

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 2, 2009
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Family Worship and Communion

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 Toccata in F

J. S. Bach

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**

from Ephesians 2

One: We were dead in our sins,

All: and by nature children of wrath, just like everyone else.

One: But because of the Holy One's great love for us,

All: God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ.

One: You have been saved by grace. And this is not your own doing.

All: It is the gift of God. Let us worship the Lord who lifts us up!

HYMN 446 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken *Austrian Hymn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Written by the Rev. Jeff Bryan, used in worship at First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, PA.

Merciful Lord, forgive our sins.

Our words are empty, false, and filthy.

We are full of bitterness, wrath, and slander.

We are corrupt and deluded by lust.

We are not kind, merciful, or forgiving.

We grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

Lord, end our old ways of living.

Renew the spirit of our minds.

Give us your grace,

that we may lead a life worthy of our calling

in true virtue and holiness.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (#565 in the Hymnal)

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*PASSING THE PEACE

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

Response: And also with you.

*GLORIA (#579 in the Hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

SOLO Quoniam Si Voluisses (Miserere in D Minor, Psalm 50)

Johann Adolf Hasse

Quoniam si voluisses sacrificium dedissem utique holocaustis non delectaberis. Sacrificium Deo spiritus contribulatus non despicias, cor contritum, et humiliatum, Deus, Deus non despicias.

(Tr) For if you had desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; you will not delight in burnt offerings. A sacrifice to God is a broken-spirit; a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1-16 (N.T., pp. 193-94)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(9:30) A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children may come to the chancel steps to meet with one of the pastors.

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30) SOLO The Living Bread

Leland B. Sateren

Become to us the living bread, by which the Christian life is fed, renewed and greatly comforted, Alleluia. Become the neverfailing wine, the spring of joy that shall incline our hearts to bear the covenant sign, Alleluia. May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise your holy name, O Lord, Alleluia.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

Leader: Let us pray . . .

. . . we lift our hearts in joyful praise, singing:

People Singing:

Musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor/Bass) in 4/4 time. The tempo is marked 'Moderate' (♩ = c. 100) and the dynamics are 'f'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and maj - es - ty, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, O God most high!'. The score includes a repeat sign at the end.

Leader: We praise you, most holy God . . .

. . . now and forever. Amen.

Leader and People:

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION (*by Intinction*)

All communion chalices for pew communion contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Beginning with the front rows, worshipers are invited to come forward by the center aisle. In order to keep the procession moving, use the center or side stations as you approach the front. For intinction, take a wafer of bread and dip it in the chalice, then partake. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, an elder or deacon will serve you in your seat. Please signify to your server if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

(9:30) COMMUNION MUSIC Panis Angelicus Césaire Franck
Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum, dat panis coelicus figuris terminum. O res mirabilis manducat Dominum, pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

Bread of angels, made the bread of humanity; the bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols: A thing wonderful! The Lord becomes our food: poor, a servant, and humble.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's blessings.

SENDING

*HYMN 443 O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

*BENEDICTION

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Introduction and Toccata *William Walond*

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 Deborah Forger. The preacher at the 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship service is the Reverend William Findlay. Reverend Findlay is a retired Presbyterian pastor who, with his wife Pat, worships with the congregation regularly and serves as a Pastoral Associate in the area of pastoral care. Throughout his ministry he served congregations in Iowa, New York, Missouri, Alaska and Michigan, including Calvary Presbyterian Church here in Ann Arbor.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Julie Marks at 9:30 a.m., and Karl Hauser at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Carol Muehlig. Jon Ophoff is on vacation.

THE ORGANISTS are Daniel Forger and Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOIST is Sally Carpenter, contralto.

THE CHANCEL ENSEMBLE includes Kathy Wirstrom, Margie Van Tuyl, Linda Speck, Sally Carpenter, and Adam Bonarek.

THE READERS are Kathy Hillig at 8:00 a.m., Elizabeth Davis at 9:30 a.m. and Karl Hauser at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are George and Carole Hendrickson and Helen Corey.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of C. James Pilcher by his wife Jane, and their sons Jim, Joel, John, Jerry, and their daughter Jane Chronis.

