

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
April 25 2010
Fourth 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.*

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Trio Sonata No. 4 J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Detroit Mission Trip Sue Jeffers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The grave is empty! Christ is risen.

All: Alleluia!

One: God's light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness cannot overcome it.

All: Alleluia!

One: Once we were no people; now we are God's people.

All: Alleluia!

One: In the Risen Christ is our life.

All: Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed!

***HYMN 104 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!** *Hymn to Joy*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the heavens and the earth, of all things bright and beautiful, of all creatures great and small, you are ever bringing new life to us and to all. Forgive us where we have clung too tightly to the familiar at the expense of the newness you offer. Forgive us our fear of change. Forgive us for closing ourselves off to the unexpected and surprising. In the name of the Risen Christ in whom you have defeated death, enliven us that we may embrace the love and joy you spread before us. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

(8:00) KYRIE #572 *in the Hymnal* Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9:30/11:00) KYRIE

Leader Lord, have mer - cy. *Response* Lord, have mer - cy. *Leader* Christ, have mer - cy.
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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 - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 9:36-43 (N.T., p. 128)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:1-17 (N.T., pp.115-16)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(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.

**The earth's been good to me,
 And so I thank the Lord,
 For giving me the earth I need,
 The fields and the streams, and the air I breathe
 The earth's been good to me.**

***HYMN 272 God of the Sparrow**

Roeder

SERMON Breakfast on the Beach

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thick oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend, at all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

(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

(9:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Scott and Ellen Hummel are presenting their daughter, Natalie Grace Hummel, born August 27, 2009, for baptism.

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT, RENUNCIATION, AND AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BLESSING AND HYMN OF WELCOME

As Natalie Grace is welcomed, the congregation is invited to sing verses 1 and 2 of hymn 498, Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (please remain seated).

(11:00) COMMISSIONING OF HAITI MISSIONERS

Deb Hutton, Lisa Johnson, Pat Farris, John McCorkindale and Ross Schmaeman are traveling to Leogane, Haiti, to help in the mobile hospital's inpatient wards and outpatient clinic. They will be gone May 1 to May 10. Please keep them and the people of Haiti in your prayers.

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 111 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! Gelobt Sei Gott**

***BENEDICTION**

(9:30/11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE O Sons and Daughters *15th century*
O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King o'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY O Sons and Daughters *Jean Langlais*

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, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Sarah Wiles.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Jenny McDevitt at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Julie Marks and Sarah Wiles at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Jenny McDevitt 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 ORGANISTS are Dr. Daniel Forger, playing the voluntaries, and Carol Muehlig, playing the service.

INSTRUMENTALISTS playing the offertory are Pat Farris, flute, and Angie Noble, oboe.

THE READERS are Dale Briggs at 8:00 a.m., Jan Leckrone at 9:30 a.m., and Erin A. Wilson at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Patrick and Diane Tamblyn and Eleanor Shaw. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Karl and Kris Shaffer and Marita Servais.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBER is Malcolm Powers.

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. Confirmation 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, Sylvia Pedraza and Fred Beutler will give a presentation on the Holocaust.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, those who participated on the Detroit Intergenerational Mission trip will discuss their experiences.

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 for conversation. At 1:00 p.m., they will gather at the Kelsey Museum on State Street for a tour of the building's new wing.

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

COME TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK TODAY! All in the church are welcome to join us for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today, 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.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God.

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Coral Ann Kuperstein, born January 24, 2010 in Bend, Oregon, daughter of Andrew and Amy Kuperstein, and granddaughter of Richard and Angie Miller.

Announcements

ELIJAH TO BE 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.

A NEW BOOK STUDY will begin Tuesday, April 27, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Common Cup. We will be reading Mike Yaconelli's *Messy Spirituality*. If you feel you don't pray enough; don't read the Bible enough; don't share your faith enough, or don't love God enough, this book is for you. Book orders will be taken on Tuesday, April 27. Sign up with Rev. Jim Monnett at jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE DELONIS CENTER CARD PROGRAM URGENTLY NEEDS blank cards and Thinking of You cards. If you have cards to donate, please drop them off in the Church Office in the Card Program mailbox.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: The Stephen Ministry invites 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.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, sponsored by the Parish Nurse and Pastoral Care programs, will be held May 2 through May 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Topics are:

May 2 - Chronic Pain

May 9 - What Do You Need to Do When a Loved One Goes to the Hospital ... Being an Advocate

May 16 - The Diabetes Epidemic ... How to Stay Healthy

May 23 - Alzheimer's Disease and Chronic Dementias

MALICE IN THE PALACE: On Mother's Day, May 9, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, the Hosanna and Youth Choirs will present "Malice in the Palace," the story of Esther. The musical is filled with good songs and funny yet insightful dialogue. It is directed by Mori Richner, with musical direction by Barbara Trevethan. Enjoy a different worship experience ... join us for "Malice in the Palace" at 9:30 a.m. Note: The 11:00 a.m. worship service will be traditional.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE: The **Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Golf Outing** 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.

LAY READER TRAINING EVENTS: Many members participate in worship as lay readers, offering the prayer for illumination and reading one of the two lessons each Sunday. Many others have expressed interest in being lay readers and have asked if training is provided. The answer to this last question is "Yes!"

Two identical training sessions will be offered in May: on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on Tuesday, May 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Both events will be held in Monteith Hall. Interim pastor Larry Farris and retired EMU Professor of Communication Theory and Practice Harry Bowen will lead the events, which will consist of basic instruction in leading

worship and in the public reading of scripture, as well as the opportunity to practice reading several passages aloud. All who wish to read in worship, whether experienced or new, are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

In assigning lay readers for future Sundays, preference will be given to those who have participated in the training. Please sign up by May 10, either by calling the church office (662-4466) or going to the church website (www.firstpresbyterian.org).

SIGN UP TODAY FOR CEDAR POINT: All 5th-12th graders are invited to spend Memorial Day, May 31, at Cedar Point. The bus is reserved, and only 44 seats are available. Friends are welcome! To sign up, pick up the Consent Release form outside Rev. Jim Monnett's office, fill it out and turn it in with a check for \$60. High schoolers will roam the park on their own. 5th-8th graders will enjoy the park with an adult leader. **The deadline to sign up is May 12!**

COME AND WORSHIP AT 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 is a two-session baptism class for parents who are considering having their child baptized at First Pres. The class, a requirement for parents before children are baptized, is scheduled for 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.

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 specifically 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.

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 26 - May 1

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
5:45 Planning Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Vance Room
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Technology Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
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
U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
Interfaith Round Table, 1:30 p.m., Vance Room
Iona Trip Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

WEDNESDAY:

U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
MIDS Cookout, 5:00 p.m., Tichenor Home, 1081 Heather Way
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
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave
Triangle General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Curtis and Founders Rooms

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
U. S. Census Staff Training, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Social Hall
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room
Blue Lake Painting Project, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room and Lounge

SATURDAY:

U of M Commencement
Haiti Missioners Depart
Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Malice in the Palace Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Elijah Concert Set Up, All Day, Sanctuary
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation