

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 24, 2010
Third 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. 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

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Sonata No. 2 - Grave, Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn

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**

from Psalm 19

One: The law of the Lord is perfect,

All: Reviving the soul;

One: The decrees of the Lord are sure,

All: Making wise the simple;

One: The precepts of the Lord are right,

All: Rejoicing the heart;

One: The commandments of the Lord are clear,

All: Enlightening the eyes;

One: The love of the Lord is pure,

All: Enduring forever.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

***HYMN 167 God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life**

Halifax

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of all our moments, we confess we seek to confine you to only certain portions of our days, forgetting that you are with us always. When life is good, we think things are as they should always be, and too often neglect to thank you. When life goes awry, we are quick to assume we do not deserve that which seems unfair to us, and neglect to seek you in the midst even of difficulties and reversals. Free us to sense your leading at all times, in all places, in light and in darkness, that we may know the comfort, the strength, and the challenge of your presence with us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

(8:00) KYRIE #572 in the Hymnal Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9:30/11:00) RESPONSE 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

*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 Glory Be to the Father Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 4:1-6 (N.T., p. 193)

ANTHEM Lift Thine Eyes Felix Mendelssohn
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber. O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Psalm 121

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 4:14-30 (N.T., pp. 61-62)

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 386 O for a World Azmon

SERMON

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 Blessed Are All They Who Fear Him *Felix Mendelssohn*
*Blessed are all they who fear Him; they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through
darkness riseth light, light to the upright. He is gracious, compassionate. Blessed
are all they who fear Him; they ever walk in the ways of peace.*
Psalm 128, 112

*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

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

(8:00) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

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 442 The Church's One Foundation *Aurelia*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Seven-fold Amen

VOLUNTARY Sonata No 2: Fugue - Allegro Moderato *Felix Mendelssohn*

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

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jenny McDevitt at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Jenny McDevitt and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris, Brewster H. Gere, and Julie Marks at 11:00 a.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 ORGANISTS are Carol Muehlig and Susan Boggs.

THE LITURGICAL DANCERS are Stacie Barrett, Shirley Axon, Janene Ternes, Nancy Heers, and Joan O'Connell.

THE READERS are Cheryl Gulbranson at 8:00 a.m.; Lillian Henry at 9:30 a.m.; and Karl Hauser at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Darryl and Patricia Albright and Sandy Herbertson. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are William and Luz Glover and Joanne Hertler.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Rob Bauman and Carol Fletcher.

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, Waldemar Schmeichel will continue his fall series on Bible translations, through January 31.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Waldemar Schmeichel will continue his presentation about Islam and the Koran.

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!

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Martine Blogin, R.N., Parish Nurse, will present "Parish Nursing Ministry of Healing, Health and Wellness."

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.

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

TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK! Everyone is invited to the Fourth Sunday Potluck in the Social Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring a simple dish to share.

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

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Chiara Marian Smith, born December 16, 2009, daughter of Lydia and Jonathan Smith.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of James Earle Marron by his parents, Bob and Jane Parker, his sisters Julie, Anne-Marie, Susie, and Marianne.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor is called to its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2010, to hear reports of its ministry and mission and approve the terms of call for its installed pastors.

An all-church potluck follows the annual meeting.

Announcements

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES: The Stephen Ministry would like to invite the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, January 25, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topic is "The Role of the Parish Nurse," presented by Martine Blogin.

YOUTH NEWS: High School – Tonight Keystones is going to 5:45 p.m. worship, then heading home for A2 School's midterm week. Next Sunday: no Sunday School for high schoolers so they can go to the Congregational meeting and the brunch. Keystones will go to 5:45 worship followed by youth group until 7:30 p.m. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium, July 20-24, has eight spots left. Active high schoolers can request leadership scholarships. See RJ to get connected. **MIDS** meets during Wednesday 2:42 this week from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and may stay for dinner in the Social Hall. Youth Choir meets from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. Come for some, come for all.

H1N1 VACCINES AVAILABLE: Washtenaw County Public Health is offering free H1N1 flu vaccinations during January. Public Health is located at 555 Towner Street, Ypsilanti. Please call 544-6700 and schedule an appointment. Vaccination dates are Monday, January 25, and Wednesday, January 27. Appointments are available between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. People who walk in without an appointment will be served as time allows.

KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY 2:42: Our next semester of Wednesday 2:42 begins January 27, which means it's time to round up another batch of kitchen helpers to assist our cook, Christine Miller, in preparing those delicious dinners. All are welcome, seasoned 2:42 veterans or "newbies." Come and be part of a great team, just once or several times. To sign up, contact Jennifer Sansbury at jsansbury@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 16. The 2:42 dates are: January 27, February 3, 10, 17, March 3, 10, 17 and 24. The normal shift is 4:00 to 6:15 p.m. We need you ... to be a part of the 2:42 Kitchen Crew!

