

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
April 18, 2010
Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO ALL, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card. Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

*Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type. * Please stand if you are able.*

As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers.

Hearing assistive devices, large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*The service of worship commences with the voluntary;
quiet is requested as you enter the nave.*

Thoughts for Your Preparation for Worship

In our economic thinking, we need to make a shift
from "more is better" to "enough is best."

Herbert C. Jackson

What I kept, I lost.
What I spent, I had.
What I gave, I have.

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Scene and Prayer *Pietro Mascagni, arr. Edlund*
Presbyterian Church Orchestra

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

MINUTES FOR MISSION

Campus Ministry Golf Outing
Team First Pres

Bill Slade
Roland Kibler

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 24

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**People: for the Lord has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.**

Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

Leader: They will receive blessing from the Lord,

People: and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

St. Anne

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who has made a great investment in us: forgive us for our self-centeredness that keeps us from being generous. You have given us all we need, yet we yearn for that which keeps us from being generous. You have given us all we need, yet we yearn for more. Forgive us for not offering you the first fruits of our lives. Open now our hearts to you and our hands to those in need. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Leader Response Leader

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Response Leader Response

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is finished and gone; everything becomes fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. As you greet one another, we invite you to shake hands or place your hands together in an attitude of prayer.

One to another: **The peace of Christ be with you.**

Response: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cei - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(9:30/11:00) OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Habakkuk 3:17-19 (O.T., p. 874)

ANTHEM **Bright Canaan** *American Folk hymn, arr. Parker/Shaw*
O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan. O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan. O Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan. I'll join with them who've gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan. Where sin and sorrows are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan. O Canaan, bright Canaan ... Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, I am bound for the land of Canaan, and higher still our joys they rise, I am bound for the land of Canaan. O Canaan, bright Canaan ...

(9:30/11:00) A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children through grade five may be seated at the foot of the chancel steps to meet with one of the pastors.

***HYMN 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** *Beach Spring*

GOSPEL LESSON (8:00) John 21:1-14 (N.T., pp. 115-16)
(9:30/11:00) Luke 12:1a,13-21 (N.T., p. 74)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON (8:00) Nets Are Bursting
(9:30/11:00) Thinking Theologically About Life

RESPONDING

*AN AFFIRMATION

In response to God's many gifts, Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence. We believe Christ gives us so much and demands of us personal lives that are to be centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interest of self, family, race or nations; and to offer joyously to God our money, ability and time. Amen.

*- From A Declaration of Faith
of the Presbyterian Church in the United States*

WELCOME

Please sign the Friendship Book in each pew near the center aisle and pass it along your pew or to others sitting nearby. As it returns, note with whom you worship so that you may greet each other after the service.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM Come Away to the Skies

*American Folk Hymn, arr. Alice Parker
Come away to the skies, my beloved arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born.
On this festival day come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.
We have laid up our love and our treasures above, though our bodies continue below;
the redeemed of the Lord shall remember his word, and with singing to Paradise go.
Hallelujah we sing to our Lord and our King, and His rapturous praises repeat;
to the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again; sing all heaven, and fall at His feet. Hallelujah.*

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

*DOXOLOGY (#592 in the Hymnal)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

SENDING

*HYMN 275 **God of Our Life**

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*BENEDICTION

(9:30/11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE *Hallelujah We Sing* Alice Parker
Hallelujah we sing to our Lord and our King, and His rapturous praises repeat; to the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again; sing all heaven, and fall at His feet. Hallelujah.

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY *Praeludium* J. S. Bach, arr. Gearhard
Presbyterian Church Orchestra

The Prayer Team is available, for those desiring prayer, in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, following the 9:30 worship service.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 a.m. worship service is the Reverend Jim Monnett. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Dr. Robert Bohl. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Matthew Nickel.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME TO THE PULPIT the Reverend Dr. Robert W. Bohl. Dr. Bohl, a long-time leader in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has served churches in Pennsylvania, Texas, Kansas and Florida. He was the Moderator of the 206th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (1994-1995) and is currently President of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary. Following this morning's services of worship, Dr. Bohl will be speaking at the Third Annual Legacy Partners Luncheon, which recognizes those members of the congregation who have told the church that they have remembered the church in their will.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris at 8:00 a.m., Deborah MacVey, Director of Childrens' Education and Family Ministries, and the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Lawrence W. Farris at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and Jim Monnett at 5:45 p.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Ilya Blinov.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR is Gerry Leckrone.

THE ORGANIST is Susan Boggs.

THE READER is Cheryl Gulbranson at 8:00 a.m., Fred Beutler at 9:30 a.m., and Sharon Rothwell at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Steve and Susan Gerhardt and Christina Tefft. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Tom and Helena Prince and Ruth Primas.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Tom and Barbara Trevethan.

Today's Events

Note Date Change:

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor is called to meet on *Sunday, May 2, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.*

WORSHIP is at 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets today at 9:30 a.m. for crib-12th grade and at 11:00 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Youth "Munch and Mingle" and Sunday school for sixth through twelfth graders meet in Monteith Hall. Confirma-

tion class meets for Munch and Mingle in Monteith Hall, then has class in the Youth Room.

ADULT EDUCATION:

At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. The class is currently studying the book of Matthew. Everyone is welcome to attend!

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, Ed Koster will give a preview of topics to be discussed at this summer's General Assembly.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Wally Schmeichel will speak on Islam and Women.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR in the Social Hall, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We encourage you to join us for food and fellowship!

MATURE SINGLES (FORMERLY FIRST SINGLES) meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Laura Berg will present the next DVD in the Teaching Company's series on the Old Testament, entitled "Murder, Flood and Dispersion."

