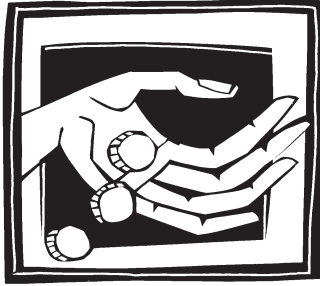


The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 9, 2009
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

9:30 a.m.

Great opportunities may come once in a lifetime, but small opportunities surround us every day. Even through such simple acts as telling the truth, being kind, and encouraging others, we bring a smile to God's face. God treasures simple acts of obedience more than our prayers, praise, or offerings.

- Rick Warren

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY Sonata No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

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**

Psalm 25:4-5

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

People: teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

**People: for you are the God of my salvation,
for you I wait all day long.**

***HYMN 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

Lobe Den Herren

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, your fickle followers.

When your way is hard, we seek other paths;

when your service beckons, we allow ourselves to be distracted;

when your truth is challenging, we focus on our doubts.

Forgive us, loving Lord, and make us new.

Give us new faith in your love, new trust in your power,

and new assurance that you are with us and will never give us up.

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 I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

Antonín Dvořák

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name; I will bless Thy Holy Name. Great is God and great his mercy. Who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, all shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 5:1-14 (O.T., p. 336)
Matthew 25:14-21 (N.T., p. 28)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

HYMN 374 Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace *Dickinson College*

SERMON Something for Everyone

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

SOLO Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.
(Matthew 13: 43, Isaiah 51:11)

*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 420 God of Grace and God of Glory *Cwa Rhondda*

*BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY Fugue in C (Sonata No. 2) *Felix Mendelssohn*

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 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship services is the Reverend Doctor Norman M. Pritchard, Senior Pastor, Head of Staff of Kirk in the Hills, in Bloomfield Hills. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland and studied for the ministry of the Church of Scotland at the University of Glasgow and Trinity College. He holds an Honors M.A. degree in Classics, an Honors B.D. and an M. Th. in New Testament, and later gained the degree of D. Min. with a concentration in preaching from Fuller Theological Seminary in California. Dr. Pritchard has always ministered in congregations where the preaching demands are high. He has been regularly invited to be guest preacher at special services in other churches and these invitations have taken him throughout Australia as well as to New Zealand, America and several cities in Scotland. In 1996, he and his family moved to the USA as he took up a call to become Senior Pastor, Head of Staff of the Kirk. As Pastor, he oversees the Kirk's weekly worship services and extensive congregational programs.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverends Julie Marks and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverend Julie Marks at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE ORGANIST is Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOIST is Gerald Leckrone, baritone.

THE READER is Georgia Goodman at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Steven and Judith Landau and Debra Lisull.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of William R. Markley by his brother Robert A. Markley.

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 FOR COFFEE HOUR AND COOKIES following the 9:30 a.m. service on the terrace (weather permitting) or in the Social Hall. The cookies provided are home-baked by our members. These treats may contain nuts or trace amounts of nuts. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We encourage you to join us for food and fellowship!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TODAY: Stop by the Parish Nurse's Office (300 Level, next to the Curtis Room) from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. to have your blood pressure taken by First Pres. nurses.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Singles member Robert Kringle leads a talk on "The Power of Less."

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

Last Sunday, the Session acted 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. Session is pleased to introduce the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris – a pastor, preacher, teacher, spiritual director, and writer – as our new Interim Pastor. Reverend Farris will begin his work at First Pres on September 1. For more information, see the front page article in *First Press*, online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

The Self Study Committee has the goal of completing the Self Study report before the end of the year. They are spending August "defining the congregation," and 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.

Announcements

JOIN US FOR THE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP on Monday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Founders Room. Come share your burdens, questions and joys. This friendly group offers support, understanding and advice as we care for loved ones in our homes, in assisted living facilities, or from a distance. Contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

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 Tuesday, August 11.** We will visit Allmendinger Park, located on Pauline between Hutchins and Edgewood, at 9:30 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch if you would like.

JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION in Monteith Hall on August 15 and 29 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. We will spend time in silence and with a simple scripture reading. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. JANA REISTER: On Sunday, August 16, First Presbyterian Church will honor Rev. Jana Reister for her service to the church during her time here as a Lilly Resident. Jana has completed her two-year residency with us and 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 is planning an outdoor farewell reception for Jana following the 9:30 a.m. service on August 16, and warmly invites the congregation to participate in expressing their well-wishes to her. Jana will be preaching at the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. services that day.

HILLTOPPERS TAKES ON FALL PREVENTION: 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, 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.

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 10 - August 15

MONDAY:

Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m, Vance Room
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
KEYS Movie Night, 4:00 p.m., Showcase Cinemas, 4100 Carpenter Rd.
Endowment and Special Gifts Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Self Study Group, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

WEDNESDAY:

PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room
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:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*