

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
February 1, 2009
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Family Worship, Communion, and Blanket Sunday

WELCOME TO ALL, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card and introducing yourself at the Welcome Center (through the pulpit door and downstairs). Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. Brochures about programs at First Presbyterian Church are located at the Welcome Center and in the Narthex.

As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers. Hearing assistive devices, large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.

Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

* Those who are able, please stand.

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

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Prelude, Fugue and Variation *César Franck*

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 111:1-4

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

**People: Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

People: the LORD is gracious and merciful.

***HYMN 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are a people formed by your Word in Christ; but we have wandered from your truth, we have broken your commandments, we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends, we have failed to trust your promises, and we have refused your mercy. Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus. Nourish us on the bread of his teachings until we can taste your goodness. Renew us at the fountain of his wisdom, so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you.

SILENT CONFESSION

Kyrie (#572 in the Hymnal) Lord, Have Mercy

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

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Following the Assurance of Forgiveness, worshipers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the right hand of fellowship, and greet them with the words: "The peace of Christ be with you." Worshipers are invited to respond with the words, "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

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 21-28 (N.T., p. 35)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(9:30/ 11:00) A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

HYMN Hymn of Discipleship

Text by Tom Trevelyan;

music from the Genevan Psalter; arr. by Carol Muehlig



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SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/ 11:00) ANTHEM Create in Me a Clean Heart *Jean Berger*
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. When many cares perplex me, Thy comfort delights my soul. My times are in Thy hand, and Thou wilt guide and sustain me even unto the end. With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light do we see light. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Amen.

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 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:

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. (9:30) Worshipers may remain in the pews to be served by Elders and Deacons. (8:00/11:00) 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.

(9:30/11:00) COMMUNION MUSIC

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Louis Bourgeois

Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed

arr. Hugh Davies

Holy Manna

arr. Charles Anders

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

Day's Psalter, 1562

Presbyterian Recorder Ensemble

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 507 I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*BENEDICTION

(9:30/11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE The Living Bread *Leland Sateren*
May Christians all with one accord unite around the sacred board to praise
your holy name, O Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
Scott Withrow

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, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Douglas J. Brouwer. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Julie Marks.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Brewster H. Gere at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Aaron Janklow and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Aaron Janklow and Deborah Knott at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Jana Reister at 5:45 p.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Jon Ophoff.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE ORGANISTS are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

MEMBERS OF THE RECORDER ENSEMBLE include Kathy Wirstrom, Ann Flowers, Linda Speck (director), Marian West, and Kendra Reid (clarinet).

THE READERS are Rudi Ansbacher at 8:00 a.m., Will Brinkerhoff at 9:30 a.m., and confirmand Lindsay Balint at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Tom and Jean Dickinson and Don Faber. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Steve, Cathy, and Ian McKenny and Helen Corey.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Cheri DeHaan Erben by her husband Bill, and their daughters Leah and Hannah.

Today's Events

FAMILY 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.

CHILD CARE is available at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services for crib through four-year-olds. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, the Rev. Ed Koster continues to lead the class through the Bible. The class is currently studying the book of Acts.

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, John Whittier-Ferguson, associate professor of English at U-M, begins a two-part series exploring *Four Quartets*, the suite of poems written by T. S. Eliot between 1936 and 1942. Go to <http://www.tristan.icom43.net/quartets/> for an accurate text of the poems.

NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER CLASSES are held at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53, or bgere@firstpresbyterian.org.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will view the DVD "The Wisdom of Our Fathers," about former U.S. presidents.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, they will discuss welcoming new members and enlarging their scope.

THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FOOD DRIVE is underway now through February 15 for the Detroit Presbytery Hunger Program. Donations of canned goods, non-perishables, peanut butter and Cheerios can be placed in the boxes by the Church Office and the Welcome Center.

