

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
The 8:00 a.m. Service of Worship
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

8:00 a.m.

GATHERING

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 306 Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (N.T., pp. 13-14)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Stories of Jesus

1. Tell me the sto - ries of Je - sus I love to hear;
 2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood round His knee;
 3. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, How rolled the sea,
 4. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,

Things I would ask Him to tell me If He were
 And I shall fan - cy His bless - ing Rest - ing on
 Toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest On Gal - i -
 Wav - ing a branch of the palm - tree High in my

here; Scenes by the way - side, Tales of the sea,
 me: Words full of kind - ness, Deeds full of grace,
 lee! And how the Mas - ter, Read - y and kind,
 hand; One of His her - alds, Yes, I would sing

Sto - ries of Je - sus, Tell them to me.
 All in the love - light Of Je - sus' face.
 Chid - ed the bil - lows, And hushed the wind.
 Loud - est ho - san - nas! "Je - sus is King!"

SERMON Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

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: *Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God most high!*

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

All communion chalices and cups for pew communion contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Communion will be served by intinction. Beginning with the front rows, worshipers are invited to come forward by the center aisle, receive a wafer of bread and dip it in the chalice, partake, and return to their seats by a side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served where they are seated.

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 I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
 sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
 glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

Refrain

noth - ing else can do.
 God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
 I have loved so long.

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

*BENEDICTION

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 a.m. 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.

PARTICIPATING in the worship service is the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers.

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

THE READER is Dale Briggs.

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

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.

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.

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.)

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.

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*