NORFOLK YOUTH MISSION TRIP TRAINING is today from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

RADIO WORSHIP service is at 11:00 a.m. on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, waamannarbor.com.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton, by her family.

Announcements

PRESBYTERIAN WORLD MISSION TO BE SHOWCASED: Pamela Jensen, staff member of PCUSA World Mission, will visit First Presbyterian on April 20 to share news about a special effort to increase the number of global mission personnel. Presently, there are 205 Mission Co-workers in the field, and the hope is to engage 20 more in service in 2010. All members of First Pres are invited to meet Pam and learn more about PCUSA World Mission at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, in the Lewis Room.

ELIJAH PERFORMED AT FIRST PRES ON MAY 2: Mendelssohn's glorious oratorio "Elijah" will be presented on May 2 by our Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists in the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. (note early time.) This dramatic and emotional work is full of beloved choruses and solos. Our soloists will be Daniel Washington (Elijah), Leslie Smith, Alice Pierce, John Pierce, Wendy Bloom, Sally Carpenter, Terence Farmer, Clayton Farmer, Glenn Ellington, and Gerry Leckrone. While the concert is free, a suggested donation of \$10 is encouraged.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED blood at the First Pres Spring Blood Drive. The total pints of blood donated was 29. Thank you also to those who volunteered to help at the drive and / or bake cookies (the home-made cookies are always a real hit at the canteen). **Mark your calendars ... the tentative date for our next drive is Tuesday, July 13.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: The Stephen Ministry would like to invite the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, April 26, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topic "Addiction and Recovery: A Parent's Journey in Al-Anon," will be presented by First Presbyterian members.

FIRST SINGLES HAVE CHANGED THEIR NAME TO "MATURE SINGLES." They will continue to meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for spiritual programs, fellowship, and lively discussion. The group is specifi-

cally targeted at single folks age 55 and up. For more information, contact Marcy Toon, at mtoon@umich.edu, or Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, at 662-4466, ext. 12. A full listing of their programs is available on our church website.

DETROIT INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP: Nearly 60 people are traveling to Detroit to work on our mission project with Cass Community Social Services. If you are unable to attend but would like to support this project financially, please make your check payable to First Presbyterian with "Detroit Mission" written on the memo line. You may also support the travelers by sending along fruit and snacks. If you wish to do so, please deliver your food donation to the Rev. Matthew Nickel on Friday, April 23, before 3:00 p.m.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE: The Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Golf Scramble is right around the corner! Join us on May 8 at the Stonebridge Golf Club at 1:00 p.m. to play golf. Cost is \$75/golfer for 18 holes, \$50/golfer for 9 holes and \$20 for the fellowship and appetizers afterglow. If you cannot make it, you can always sponsor a hole or a student golfer for \$75. This is a great way to meet students, support Campus Ministry, and practice your golf skills! Please join us for this fun event! To register or for more information, visit: www.firstpresbyterian.org/content/golf-outing.

YOUTH NEWS: The bus is coming to take us to Cedar Point! All 5th-12th graders and their friends are invited to spend Memorial Day, May 31, at Cedar Point. Pick up the Consent Release outside RJ's office. Cost is \$60. High schoolers will see the park on their own. 5th-8th graders will enjoy the park with an adult leader. Sign up by May 12!

COME TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK ON APRIL 25! All in the church are welcome to join us for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, April 25, at noon in the Social Hall. This month's potluck is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. Bring a stress-free side dish and enjoy the fellowship of church friends and staff.

EXPERIENCE THE 5:45: The 5:45 worship service is an informal, blended service that seeks to be accessible to families, college and high school students, while building community across generations. We use creative approaches in the visual arts, music, prayer and preaching to present the gospel in ways that are plausible to the skeptic and life-changing for the believer. Come experience the 5:45 worship each Sunday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

5:45 Planning Task Force Needs Your Feedback: Have you attended a 5:45 service this spring? The 5:45 worship task force is seeking feedback from regular, occasional, and even one-time attenders! If you are willing to share your thoughts with the planning team, email Rev. Sarah Wiles (swiles@firstpresbyterian.org) to receive a link to the on-line survey.

THINKING OF HAVING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED? There are two new baptism classes in April and May for parents who are considering having their child baptized at First Pres. These classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized. The classes, each taking place over two sessions, are scheduled for April 20 and 27, at 7:00 p.m., and May 11 and 25, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Church Office, 662-4466, to sign up.

GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED on May 16 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, or grad school), let us know by Monday, May 10, 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.

During worship, graduating high school students will be recognized. Those graduating with college or advanced degrees will be listed in the bulletin.

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. Members and visitors are welcome to join the group at any time.

Calendar for April 19 - 24

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
PNC, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus 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
M. Reynolds Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Parish Nurse's Office
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
ESL Shower, 2:30 p.m., Curtis/Founders Rooms
Residency Program Finance Task Force, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room
Worship Committee, 6:00 p.m. Vance Room
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room
Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
PCUSA (PW) World Mission, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Troop 7 Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room 404

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101
Youth and Hosanna Choir, 6:30 p.m., Russel Room
Malice in the Palace Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Session, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Curtis Room
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers Movie Morning, 11:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Founders Room
Blue Lake Painting Project, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room
Detroit Intergenerational Mission Project Begins, away

SATURDAY:

Malice in the Palace Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Photo Show Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Social Hall
U.S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m., Curtis Room
Blue Lake Painting Project, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room
Trotter House Event Parking, 2:00 p.m., First Pres Parking Lot



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*