

*The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
January 11, 2009  
Baptism of the Lord*

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.

THOUGHT FOR YOUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Most of all, the baptism of Jesus reminds us that to identify with God and God's mission is a three-fold experience. It is a baptism of water for repentance, forgiveness and identification with Jesus Christ. It is the gift of the Spirit, the gracious presence of God which brings us fulfillment and assurance. And it is also a naming: we are adopted as sons and daughters of the creative and redeeming Lord. We are chosen for service and blessed with God's favor, as those called "children of God."

*Charles F. Betts*

**GATHERING**

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Variations on an American Hymn Tune

*Gordon Young*

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 29:1-4*

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

**\*HYMN 461 God Is Here!**

*Abbot's Leigh*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God: in the waters of baptism you have called us by name and claimed us as your own. In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to live as those who have been given life through you. Renew our hearts. Rejuvenate our lives. This day and always, help us to believe our baptism does make a difference, as you mold us into brave and bold disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 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.*

**ANTHEM** Come Away to the Skies

arr. Alice Parker

*Come away to the skies, my beloved arise and rejoice in the day thou wast born, on this festival day come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return. We have laid up our love and our treasures above, though our bodies continue below; the redeemed of the Lord shall remember His word, and with singing to Paradise go. Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King, and His rapturous praises repeat; to the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again; sing all heaven, and fall at His feet.*

## PROCLAIMING

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**HYMN 72 When Jesus Came to Jordan** *De Eersten Zijn De Laatste*

### READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 19:1-7 (N.T., p. 139)  
Mark 1:4-11 (N.T., pp. 34-35)

**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.*

**SERMON** "Baptism Is ... "

## RESPONDING

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) **ANTHEM** Down to the River to Pray *Arr. Sheldon Curry*  
*As I went down to the river to pray, studying about the good old way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, down to the river to pray.*

**(9:30/11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*At 9:30, Ruth and Dan Hamstra are presenting their son, William Laird Hamstra, born May 22, 2008, for baptism. At 11:00, Amber and Greg Ladley are presenting their son, Coleton Ladley, born June 26, 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 William Laird and Coleton 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 THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION  
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 492 Baptized in Water**

*Bunessan*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** We Have Put On Christ *Howard Hughes*  
*We have put on Christ; in Him we have been baptized. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

(9:30/11:00) **VOLUNTARY** Improvisation on "How Firm a Foundation"  
*American Folk Melody*

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

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services is the Reverend Jim Monnett at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

**THE PIANIST** at the 8:00 a.m. service is Carol Muehlig.

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

**THE ORGANISTS** are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

**THE READERS** are Karl Bartscht at 8:00 a.m., Karella Michalowski at 9:30 a.m., and Ed Koster at 11:00 a.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Paul and Carol Smith and Bill Keesor. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Diane and Bob Hockett and Paul Kirton.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Thomas George Guy by Thelma Gies Rivette.

## 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. 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 class will continue to read through the Bible book by book.

**At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room**, Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel, Professor of Religion at Kalamazoo College, will continue the series, "Absolutes of Christianity."

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES BEGIN TODAY.** Join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room today for the new member/inquirer class. If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53, or [bgere@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:bgere@firstpresbyterian.org).

**HAS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE BEEN CHECKED RECENTLY?** Martine Blogin, R.N. will be in the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room) today from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to check your blood pressure and offer heart health information. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext. 26, or [mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org).

**FIRST COUPLES** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will view a two-part DVD on Martin Luther today and next week.

**FIRST SINGLES** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for a potluck and to plan for March and April.

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

**KEYSTONES** meets tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room for Club Wreck, and at 6:45 p.m. for Go Deeper. Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett at [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 20.

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

**PLEDGE STATUS UPDATE:** As of January 6, 538 pledges have been received totalling \$1,332,601. The revised pledge 2009 goal is \$1,351,245. The Session has had to identify cuts in committee requests totaling \$261,000 in setting the 2009 operating budget. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2009, please do so as soon as possible.

**THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICE** is creating an email database for the purpose of sending out announcements of funeral and memorial services. If you would like to receive email notices about deaths and memorial services, please let the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers know, at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

**JOIN CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**, Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hillegonds Chapel for support, understanding and advice in caring for loved ones at home, in assisted living facilities, or from a distance. Please contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466 ext. 26, or [mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to help with meals at the Delonis Center on Wednesday evenings. Cooks would assist with meal preparation and food storage, and work from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Servers would assist with serving the meal and clean-up, and work from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, contact Brady West at 223-9793, or [bwest@umich.edu](mailto:bwest@umich.edu).