REGISTER TODAY FOR WEDNESDAY 2:42! Wednesday 2:42, our wonderful all-church mid-week program, runs for eight Wednesdays, February 4 through April 1 (not on February 25). Sign up to attend by filling out a registration form at the Wednesday 2:42 table in the Social Hall. Come for the delicious dinner, song fellowship, elementary fellowship, children and youth choir rehearsals, MIDS, and new adult education offerings.

TODAY IS "BLANKETS +" SUNDAY: The "Blankets +" program, formerly known as Tools and Blankets, is a special mission effort of Church World Service, working with local communities around the world to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a better future. Please use the special pew envelope to give a financial contribution. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Blankets +" on the memo line.

YOUTH NEWS: Youth Sunday School follows the same schedule as the children's Sunday school. No Sunday school today, bring your energy to worship. Let's kick it up a notch! **Student Leadership Team** meets today at 11:00 a.m. to plan the 30-Hour Famine.

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

THE CHURCH ORCHESTRA will rehearse today at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

KEYSTONES will not meet tonight. Enjoy the Super Bowl! **KEYS** will meet next Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Announcements

A full description of the events listed below can be found in our newsletter, First Press, available in the narthex, at the Welcome Center, outside the Church Office, or online at www.firstpresbyterian.org.

URGENT! VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED to assist our cook, Christine Miller, in preparing the Wednesday 2:42 dinners on February 4, 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18 and 25; and April 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact Jennifer Sansbury, Executive Assistant, at 662-4466, ext. 16, or at jsansbury@firstpresbyterian.org.

INTERESTED IN MAKING CARDS to send to our shut-ins and those in need? A card-making group starts February 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library. For more information, contact Sara Yezefski at syezefski@yahoo.com.

VISIT THE PHILIPPINES (IN THE SOCIAL HALL) on February 7, at 5:00 p.m. The Philippines Task Force (PTF) will host an authentic Filipino dinner and give updates on the group's projects. Friends and family are invited. Tickets (\$10 per person/\$25 per family) will be available at coffee hour, or contact Laurie Kotchenruther, 663-0718.

YOUTH NEWS: Check the church website, www.firstpresbyterian.org, under Education and Youth Ministry, for all the up-to-date happenings. **Middle School News** – Wednesday 2:42 returns this week! Come to **MIDS** at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, go to **dinner**, then enjoy **Youth Choir** at 7:00 p.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM INVITES those interested to the Youth Room from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. for the following continuing education sessions: **February 9:** "Facing Death: Providing Physical, Emotional and Spiritual Comfort to Loved Ones" a video from Stephen Ministries, St. Louis, with discussion facilitated by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers.

HILLTOPPERS will meet again on February 12 at noon. Reservations are requested. Come for a \$5 hot lunch provided by our staff and a presentation by Skip Campbell, Chief of Clinical Affairs, UM Health

System (and member of First Pres) on "Patient Safety." Sign up by emailing Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or calling the Church Office, 662-4466, by Tuesday, February 10.

MEMBERS OF QUAD C AND THEIR FAMILIES are invited to attend the annual Quad C Potluck Brunch on Sunday, February 15, in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Questions? Contact Rob Bauman, audettebauman@hotmail.com or 998-0152. Quad C incorporates the west side of Ann Arbor.

PRAYING THE PSALMS, our weekly prayer group, meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. For information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

Calendar for February 2 - 7

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Card Making, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Property Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104
WEBS, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403
Campus Core Group, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Campus Ministry Music, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Bible/Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 5:30 p.m., Curtis Room
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)
Delonis Center
Fellowship Group, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room

Wednesday 2:42:

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir, Alleluia Choir,
5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall
6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade Class,
Youth Choir, TnT Bible Study, Adult Education Classes,
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study

THURSDAY:

Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Program, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team, 3:30 p.m., Vance Room
Vision and Strategy, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
Adult Education, Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room
Philippines Dinner Preparation, 6:00 p.m., Kitchen

SATURDAY:

Triangle Open House, 9:30 a.m., Rooms 200 and 201
Philippines Task Force Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Preparation, all day,
Social Hall/Kitchen

