

*The First Presbyterian Church*  
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*  
*February 14, 2010*  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*

**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*.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Pavane *Gabriel Fauré, arr. Livingston Gearhart*  
Presbyterian Church Orchestra

**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**

One: Sisters and brothers, we come together to worship God who offers us freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: For Christ has set us free from sin and death that we might live to God's glory and praise.**

One: We have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear;

**All: We have received the living Christ that we might be children of God.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**\*HYMN 73** *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

*Geneva*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Where ignorance, selfishness and self-concern have fractured life in community,

**All: give your light, O God of love.**

One: Where injustice and oppression have broken people's spirits,

**All: give your light, O God who frees.**

One: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death, have made life unbearable,

**All: give your light, O God of grace.**

One: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have crushed goodness,

**All: give your light, O God of peace.**

**Eternal God, open the eyes of nations and peoples to your call to walk in the way of love. Draw all to the light of your glory that all may drink from the fountain of your goodness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE**

**(8:00) #572 in the Hymnal** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

(9:30) Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord



ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! God sent Jesus to dispel our darkness.  
 In the gift of Christ, God gives light and life to all who turn to  
 God. In mercy, God restores us to the Light that we may love  
 God and one another. Friends, believe the good news of the  
 gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

\*PASSING THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience  
 as forgiven people. As we are in flu season, we encourage you to participate  
 in "touch free" passing of the peace. As you greet one another, rather than  
 shaking hands, 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 (#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.*

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 99 (O.T., p. 552)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-36 (N.T., pp. 69-70)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 75 O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

*Deo Gracias*

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM Pilgrims' Hymn

*Stephen Paulus*

*E'en before we call on Your name to ask You, O God; when we seek for the  
 words to glorify You, You hear our prayer. Unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
 surpassing all we know. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
 Spirit. Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name, and through*

*all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You. Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream, both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.*

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*See Communion Liturgy Card*

**\*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

(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Olga and Todd Austin are presenting their son, Linus Lindborg Austin, born August 28, 2009, for baptism. Katherine and Kevin Watler are presenting their daughter, Lauren Leigh Watler, born December 18, 2008, for baptism.*

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT, RENUNCIATION, AND AFFIRMATION

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND BAPTISM**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**BLESSING AND HYMN OF WELCOME**

*As Linus Lindborg and Lauren Leigh are welcomed, the congregation is invited to sing verses 1 and 2 of hymn 498, Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (please remain seated).*

**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 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun** *Duke Street*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE The Lord Bless You and Keep You** *Peter Lutkin*  
*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

(9:30)/11:00) **VOLUNTARY Winter (from Four Seasons)** *Antonio Vivaldi,*  
*arr. Robert Bauernschmidt*  
Presbyterian Church Orchestra

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*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 a.m. worship service is the Reverend Jim Monnett. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Julie Marks.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are the Reverend Jenny McDevitt at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Jenny McDevitt, Melissa Anne Rogers, and Sarah Wiles at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris, Matthew Nickel and Julie Marks at 5:45 p.m., and the Reverend Jim Monnett at 5:45 p.m.

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

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR** is Susan Boggs.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR** is Gerald Leckrone.

**THE ORGANIST** is Susan Boggs.

**THE READERS** are Linda Strodman at 8:00 a.m., Sue Anne Frister at 9:30 a.m., and George Weinhagen at 11:00 a.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Andrew, Barbara, Ryan, Emilee, Alex, and Jessica Mae Gooch and Judith Landau. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Olivier and Nicole Jolliet and Jean Song.

**THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS** are Bill and Kathy Brinkerhoff and Pat Liljestrand.

**HEARING ASSIST RECEIVERS** are available in the narthex. Four options are available: For people with hearing aids, there is a “loop” that hangs around your neck and transmits the sound through the hearing aid. The other three options are for people without hearing aids. One excellent choice is the over-the-ear “speaker,” a small, thin device about the size of a 50-cent piece. It is easy to wear and has excellent sound quality. The other options are single or double ear buds. These devices may be obtained in the narthex, from the ushers.

