

*The First Presbyterian Church*  
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*  
*February 21, 2010*  
*First Sunday in Lent*



*Coins* by Elizabeth Steele Halstead from *Rings, Kings, and Butterflies*

**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

**GATHERING**

(9:30) VOLUNTARY

Amazing Grace

*Early American melody, arr. Sondra Tucker*

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

*Traditional American melody,*

*arr. Dan R. Edwards*

Sanctus Ringers

**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: Make me to know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

**All: Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation.**

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.

**All: Instruct us in the way of repentance  
and lead us to humble obedience to your law of love.**

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: The Lord's name be praised!**

**\*HYMN 144 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

*Hyfrydol*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In these days of Lent, O Lord, we know you call us to journey with Jesus to the cross. But we are frightened disciples who fear death and often do not trust you to be with us in the midst of our suffering. We labor for security at all costs, thinking we can protect ourselves from pain. We look quickly to our own well-being while so many dwell in peril. We are tempted to believe you are with us only when our lives go well. Have mercy upon us and forgive us our disbelief and disobedience. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:  
 when I call an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O  
 Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

**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**

Isaiah 55:6-11 (O.T., pp. 685-86)

**ANTHEM Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

*Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 10:17-22 (N.T., p. 46)

**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 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised**

*Angel’s Story*

RESPONDING

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,**

**fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor**

**and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed**

**and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick**

**and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts,**

**forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,**

**suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**vindicating his sinless life,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil,**

**delivering us from death to life eternal.**

*From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM A Hymn to God the Father

*John Ness Beck*

*Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun, which is my sin, though it were done before? Wilt Thou forgive that sin through which I run and still do run, though still I do deplore? When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more. Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door? Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score? When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore; swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son shall shine as He shines now and heretofore; and, having done that, Thou hast done, I fear no more.*

*John Donne*

(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

(9:30) COMMISSIONING OF CAMPUS MINISTRY STUDENTS

*During spring break, February 27 to March 3, two teams of campus ministry students will travel to Costa Rica and New Orleans on mission trips. Please keep them in your prayers.*

## 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 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days** *St. Flavian*

### \*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.*

*During this solemn season of Lent, there will be no postludes.  
On Easter morning, we will return to the festive organ music of resurrection.*

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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 Matthew Nickel. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are the Reverend Sarah Wiles at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Julie Marks and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Melissa Anne Rogers and Sarah Wiles at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Julie Marks 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 ORGANIST** is Susan Boggs.

**THE SOLOISTS** are Leslie Smith, soprano; Sally Carpenter, alto; Terry Farmer, tenor; and Gerry Leckrone, baritone.

**THE READERS** are Karl Bartscht at 8:00 a.m., Erin A. Wilson at 9:30 a.m., and Downs Herold at 11:00 a.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Steve and Suzanne Gerhardt and Laura Berg. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are John and Heidi Dodson and Jean Urquhart.

**THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS** are John and Jane Kinzinger.

**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 and 11:00 a.m. for crib-7th grade, and at 11:00 a.m. for crib-5th grade. 8th-12th grade Youth Sunday school and Confirmation classes do not meet this week.

### **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 second 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. Today, Lilly Resident Minister Rev. Matthew Nickel will speak about his faith journey.

**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.

**JOIN THE ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY:** Please join us as we read and study *Loving Jesus* by Mark Allan Powell. Powell, a New Testament professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, presents a biblical spirituality focused on harboring a steadier flame and deeper commitment to our God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Author Marva Dawn writes, "Powell's book quickens our faith and outreach by teaching us how desperate for true love our world is and how thoroughly our spirituality can be imbued with love as it becomes more deeply formed by the Scriptures, prayer, and worship." Study groups are meeting March 7, 14, and 21. Sign up in the 300 Level foyer, the Social Hall, or the narthex. Books are \$15 and available for purchase in the Church Office. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Lenten Book" on the memo line. If paying with cash, please have correct change. Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at [jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org).

**FIRST SINGLES** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will listen to part two of Don Deatrick's CD on Mozart's life and music.

**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 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, today, 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](mailto:gbrides@umich.edu). The suggested donation is \$10.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to celebrate the marriage of our members, Holly Moorman and Bob Ellis, in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 7, 2009. Congratulations Bob and Holly Ellis!

# Announcements

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:** We have received 559 pledges totalling \$1,414,933; our pledge goal is \$1,442,105.

**LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME?** Curious about the Presbyterian Church? You are cordially invited to our next New Members/Inquirers Class, which will meet on four Wednesdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 7:00 p.m. Those who wish to join the church will be welcomed into membership at worship on Sunday, March 28. If you are interested in participating in this class, please call the church office, 662-4466, to sign up.