**SNEAKERS ON A MISSION:** The Philippines Task Force (PTF) is sponsoring a shoe drive through the month of January. Donate your sneakers up to size 10, as well as women's and children's regular shoes, up to size 7. Donated shoes will be cleaned, boxed up, and mailed to the Dumagete Community Center in the Philippines. Interested in helping? PTF meets today at noon in the French Room/Library. Questions? Contact Chris Larson, [larson.christine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:larson.christine@sbcglobal.net), or 769-9587.

**MOTHER'S MORNING** meets Tuesday, January 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Youth Room. First Presbyterian member and executive and life coach Lisa Pasbjerg, LMSW, DCSW will be exploring the idea of work/life balance, especially as it relates to women and mothers. Child care is provided. Questions? Contact Carolyn Gehrke at [gehrkecj@hotmail.com](mailto:gehrkecj@hotmail.com), or 572-5832.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES:** The Stephen Ministry invites the congregation to attend a series of continuing education classes, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topics and dates are Monday, January 12, "Eating Disorders," presented by the Rev. Jana Reister; Monday, January 26, "Dementia and Alzheimer's," presented by a speaker from the Redford Center; and Monday, February 9, "Facing Death: Providing Physical and Emotional Comfort to Loved Ones," the presentation of a video from Stephen Ministries, St. Louis.

**A TWO-SESSION BAPTISM WORKSHOP** will be held on Wednesdays, January 21 and 28, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian, or those interested in the topic of baptism. **These classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** To register and to schedule a baptism date, contact Jennifer Sansbury, 662-4466, ext. 16.

**ANNUAL ALL CHURCH MEETING AND SPAGHETTI DINNER** will be held Sunday, January 25. Start the evening by attending the 5:45 p.m. service in the Sanctuary, then enjoy an Italian feast (spaghetti, bread sticks, and salad) prepared by Mids, Keys and Abide. There is no cost for dinner, but free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted to support youth mission trips in 2009. There are two seatings for dinner; the first begins at 6:30 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a dessert buffet and coffee in the Social Hall. Please call the Church Office at 662-4466, to reserve your preferred seating time for dinner.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY HORS D'OEUVRES AND FUN D' RAISING:** On Friday, January 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Lewis and Vance Rooms, enjoy strolling hors d'oeuvres and good conversation with the 40 college students who will serve God in the Dominican Republic on February 21-28. This event will provide the financing needed to make the Dominican Republic mission trip a reality. Donations of \$125 per person or \$250 per couple to attend are requested. This is an opportunity to build relationships with the college students in our backyard. **Please RSVP to Rev. Julie Marks at [jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org) by January 25.** If you are unable to attend the banquet but would still like to contribute, please make checks payable to Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation and send to the church, attn: Campus Ministry Mission Trip. Contributions are tax-deductible.

**PURCHASE A "HAIL MARY," "AUDIBLE," OR "BLITZ" sub sandwich** from the annual Campus Ministry Sub Sale and enjoy them as you watch the Super Bowl! Watch for order forms in the bulletin January 18 and 25. Fill one out and return it in the offering plate, or in special boxes at the Welcome Center and in the narthex. Pick up your sub order in the Social Hall on February 1 at coffee hour. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks, [jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 14.

**FIRST PRES NURSES** are invited to a gathering on Saturday, January 31, in the Curtis Room at 10:00 a.m. for coffee, refreshments, and networking. At 10:30 a.m., Dr. Carolyn M. Sampsel, the Carolyn K. Davis Collegiate Professor of Nursing at U-M School of Nursing, will present her research on "Self-Management Strategies to Reduce Urinary Incontinence in Women." RSVP by January 27 to Martine Blogin, mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org, or to the Church Office, 662-4466.

**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 January 12 - 17*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room / Library  
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel  
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Boy Scout Troop 7, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall  
Campus Core Group, 7:30 p.m., French Room / Library  
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room  
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., away  
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms  
Residency Finance Task Force, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room / Library  
Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., Doug Brouwer's Office  
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., away

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Organ Humidifier Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
PW Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Prayer Ministry, 2:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)  
Delonis Center  
Small Group Ministry, 4:00 p.m., Vance Room  
MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Hosanna Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Alleluia Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Room 404  
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Residency and Candidacy Pot Luck, 6:15 p.m., Founders / Curtis Rooms  
Campus Core Group, 6:30 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Women's Retreat Planning Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Taiwanese / First Pres Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 101

### **THURSDAY:**

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

### **FRIDAY:**

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room / Library  
Prayer / Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room  
Confirmation Retreat Begins, 4:00 p.m., away

### **SATURDAY:**

Fellowship Group Ministry Team, 9:00 a.m., Vance Room  
Confirmation Retreat, away