## *Today's Events*

**WORSHIP** is at 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** meets today at 9:30 a.m. for crib-12th grade and at 11:00 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Youth “Munch and Mingle” and Sunday school for sixth through twelfth graders meet in Monteith Hall. Confirmation class meets for Munch and Mingle in Monteith Hall, then has class in the Youth Room.

### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:**

**At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library**, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. The class is currently studying the book of Matthew. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room**, Rev. George Lambrides, Executive Director of the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County, will present the first in a three part series, “Political Correctness vs. Religious Reality: How to Navigate Inter-religious Associations in Marriage, the Work Place, and in Faith Communities.”

**FIRST COUPLES** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room, and will consider the topic of love, by examining an excerpt from Elizabeth Gilbert’s new book, *Committed: A Skeptic Keeps Peace with Marriage*.

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR** in the Social Hall, 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!

**SIGN UP FOR SATURDAY SUPPERS TODAY:** On Saturday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m., meet 7, 8, or 9 other church members for dinner, share great food, and enjoy an evening in someone’s home! Those who participate are

assigned to a host home and are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. You can volunteer to be a host home (and provide the main dish) when you sign up. This event is open to singles, couples, and families. Interested? Sign up at coffee hour today through March 14, or contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 12.

**FIRST SINGLES** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room to enjoy a Valentine's Day Party and share favorite poems or thoughts on love in its various forms of agape, filial love, or eros. There will be cookies to share.

**AMAZING STUFF: GOD'S PLAN FOR GROWING UP** classes meet at 11:00 a.m. Fourth and fifth graders will meet in the Youth Room, and parents will meet in Room 104.

**MEMBERS OF QUAD C AND THEIR FAMILIES** are invited to the annual Quad C Potluck Brunch today in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT HUNGER PROGRAM:** The Presbyterian Women are collecting food donations for the Presbytery of Detroit Hunger Program through today. Canned and dry foods are requested, especially high protein foods such as tuna, beans, peanut butter, stews and soups. Please place donations in the boxes marked for the food drive, located near the Church Office and the Welcome Center.

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

**DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED SNEAKERS?** The Philippines Task Force is sponsoring a sneaker shoe drive that continues during February. Please drop off your gently used shoes (up to men's size 10, as well as women's and children's regular shoes up to size 7), in the box at the Welcome Center.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of my dear wife Dorothy by Howard Parker, their children and grandchildren. The flowers are also given in loving memory of her husband Charlie, by Carolyn Roberts and their son David.

## *Announcements*

**YOUTH UPDATE: High Schoolers** – Today, Keystones will go to 5:45 worship followed by youth group until 8:00 p.m. **MIDS** meets this Wednesday, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., then goes to dinner together during Wednesday 2:42 in the Social Hall. Youth Choir meets from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

**FAITH MADE VISIBLE:** Have you ever wondered about the pictures in the church's stained glass windows? Perhaps you have been curious about where all the pieces of art throughout the building came from. This information is now available on our website. Go to [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org), click on "About First Presbyterian" and then click on "Art of the Church – Windows and Nave" and "Art of the Church – In the Building." Thanks to Ann Andrews for her many hours of research and writing for this project, and to Tom Brandt for technical assistance in creating this section of our web site.

**THE PERU TASK FORCE** welcomes Stan de Voogd, PCUSA World Mission Area Coordinator for Central America & Mexico, to First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, February 16, in the Curtis Room, beginning with dinner at 6:00

p.m. and a presentation at 6:30. Mr. DeVoogd plans to discuss Presbyterian mission opportunities in Central America & Mexico. All are welcome to attend this dinner and presentation, but please RSVP to rlsizemore@sbcglobal.net if you know in advance that you would like to attend (last minute attenders are still welcome!).

**ASH WEDNESDAY – TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP:** First Presbyterian will have a family-friendly Ash Wednesday service at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, in the Sanctuary. At 7:30 p.m. that day, we will host the annual community Taizé Ash Wednesday service in our Sanctuary, with participants from several local congregations. Dinner will be served between the two services, in the Social Hall. If you are already signed up for dinners as part of “The 2:42,” our weekly Wednesday all-church program, the meal is free. If not, there will be a charge of \$5 per person for the dinner, and we ask that you call the Church Office, 662-4466, to make your reservation.

