardship Mailing, 1:00 p.m., Curtis Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Young Life College Leadership, 6:30 p.m., Vance Room
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., U-M Student Union

WEDNESDAY:

Triangle Parent Coffee Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Room 204
Wednesday Night Meal, 5:00-7:00 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 p.m. (meal), Delonis Center

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, TnT Bible Study, Adult Education Classes, Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, New Member Class #1

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers Fall Movie, 10:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Rooms
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

New Officer Training, 8:30 a.m., Monteith Hall



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*