

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 29, 2010
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 and 9:30 a.m.

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

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God calls us together to rejoice in God's Word.

All: We open our hearts to listen and be refreshed.

One: God calls us to love and follow Christ.

All: We come seeking to do so joyously.

One: God touches us here and now by the presence of the Spirit.

All: And we are fed, healed, and strengthened for ministry.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN 446** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy upon us, O God of love, as we confess the error and folly of our ways. Where we have tried to control that which is not ours to control, and refused to control that which is, forgive us. Where we have let fear instead of love guide our decisions, forgive us. Where we have trusted in our own power rather than in your spirit, forgive us. Where we have been quick to judge others while excusing ourselves, forgive us. Where we have feasted while others hungered, forgive us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

(8:00) KYRIE Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9:30) KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (N.T., pp. 227-28)

SOLO Whither Shall I Go

James MacDermid

Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? Whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me. Whither shall I go from Thy spirit?

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 2:4-13 (O.T., p. 699)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(9:30) 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 356 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

SERMON Available Wednesday Morning

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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) OFFERTORY

Sing ye praises unto God, alleluia, sing hymns and psalms and anthems, chorales, and chants and carols; Alleluia. Earth rejoices, all its voices glory to the Father sing; praise the Savior, laud him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spirit, through Christ's merit life eternal he doth bring, eternal Life he doth bring. Sing your praises unto God, Alleluia, sing hymns and psalms and anthems, chorales and chants and carols; alleluia. Praise the Savior, now and ever, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, 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 540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

Randolph

*BENEDICTION

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Now Thank We All Our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

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

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jenny McDevitt at 8:00 a.m., and the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Jenny McDevitt and Matthew Nickel at 9:30 a.m.

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

THE ORGANIST is Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOISTS are Leslie Smith, soprano, and Terence Farmer, tenor.

THE READERS are Sara Vander Voort at 8:00 a.m. and Stephen McKenny at 9:30 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Scott and Martha Kloosterman and William Knapp.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Marolin Bellefleur and Malcolm Powers.

“Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary, help me I pray!”

Adelaide Pollard

Today's Events

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

CHURCH SCHOOL meets at 9:30 a.m. for crib-5th grade, however all children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

MATURE SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for conversation.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR on the terrace (weather permitting), or in the Social Hall (weather not permitting), 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!

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 by Carole and George Hendrickson in loving memory of her sister, Margaret Rose Rasmussen.

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Reese Elleigh McLelland, born August 5, 2010, daughter of Gretchen and Steve McLelland, sister of Collin, and granddaughter of Gwen Alexander.

Announcements

CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENTS: 22 Student Leaders will gather for the **Campus Student Leadership Retreat, August 30 and 31**, to vision and plan for the upcoming school year. Please pray for our team-building time and dreaming God-sized dreams together!

Call for cookies to welcome UM students! On September 8, we will welcome new students to the university and invite them to get involved with Campus Ministry at UM's annual Festifall. We are bringing a taste of home to these students by delivering cookies to their dorm rooms, and we need your help! Please make as many cookies (nut-free, please) as you can, put them in small sandwich bags, and deliver them to the Founders Room kitchen on Tuesday, September 7. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks at 662-4466, ext. 14, or jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE LAST MOTHERS' MORNING SUMMER FUN TUESDAY of the season is August 31. Meet at the Makielski Berry Farm (7130 Platt, Ypsilanti) at 10:00 a.m., for raspberry picking.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOTH 38, the First Pres concession stand at UM home football games. Volunteers are needed at all home games, especially on September 4, the big opening day. Other home game dates are September 18 (Massachusetts), September 25 (Bowling Green), October 9 (Michigan State), October 16 (Iowa), November 6 (Illinois), and November 20 (Wisconsin). To sign up, email Frank Bongiorno at fbong99@yahoo.com, or ask one of the ushers for the sign-up list at any of our Sunday services.

COME TO THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Our time with the children in worship on Sunday, September 5, will feature a "Blessing of the Backpacks." School's beginning is just around the corner, and Interim Pastor Larry Farris asks that all children and middle school youth of the congregation bring their school backpacks with them to worship at the 9:30 a.m. service to get those backpacks blessed. Donations of backpacks and school supplies for Alpha House are still being accepted.

