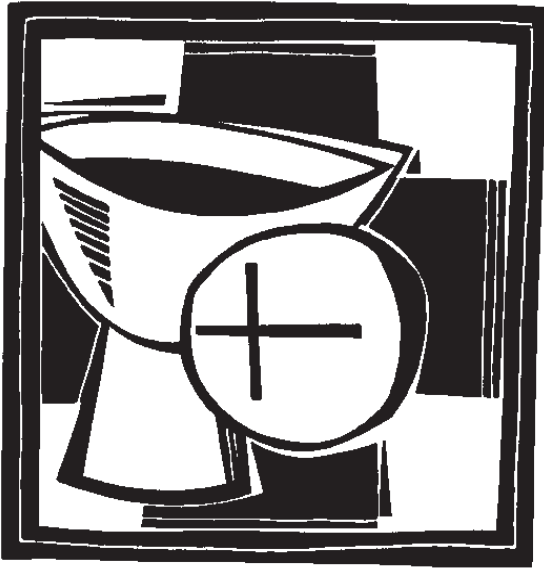


The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 16, 2009
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Air with Variations

Leo Sowerby

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Bless the Lord at all times,

All: may God's praise be continually in my mouth.

One: Magnify the Lord with me,

All: let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

One: Seek the Lord and be filled,

All: for those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

One: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

***HYMN 455** All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. (Psalm 121)

***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**

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

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 467 How Great Thou Art**

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***BENEDICTION**

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Toccata

Leo Sowerby

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 and 9:30 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Jana Reister. The preachers at the 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship service are Resident Ministers Matthew Nickel and Sarah Wiles.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Julie Marks at 8:00 a.m., Ministers in Residence Matthew Nickel and Sarah Wiles and the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverend Julie Marks at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

STAFF UPDATE: The Reverend Brewster H. Gere is on vacation with his family for the next two weeks. The Reverend Jim Monnett is away today, preaching at the installation of the Reverend Aaron Janklow, our former Lilly Resident Minister, as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, Florida.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Jon Ophoff.

THE ORGANIST is Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOIST is Sally Carpenter, contralto.

THE READERS are Jerry Prescott at 8:00 a.m. and Abigail Hodges at 9:30 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Carol, Katie, and Isabelle German and Linda Lampman.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Albert Alexander Liao, by his family, Glacier, Snow, and Winnie. Albert died August 24, 1997 at the age of 17. The flowers are also given in loving memory of Eugenia Hughes by her sister Ruth Anne Parks.

Today's Events

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Worship at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@ 11:00) is in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. is in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets at 9:30 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE REVEREND JANA REISTER for her service to the church as she completes her two-year Lilly residency. Jana has accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor at a large midwestern church. She will be candidating at the church at the end of August, at which time the congregation will vote on whether or not to receive her. Jana will share more details as her next call becomes official. The Residency and Candidacy Committee warmly invites the congregation to express their well-wishes to her at a reception on the terrace after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Pres member Dee Valvanis and First Singles member Carol Lee Charles will discuss recent credit card reform.

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

JOIN US FOR THE POTLUCK DELUXE SUMMER LUNCH SERIES! Please come back at noon, or stay after the 5:45@11:00 a.m. worship service for this informal potluck lunch in the Social Hall. A main dish is provided, so feel free to bring a stress-free side dish or dessert. This is a great time to socialize and meet people in a more intimate setting. Today's Potluck Deluxe is hosted by the Deacons and their families. Please come join the crowd! If you have any questions, please contact Mallory at am_traxler@yahoo.com. The Potluck Deluxe will continue on Sundays all summer.

Announcements

A PASTORAL CARE NOTE: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their deeds follow them.

- *Revelation 14:13*

We grieve with the Pollock family, in the death of Joan S. Pollock. Joan, a long-time member, died on July 30 in New Jersey. Notes of condolence may be sent to David S. Pollock (father): 212 Heath Village, Hackettstown, NJ, 08740, or Dave and Sandy Pollock (son), 76 West Springtown Road, Long Valley, NJ, 07853. Joan's ashes will be interred in our church's Memorial Garden in October.

