

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 18, 2009
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 Verbum Supernum Prodiens

setting by George Oldroyd

Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with Thy strong love.

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**

Leader: We live sustained by God's presence and love.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: As we mourn the wounds of God's children,

People: God weeps with us.

Leader: As we give thanks for brothers and sisters who have lived in faith,

People: God gives thanks with us.

Leader: As we struggle for justice,

People: God struggles with us.

Leader: As we strive for peace,

People: God strives with us.

Leader: As we work to build the beloved community,

People: God works with us.

Leader: As we offer our gifts to all,

People: God blesses us.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice.

People: Sustained by God's presence and love we worship God.

***HYMN 292 All Beautiful the March of Days**

Forest Green

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, we confess our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the hopes of the oppressed. We have not fulfilled your call to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God. We condemn racial injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity, and participate in our own oppression. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change. Move us by your Word to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as in heaven.

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.

SOLO I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies *Felix Mendelssohn*
O Lord, send to me Thy Holy Spirit, that I may touch my lips as I sing to Thee with a joyful heart. I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, forevermore. I will proclaim that Thy word is truth.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-20 (O.T., p. 247)

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 Come, Let Us Dream

John Middleton, Traditional English Melody



1. Come, let us dream _____ God's dream a - gain. _____
2. The lame shall walk, _____ the blind shall see, _____
3. When ha - tred ends _____ and war shall cease, _____
4. But know the cost _____ of claim - ing sight _____
5. Pro - phets are scorned _____ in their own lands _____

— Come, one and all, let us ascend
 — the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
 — so all may dwell in deep-est peace,
 — of God's new day, of wrongs made right,
 — and mar - tyrs slain by right - eous hands;

 — the moun - tain - top where those of old
 — the low - ly raised, the proud brought low,
 — then be as - sured the time is near,
 — for some have paid the high - est price,
 — Though dream - ers die, the dream will live,

 — saw God's new day on earth un - fold.
 — This is God's dream: let jus - tice flow.
 — when per - fect love casts out all fear.
 — their lives for us, a sac - ri - fice.
 — for we have yet our lives to give.

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RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM *Be Not Afraid* *Felix Mendelssohn*
Be not afraid, saith God the Lord. Be not afraid; thy help is near. Though thousands languish and fall beside thee, and tens of thousands around thee perish, yet it shall not come nigh thee. Be not afraid, for He is near. "Thy help is near; be not afraid," saith God the Lord.

*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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Campus Ministry *Ryan Meyers*

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

(9:30/11:00) 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 525 *Here I Am, Lord* *Here I Am, Lord*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE *Be Not Afraid* *Felix Mendelssohn*
Be not afraid! "Thy help is near; be not afraid," saith God the Lord.

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 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers. The preacher at the 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Aaron Janklow.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Brewster H. Gere at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Douglas J. Brouwer, Deborah Knott, and Julie Marks at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Douglas J. Brouwer and Julie Marks at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Brewster H. Gere at 5:45 p.m.

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

THE CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE ORGANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE SOLOIST is Christina Boothman. Christina is finishing her last semester at U-M, with majors in music and Latin American and Caribbean studies. She is spending her senior year at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, working on her thesis, "AIDS and Migration."

THE READERS are Tom Brandt at 8:00 a.m., Fred Beutler at 9:30 a.m., and Rodney Bentz at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Dave and Marcia Schmidt and Diane Hoff. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Jennifer Griggs, Steve, Phoebe and Elizabeth Engel, and Scott Westerman.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of our congregation and our church. *Correction:* Last week, the chancel flowers were given in memory of Thomas George Gies, by his widow, Thelma Gies Rivette. Mr. Gies' name was misspelled.

WORSHIP NOTES: The Call to Confession and Call to Worship today come from resources provided by the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peacemaking Program. For more information, see www.pcusa.org.

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, "Christian Claims of Superiority and Exclusiveness."

JOIN THE NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER CLASSES 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.

THE WINTER SEMESTER OF WEDNESDAY 2:42 BEGINS February 4. Register today by completing the bulletin insert and dropping it in the offering plate. Don't miss this wonderful all-church experience!

PURCHASE A SUB SANDWICH from the annual Super Bowl Campus Ministry Sub Sale! Fill out the order form in the bulletin today, or on January 25, 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, or 662-4466, ext. 14.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will view the second of a two-part DVD on Martin Luther King, Jr.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for “Martin Luther King: A Dream Realized,” presented by Dee Valvanis.

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

PLEDGE STATUS UPDATE: As of January 13, 566 pledges have been received totalling \$1,384,013. The Session has had to identify significant cuts in the 2009 operating budget. If you have not yet made your pledge for 2009, please do so as soon as possible.

YOUTH NEWS: Next Sunday is the Spaghetti Dinner. We need 20 students working either/both 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. cooking, serving, and washing. Adults are needed also. It’s a big night, and a time we give back to the church for all they do for us. Sign up for shifts outside the Rev. Jim Monnett’s office or by email. **February 1 is the Superbowl Party**, the location to be announced. **Student Leadership Team meets February 1** at 11:00 a.m. to plan the 30 Hour Famine. Watch the website for all the latest. **MIDS meets Wednesdays** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Enjoy the mayhem; discover what trouble Jonah has found.

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 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.

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 Monteith Hall, then enjoy an Italian feast (spaghetti, bread sticks, and salad) prepared by 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 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. **Please RSVP to Rev. Julie Marks at 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.

THE JANUARY PW GATHERING will be held January 21, beginning with a study of Luke at 9:30 a.m. in the Monteith Hall. At 11:00 a.m., incoming Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Detroit, Motoku Huthwaite, will present “Seeing World War II from Both Sides: The Faith Journey that Shaped a Pacifist,” followed by lunch in the Social Hall. All are invited. Please call Toni Kuenig, 663-3777, if you plan to attend the luncheon.

FIRST PRES NURSES are invited to a gathering on Saturday, January 31, in the Curtis Room at 10:00 a.m. for 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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE COMMUNION? If you are an ordained officer – serving now or previously as elder, deacon, or minister – training (or a refresher) for pew and intinction-style communion services will be held January 31 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sign up through Melissa Anne Rogers, deacon staff liaison, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 12. Non-ordained people are welcome to sign up to be trained for communion set-up.

FREE AARP TAX PREPARATION IS AVAILABLE FOR SENIORS at various locations around Ann Arbor, Saline and Ypsilanti. Dates, times, phone numbers, and locations are listed on our website, www.firstpresbyterian.org.

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 19 - 24

MONDAY:

Building Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room

Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room

Campus Core Group (Mary Guest), 6:30 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel

Campus Core Group (Carol Gottliebson), 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

PW Gathering, 9:30 a.m., Monteith and Social Halls

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

Residency Finance Task Force, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room

MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room

Children's Choir Rehearsals: Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m., Russel Room,

Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m., Room 404, Youth Choir, 6:00 p.m., Russel Room

Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room

Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 101

THURSDAY:

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

Lilly Residents, noon, Vance Room

Campus Student Leadership Team, 3:30 p.m., Vance Room

FRIDAY:

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

Mom's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library

Teacher Appreciation Babysitting, 5:30 p.m., Social Hall

SATURDAY:

No Events Scheduled