MATURE MINISTRIES KICK OFF IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 in the Social Hall. The festivities include overviews of this year's events. At 11:30 a.m., Howard Deardroff, M.Div., will present "The Bible from the Right Brain," followed by lunch (\$5) at noon. To top off the day, John Whittier-Ferguson, UM Associate Professor of English Literature, will give the kick-off Hilltoppers lecture, "Turning to the Light: The Poetry of Aging." Please sign up for this event in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 12) or Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse (mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 26).

OUR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12 as all four worship services resume: 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, and 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

COME TO THE ABIDE ACTIVITY FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 12: Looking for a new way to be involved at First Pres? Come to the Abide Activity Fair and learn more about many different opportunities for involvement with our church! Small groups, committees, and programs will have tables of information and representatives present to answer questions and chat about their ministry. The Activity Fair will be held outside from 8:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., or in the Social Hall in case of rain.

CALLING ALL SHELTER VOLUNTEERS: The next First Pres host week at Alpha House is September 13-19. Volunteers are needed to help with childcare, make meals and/or be present overnight. Look for the yellow sign-up poster in the Social Hall during coffee hour. Contact Nancy Vander Kuyl at nanspan@gmail.com, or 741-1814 for details.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: The Stephen Ministry invites the congregation to participate in their continuing education classes on Mondays from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. On September 13, the topic will be "Focus on Dysfunction" and on September 27, "Stephen Ministry and Dysfunctional People, Patterns and Processes." Both classes will be presented by Daphne Brydon, MFT, MSW.

ENJOY AN AUTHENTIC FILIPINO HARVEST DINNER on Saturday, September 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Tickets are available now, \$10 per person or \$25 for families. Enjoy a night out, great food, music, and pictures. Support our mission work and celebrate our partnership with the people in the Philippines!

LEARN ABOUT MISSION IN VANUATU: David Walter, PCUSA regional partnership facilitator for the South Pacific, will give a presentation about the work of PCUSA in Vanuatu on Monday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. The Presbyterian church of Vanuatu is a major force in the islands' social, political, educational, and spiritual life. David will also discuss a planned immersion trip to Vanuatu for June/July of 2011.

GIVE FABRIC AND NOTIONS TO THE RETAZO PROJECT: Do you have fabric or sewing notions that were purchased for a project that was never completed? Help women in the Philippines by bringing your unused mate-

rial and notions to church and put them in the collection box at the Welcome Center. They will be sent to Dumagete City, Philippines, where they will be used by women in the Retazo Project to create hand-made items for sale. See *First Press* for a list of requested donations.

OUR BELOVED MEMBERS PAUL AND DONNA LOWRY, who moved three years ago to Boston have recently relocated to a new life care facility. They can be reached at 25 South Huntington Avenue, Jamaica Plains, MA, 02130. They look forward to keeping in touch with First Pres friends. Their phone number is (617) 860-5045.

NEED A HOUSE SITTER? A couple affiliated with the University School of Education and the Cancer Center is in need of temporary housing on central campus or downtown, from November to March. If you would like a house sitter during that time or can refer a reasonable rental, please call or email Yvonne Pappas, ypappas@umich.edu, or 763-7561, or see Rev. Rogers for more information.

FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH AND WELLNESS CONCERNS, Martine Blogin, RN, Parish Nurse, returns from her summer leave September 6. Special thanks go to Lois Jelneck and Carol Smith for helping our church staff respond to pastoral and wellness needs during Martine's months away.

THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICE has created an email database for the purpose of sending out announcements of funeral and memorial services. If you would like to receive email notice about deaths and memorial services, please let Melissa Anne Rogers know by sending your preferred email address to mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or call 662-4466, ext. 12 to get on this email list.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST PRES? The next set of new member classes will be September 26 and October 3, at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall. For more information, contact Resident Minister Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 662-4466, or jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org.

Calendar for August 30 - September 4

MONDAY:

Campus Ministry Student Leader Retreat, away
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
PNC, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

TUESDAY:

Stewardship Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Campus Ministry Student Leader Retreat, away

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m.
(greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Taiwanese Fellowship Welcoming of Students, 4:30 p.m., Social Hall
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Chancel Choir, 6:00 p.m., away

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Bible Content Exam, 10:00 a.m., French Room/Library
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

UM vs. Connecticut, Home Game, Visit Booth 38!
Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*