**THE FEBRUARY GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** will be held Wednesday, February 17. Bible Study will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Lewis Room, with a discussion of Joshua, “Outsiders Become Insiders.” Coffee and fellowship will follow in the Social Hall at 10:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., John Whittier-Ferguson, Associate Professor of English at U-M, will present “Faith and the Shapes of Poetry.” All are welcome.

**A DIGITAL EDITING WORKSHOP**, sponsored by the First Pres Photographers, will be held Saturday, February 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. The workshop is designed to discuss digital editing techniques and encourage photographers toward better work. All those interested are welcome. Questions? Contact Scott Strodman at scott.strodman@comcast.net, Marion Powers at mmpowers@umich.edu, or Heidi Goodhart at dendles@gmail.com.

**MEMORIAL NOTIFICATION EMAIL GROUP:** Our church office now maintains an email group for those who would like to be informed of memorial services of our members. When one of our members dies, an email goes out and will also note date and time of any services to be held. To join that email group, let Melissa Anne Rogers know, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

**ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS A LAY READER** at a future 11:00 a.m. service of worship? If so, please send your name to the Church Office, via Melissa Anne Rogers, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. All readers will be asked to attend an upcoming training session. If you currently volunteer to read at the 9:30 a.m. worship, and would be willing to serve at 11:00 a.m., let us know.

**THE DIVINE LANGUAGE OF MUSIC:** The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County continues its five-part winter/spring series on “The Divine Language of Music” with its second theme, CHORALE MUSIC, on Sunday, February 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Mormon Green Road Congregation, 1385 Green Road, Ann Arbor. Three outstanding local groups will sing and explore the meaning of their music: the Chalice Singers from the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, the host Mormon Choir, and the Willis Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu. The suggested donation is \$10.

**THE 2010 WOMEN’S RETREAT:** Turning into the Noise. . . Tuning into God. Join us April 17 and 18 for a time of retreat. There will be time

for quiet, time to get away, and free time. There will be good food, great conversation, spiritual deepening, laughter and singing. And we'll leave more sure than ever that our God is indeed, in the words of Rev. Jenny McDevitt, "a very noisy God." We'll spend these 24-hours together at the Weber Center (where we have both single and double rooms reserved) in Adrian, Michigan, to be led by four clergywomen - Rev. Jenny McDevitt and Rev. Sarah Wiles, ministers in residence, the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Director of Pastoral Care, and special guest leader and speaker, Rev. Susan Systma Bratt, a former volunteer at our own congregation who is now a Lilly Minister-in-Residence at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania. We're excited to welcome her back for this wonderful 24-hours together! All women of the church are welcome.

**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 the group at any time.

## *Calendar for February 15-20*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
 Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
 Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room  
 Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room  
 YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room  
 Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
 Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
 Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101  
 Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
 Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
 Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
 Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room  
 Interfaith Roundtable Day Forum, 12:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
 English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104  
 Peru Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis and Founders Rooms  
 Grief Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
 Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m. French Room  
 Troop 7 Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 404  
 Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,  
 Anderson Room

### **WEDNESDAY:**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Staff Pastors' Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Larry Farris' Office  
 PW Gathering, Study, Lunch, 9:15 a.m., Lewis Room, Monteith Hall, Social Hall  
 Staff Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
 Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
 Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101  
 Taize Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

#### **Wednesday 2:42:**

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir, Alleluia Choir, Family-Friendly Ash Wednesday Worship Service  
 5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall  
 6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall  
 6:00 p.m. - Keys Dinner and Worship, BTB and Nave  
 7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade Class, Youth Choir, TnT, Adult Education Class ("I Am")  
 Taize Worship, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**THURSDAY:**

Pastors' Lunch, noon, Social Hall

Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall

OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m.,  
Lewis Room

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave

Triangle Nursery General Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Curtis and Founders Room

**FRIDAY:**

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room

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

OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room

Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room

**SATURDAY:**

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Hillegonds Chapel

Baptism Class, 10:00 a.m., Monteith Hall

First Pres Photographers Workshop, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*

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