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Jane Catherine Weaver, born July 27, 2009, daughter of Kim and Scott Weaver, and sister of Claire and Reagan Weaver.

Today's Events

FAMILY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION: 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.

CHILDCARE is provided for crib through 4-year-olds at 9:30 a.m. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE REVEREND DEBORAH FORGER for her service to the church as she completes her two-year Lilly residency. In September, Deborah will enroll in graduate school at the University of Michigan, focusing her studies on the Second Temple Period of Judaism, and early Christianity. 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, the Reverend Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministry at First Pres, will speak on outreach to college students.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Mallory at am_traxler@yahoo.com. The Potluck Deluxe will continue on Sundays all summer.

INTERIM PERIOD UPDATE

The Self Study Committee has met twice since its initial meeting and plans to meet weekly, with the goal of completing the Self Study report before the end of the year. Their goal is to spend August “defining the congregation.” They plan to follow, as a general guideline, the design for a self study as prepared by Philip Reed in his paper, “What Makes a Terrific Congregational Self Study?” A copy may be obtained on the church’s website.

The committee feels it is valuable and necessary to obtain congregational input. In September, a variety of tools will be offered to the congregation to gather that input — including the completion of a survey, attendance at small group settings, etc.

At a specially called meeting of Session scheduled for 11:00 a.m. this morning, the Session meets to act on a motion of the Personnel Committee to present a candidate to be interim pastor pending the completion of all requirements necessary for the hiring of an interim pastor as set forth by the Presbytery of Detroit.

Announcements

LOUISE RITSEMA, our dear friend and long-time member, passed away on Sunday, July 19. Louise, who joined in 1954, was our Clerk of Session for several years, and principal of Haisley School from its opening to her retirement - a full 29 years. She was beloved by our community and our church. Her memorial service was held on July 23 at the Chelsea Retirement Center chapel. If you would like to send notes of condolence, please send them to her sister-in-law, Virginia Ritsema, at 2160 Robinson Road, #3, Jackson, MI 49203. Gifts in her memory can be made to Haisley School Media Center, or to First Presbyterian Church.

PLEASE KEEP THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF FIRST PRES in your prayers as they attend Camp Westminster this week.

YOUTH UPDATE:

Keys Goes to the Movies on Tuesday, August 11! Meet at Showcase Cinemas (4100 Carpenter Rd.) around 4:00 p.m. (exact time to come). We will see *GI Joe: Rise of Cobra* and walk to IHOP for dinner. We will call with pick up time at IHOP. Bring money for movie and dinner (Need help? It’s available, just ask.)

Sign up NOW to work at Booth 38, the concession stand at Michigan Stadium. We need ten volunteers per game on September 19, October 24 and November 7 (which is also the Pittsburgh Project weekend). Please sign up to work now to secure funding for future youth mission projects!

Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett, 662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

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 August 4.** We will visit Veterans Memorial Park and Pool, 2150 Jackson Road, from 1:00 to 4:45 p.m. Bring snacks, bathing suits, and towels.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE:

Are you sick, hospitalized, or entering a care facility? Please remember that our pastoral staff takes vacation and study leave during the summer, so visits to the hospital and rehabilitation center may be made less regularly by our pastoral staff. Please remember to let the church office know if you are hospitalized or ill and would welcome the visit of one of our pastors or deacons.

We are seeking Sunday morning volunteers to sit in the church office during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship hours. It is helpful to have the church office open and tended during these times when visitors are arriving and church members are in and out, signing up for events and using the staff mail slots. A brief training will be given to those with interest and a willingness to be welcoming. We are developing a database of volunteers who would be called on a few times per year to serve in this way. If you are willing, send your name and email (or phone number) to our staff at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or leave a message at 663-4466, ext. 12.

If you'd prefer to greet people at the Welcome Center during the times before and after worship, let us know that, too. Thanks for considering this much-needed act of hospitality and ministry.

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 at any time.

Calendar for August 3 - August 8

MONDAY:

New Lilly Residents Sarah Wiles and Matt Nickel Begin

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis Room

WEDNESDAY:

Philippines Task Force, 1:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

First Pres Children and Youth Return from Camp Westminster



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*