



**The preacher** at 8:00 a.m. is The Reverend Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers. The preacher at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and The Community at 5:05 p.m. is The Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair.

**Participating** in the services are The Reverend Dr. Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m.; The Reverend Brennan Pearson, The Reverend David Prentice-Hyers and The Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., The Reverend Evans McGowan, The Reverend Brennan Pearson and The Reverend David Prentice-Hyers at 11:00 a.m., and The Reverend David Prentice-Hyers at 5:05 p.m.

**The pianist** at 8:00 a.m. is Keilor Kastella.

**The organist** at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. is Carol Muehlig.

**The Chancel Choir conductor** is Gerald Leckrone.

**The soloists** are Sally Carpenter and Lorna Hildebrandt.

**The the trio** includes Clayton Farmer, Aiden Drury and Andrew Himebaugh, members of the Ann Arbor Boychoir.

**The readers** are Linda Strodman at 8:00 a.m., Fred Beutler at 9:30 a.m., and Victor Stoeffler at 11:00 a.m.

**The greeters** are Dana and Donna Underwood and Sara Vander Voort at 9:30 a.m., and Bill and Susan Chandler and Alice Gaujanian at 11:00 a.m.

**The Prayer Team members** are Sue Beutler and Sue Rigterink.

*"If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, He will be in the last place the remainder of the day."* - E. M. Bounds

**The Chancel Flowers** are given in loving memory of Almira and Hubert White by their daughter, Jean.

**The white rose** is given in memory of Deanne Baker, who died October 19, 2011; Pat Clyde, who died November 27, 2011; Lee Danielson, who died November 28, 2011; and Margaret Vezina, who died November 18, 2011.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

**Worship and Communion** are at 8:00 a.m. and 5:05 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Coffee Time** after 8:00 a.m. Worship: Stay for a brief time of fellowship after the 8:00 a.m. service in the Monteith vestibule and hallway. Meet old friends and greet new ones!

**Church School:** At 9:30 a.m., Church School will be held for crib through twelfth grade and at 11:00 a.m. for crib through fifth grade.

### Adult Education Classes:

**"The Bible at 9:30"** continues in the French Room/Library. Ed Koster continues his in-depth look at the book of Jeremiah. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**"Sunday Mornings at 11:00"** continues in the Lewis Room with the beginning of a three-part series on Advent, led by our Resident Ministers. Today, Rev. Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers presents, "A Protestant Perspective on Mary."

**First Couples** meets at 9:30 a.m., in the Monteith Hall. Today, they will discuss "Eighth Turning: The Long Goodbye," from *Passages in Caregiving*, by Gail Sheehy.

**Mature Singles** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Today, Clark Charnetski, Vice-Chair of the AATA Local Advisory Committee, will speak about the future of trains and transit in Michigan.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. Thanks to cookie bakers Nancy Pflasterer, Barb Carlisle, Cathy McKenny and Dianne Santinga who provided the delicious cookies today!

**Money for Mission:** The Mission Committee is once again asking members of the congregation to sign up for donation programs at Busch's, Hillers and/or Kroger's to earn money for mission from grocery purchases. To learn more about the program, visit the mission table in the Social Hall today and December 11.

**The Christmas Eve PAGEANT PARENT MEETING,** will be held today at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. At the meeting you will learn more details about costumes and rehearsal schedules. Registration forms are available in Sunday school classrooms, or sign up online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

**The Florida Youth Mission Parent/Student Meeting** will be held at 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Room.

**The High School Leadership Team** will meet at noon at Pizza House.

**Radio Worship** service is at 11:00 a.m., on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, [www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**A Memorial Service for Lee Danielson** will be held today at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, with a reception following in the Curtis and Founders Rooms.

**Keystones,** our high school youth group, meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

**Join the Friends of First Presbyterian Ann Arbor** group on Facebook!

**Interested in becoming a member of First Pres?** The next New Member Class will be held Sundays, January 29 and February 5, at 11:00 a.m. Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at (734) 662-4466, ext. 390, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), for more information.



### December 1943

The first December with the Reredos in the Chancel. The Sunday Bulletins carried announcements of Service men home on leave or sick leave and also of casualties. During the war Christmas messages from the pastor reflected "the need for men and women of good will to keep alive the spirit of Christ."



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR



## DECEMBER 4, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.



### Gathering



(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Lost in the Night Finnish Folk Hymn

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Rotating Shelter  
(8:00) Jane Hayes (9:30) Sue Chandler, (11:00) John Voorhorst

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*During this Advent Season, we will light four candles, one for each Sunday before Christmas, as a sign of Christ's coming. Today, the candle will be lighted by Norman and Natalie Chen at 8:00 a.m.; Lori, Chad, Evan and Gwen Richert at 9:30 a.m.; and Cheryl Moy, Andrew Henderson, Kate Silbert and Courtney King at 11:00 a.m.*

One: Today we light the candle of Christ's Peace.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: For those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them, light has shined.

One: For a child has been born for us; and he is named:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**All: As we light the second candle,  
we remember that the coming of Christ brings us peace.**

*As the candle is lighted, please sing the following verse from “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” tune, Veni Emmanuel.*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

#### ADVENT PRAYER

\*HYMN 10 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry Winchester New

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, during this season of Advent we talk about preparing for your coming among us, but confess we mostly pay lip service to this need. Instead we rush around decorating our homes, wrapping gifts to put under the tree, and preparing for family visits. Too often we allow our focus to be pushed away from you. Rather than centering ourselves on your demands and your promises to us, we become anxious about trivial deadlines and commitments. Awaken within us a hunger for your peace, then jar us from complacency and into active searching for your way. In the name of Jesus Christ we humbly ask it.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

#### KYRIE #572 in the Hymnal

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

#### 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 Refrain from Hymn 23, Angels We Have Heard on High  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## Proclaiming

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-11

One: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

(9:30/11:00) A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*The children through grade five are invited to come forward and meet with one of the pastors.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:1-8

#### SERMON

## Responding

\*HYMN 489 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty Unser Herrscher

#### WELCOME

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) OFFERTORY Laudamus Te from *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

(Tr.) We praise thee. We bless thee. We worship thee. We glorify thee.

#### SACRAMENT OF 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 up 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:

**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. And 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 for pew communion contain only non-alcoholic grape juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.*

*(8:00/11:00) Communion will be served by intinction. Beginning with the front pews, 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 pews by a side aisle. Those who do not wish to share the common cup, or are unable to come forward, will be served in their pews. (9:30) Worshipers may remain in the pews to be served by Elders and Deacons.*

COMMUNION MUSIC Comfort Ye Katherine K. Davis

Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. Sing, ye heavens and be joyful, O earth. Break forth into singing, ye mountains, for the Lord hath comforted his people.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in unity, bearing one another’s burdens in community, knowing that with Jesus by our side, our yoke is easy and our burden is light. We pray this in Christ name. Amen.**

## Sending

\*HYMN 13 Prepare the Way Bereden Väg För Herran

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: We are a community,

**All: gathered in faith.**

One: Hearing God’s call,

**All: we share God’s grace.**

\* (9:30/11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE from Veni Emmanuel  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Prepare the Way Swedish Folk Hymn



**Welcome to all**, especially visitors and newcomers to the Ann Arbor area. Please sign the Friendship Book in each pew near the center aisle and pass it to others sitting nearby as the offertory music is played. 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**.

**The Prayer Team** is available, for those desiring prayer, in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.