**DELONIS GREETING CARD PROGRAM URGENTLY NEEDS HELP!** There is an *urgent need* for more volunteers to distribute greeting cards at the Delonis Center on Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Two volunteers are needed each week. If you can help in this way, please contact Jeannine Buchanan at 971-6589.

## YOUTH UPDATES:

**Are you a budding artist?** Join Blue Lake Art students as they paint a major work at the church on Saturdays in March. If you are interested in participating, submit an "audition sketch" on a subject of your choice to RJ by February 28 with your name, phone number, email, grade and age. Blue Lake Art Director Carol Tice will invite five students to participate on the project. Students must be between 11 and 18 years old.

**High School** – Today there is no Sunday School or Keystones. On February 28 Sunday School and Keystones will meet. Norfolk Mission Trip training is March 7, from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.

**MIDS** meets each Wednesday in March from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Youth may stay for 2:42 dinner in the Social Hall. Youth Choir meets from 7:00 to 7:45. Come for some, come for all.

**Do you need gift cards** to Borders, Land's End, iTunes, Main Street Restaurants, or Whole Foods? Youth Mission has them for you at face value. Call RJ at 662-4466, ext. 20.

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK WILL BE FEBRUARY 28:** All in the church are welcome to come after the 11:00 a.m. worship for lunch on Sunday, February 28. This month's potluck, starting at noon in the Social Hall, is sponsored by Mature Ministries Committee. Bring a stress-free side dish and enjoy the fellowship of church friends, choir members, and staff.

**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.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY WANTS TO THANK EVERYONE** who purchased a sub sandwich for Super Bowl Sunday! A total of \$2,199 was raised, all of which will go directly to support the students going on the Spring Break mission trips to Costa Rica and New Orleans. Your sub purchases have enabled students to raise the funding they need to go on these trips. Thank you so much for your support and generous donations!

**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 free time, good food, great conversation, spiritual deepening, laughter, singing, and even quiet! And we'll leave more sure than ever that our God is indeed, "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 - Jenny McDevitt and Sarah Wiles, ministers in residence, Melissa Anne Rogers, and special guest leader and speaker, 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.

**FIRST PRES INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION PROJECT 2010:** Be a part of First Presbyterian's intergenerational mission project in Detroit, April 23 to 25. The planning team with representatives from Mission, Youth, and Mature Ministries is developing a mission weekend intended to provide an opportunity to serve our southeast Michigan neighbors and to create opportunities of partnership not only for the weekend but into the future as well. The actual work projects will be varied and suited for all ages and all skill levels. We will be working with Cass Community Social Services, which has a number of facilities located in mid-town Detroit. CCSS provides services to the needy, the homeless and the disadvantaged populations of Detroit. We will be staying at the Cass Community Social Services Activity Center, although alternative lodging is available. See more details in the flyer at the Welcome Center. If you are interested, please email [detroitmission@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:detroitmission@firstpresbyterian.org) or, if you are unable to access email, please contact Sue Jeffers, 734-669-6306.

**SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR PW SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Each year the Presbyterian Women of our church provide scholarship funds to women engaged in seminary training or training for Christian ministry. Applicants are now being sought for this award. This scholarship endowment, established in 1984 and added to over the years, now honors three women: Doris S. Barnett, Joanne Kooyers, and Mabel Rugen, who were outstanding contributors to the ministry of our church and Presbyterian Women. Over the years, many outstanding scholars of our church family have received this award, including Mary Ann Austin, Carol Carpenter, Autum Lum, Susan Whitlock, Sarah Brouwer, Elizabeth Ryder, and Deborah Knott Forger. Women interested in applying should contact Katie Beery, 997-9678, [ebeery@juno.com](mailto:ebeery@juno.com), or Sue Leong, 662-8277, [sleong2002@comcast.net](mailto:sleong2002@comcast.net), for an application form. All applications must be received by the PW Scholarship Committee no later than Friday, April 23. The recipients will be announced in mid-May.

**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 22-27*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Room 101  
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

**TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
 Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room  
 English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104  
 Interfaith Roundtable, 1:30 p.m., Vance Room  
 Worship Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room  
 Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
 Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m. French Room  
 Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,  
 Anderson Room

**WEDNESDAY:**

**No Wednesday 2:42 tonight!**

PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room  
 Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
 Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
 Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101  
 Session, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary/Curtis Room  
 TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

**THURSDAY:**

Hilltoppers Movie Morning, 11:00 a.m., Curtis Room  
 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

**FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
 Mom's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Founders Room  
 OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room

**SATURDAY:**

Campus Ministry Spring Break Mission Trip Begins, away



***A Stephen Ministry  
 Congregation***

*The Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor can be reached by calling the Church Office at (734) 662-4466.*

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