We also grieve with Elizabeth and Donald Freese, whose 57-year old son, Douglas Freese, died suddenly of a heart attack. Elizabeth, Donald, and their surviving son will gather with family on Friday, August 14, at 11 a.m. for a service at Muehlig Chapel. Interment will be in our garden before the service.

PUT FAMILY PLAYDATES ON YOUR CALENDAR! Mothers' Morning, our group for moms of young children, is sponsoring a summer of Family Playdates on Tuesdays for moms, dads, families and children of all ages. All you need to do is show up! For details or to be added to the group email list, contact Carolyn Gehrke (572-5832, cell 262-1163, gehrkecj@hotmail.com) or Nancy Meyers, 734-718-9133 cell, nmeyers@comcast.net). A group email will be sent by 9:00 p.m. the night before regarding any changes due to predicted weather (indoor activity may be

substituted). **The next scheduled playdate is Tuesday, August 18.** We will visit Buhr Park and Pool, 2751 Packard Road, for public swim from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bring snacks, suits, and towels.

HILLTOPPERS LEARN TO PREVENT FALLS: Did you know that 50% of people over 65 who fall do not fully recover? Come to our Hilltoppers (folks 60 and up) presentation, “It’s All About Balance: Preventing Falls” on Thursday, August 20, at noon in the Social Hall. E. Marie Moore will lead the discussion and asks you to wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and bring a towel or mat if desired. Please sign up in the Church Office. A hot lunch is provided, \$5. Call or email Martine Blogin, our parish nurse, for questions or to sign up, 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

PAY YOUR PLEDGE WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS: The Finance Office is pleased to announce that it now accepts American Express cards. If you would like to pay your pledge using your American Express card, call the Finance Office at 662-4466.

FIRST PRESS WILL BE SENT TWICE MONTHLY IN SEPTEMBER as part of a still unfolding effort to improve our communications, spearheaded by the Technology Committee. In order to manage the new publication schedule, new (firm) deadlines for *First Press* have been established. Articles and photos submitted by 9:00 a.m. on the fifteenth of the month will be included in the newsletter sent on or about the first of the following month. Those submitted by 9:00 a.m. on the first of the month will appear in *First Press* on or about the fifteenth of the month. Questions? Contact Jill Crabtree at 662-4466, ext. 23, or info@firstpresbyterian.org.

RAISING OR MINISTERING TO TEENS OR COLLEGE STUDENTS? On Friday, September 11, Campus Ministry and the Youth Education and Ministries Committee will sponsor a seminar entitled “HURT: Inside the World of Today’s Teenagers,” presented by Chap Clark, Ph.D., at First Presbyterian Church, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. Dr. Clark is a Vice Provost and Professor of Youth, Family, and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also the founder of ParenTeen, an organization that provides seminars designed to equip parents to understand and nurture their children in a constantly changing cultural environment, and help them develop a more authentic and effective parenting strategy throughout the teen years and beyond.

“The seminar helps men and women to grapple with their own fears regarding our changing world, and allows for them to recognize and address how these fears get passed down to the kids that God is calling each of us to serve, nurture, embrace, and love. Specific application strategies and tips will provide the hope that adults in today’s society so desperately need in learning how to serve this so highly misunderstood and abandoned generation” (www.parenteen.com).

Pre-registration is required. Call the Church Office at 662-4466 to make your reservation.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN’S SECOND HOST WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE, Washtenaw County’s family shelter located on Jackson Road, is September 14-20. Please save the date! The Alpha House committee needs volunteers to sign up for evening or weekend babysitting, meal making and overnight stays. Look for our sign-up poster in the Social Hall or Welcome Center or contact Nancy Vander Kuyl (nanspan@gmail.com, 741-1814) or Lucie Audette (laudette125@hotmail.com, 998-0152).

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 in prayer with this group at any time.

Calendar for August 17 - August 22

MONDAY:

Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Congregational Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Bible Study, 4:00 p.m., Founders Room

FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

No Events Scheduled



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*