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE: Welcome back students! Midweek worship is held every Tuesday on campus at the Student Union in the Anderson room at 9:00 p.m. Be sure to order your sub sandwiches for Superbowl Sunday! The Sub Sale is happening February 7, so order your sub sandwiches today! Look out for order forms in the church bulletin. All of the funds raised go toward the Spring Break mission trips. There is a mission trip meeting February 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Lewis room for students traveling to Costa Rica or New Orleans. We will be commissioning the students going on a mission trip Sunday, February 21 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

THE NEXT MATURE MINISTRIES' MOVIE MORNING is January 28, at 11:00 a.m. Meet at the church to watch and discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the movie *The Aviator*. Hope you can join us! Sign up by January 25. Watch for our February movie morning, which will include going to a theater together. Interested? Contact the "Fellowship and Fun" subcommittee of Mature Ministries: Malcolm Powers (mmpowers@umich.edu, 761-9859) or Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 12).

JOIN THE RESIDENT MINISTERS ON A PILGRIMAGE TO IONA, Scotland, September 16 - 26. Iona is a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland, where monastic communities have lived since 563. Today, the Iona Community welcomes pilgrims from all over the world to worship together. There is space for twenty on the pilgrimage. **The deadline to sign up and give a \$300 deposit is Wednesday, January 27.** To learn more, contact Revs. Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel, or Sarah Wiles.

ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR WILL VISIT FIRST PRES on January 26. The Archbishop is the founder of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Ibillin, North Galilee, Israel, a small impoverished Muslim and Christian village. The schools welcome all religious faiths and ethnic groups as students, staff and teachers, and now serve 3,500 students within a 25 to 30 mile radius.

On Tuesday, January 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, Father Chacour and national Pilgrims of Ibillin Executive Director Rev. Dr. Robert Sawyer will give presentations on the schools' recent scholastic achievements, and the outcome of the Pilgrims of Ibillin's recent donations. Father Chacour will discuss some of the problems facing the schools, the importance of academic studies, and of learning how to "love all neighbors as yourself." After the presentations, all are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, tea, and cookies. Archbishop Chacour will also hold a book signing.

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH MEETING AND POTLUCK BRUNCH will be held **Sunday, January 31**. The annual meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service that day.** Childcare will be provided until the conclusion of the annual meeting.

A potluck brunch will be held in the Social Hall after the annual meeting. Those whose last names begin with A through F are asked to bring a salad; G through R, a main dish; and S through Z, a dessert. Please call the Church Office (662-4466) if you are planning to attend, so that an appropriate number of tables can be set up.

OUR CHURCH WEEPS WITH THOSE WHO WEEP. Many of you have lost loved ones in the last few months or experienced other kinds of troubling loss. Grief can be an overwhelming, isolating experience. Most people find it helpful to learn more about grief, and explore and share their personal, emotional, and spiritual response to it. First Presbyterian Church will host a grief group on three consecutive Tuesday nights, February 2, 9, and 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It is free, and open to members of our church and our community. Please let us know if you are coming by calling the church office, 662-4466, or emailing mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

SEVERAL WAYS TO HELP WITH HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:

Donate Money - Checks can be made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Haiti Earthquake Relief" in the memo line. Donations will be sent directly to our medical and nursing colleagues in Leogane, Haiti to assist with purchasing supplies for disaster relief. You may also contribute to the relief effort through our online gifts/payment page. Enter the amount in the "other" field and specify "Haiti Earthquake Relief."

Prepare and Donate Disaster Assistance Kits: PCUSA is suggesting that those with a desire to do some stateside "hands on" work assemble Disaster Assistance Kits that can be forwarded though PCUSA to Haiti. Two kinds of kits are needed. Please place the kits in the box outside the Church Office.

Hygiene Kit

1 - hand towel (approx 16 x 28 - no fingertip or bath towels)

1 - washcloth

1- wide tooth comb

1 - nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)

1 - Bar of Soap (bath size in wrapper)

1 - toothbrush (in original packaging)

6 - Band-Aids or other adhesive strips

Please do not add toothpaste. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Baby Kit

- 6 - cloth diapers
- 2- t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- 2- washcloths
- 2-gowns or sleepers
- 2- diaper pins
- 1 - sweater or sweatshirt
- 2- receiving blankets

All items should be new and under 12 months of age in size. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

Get Involved - You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Haiti Mission Task Force on Tuesday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. Everyone is welcome, including those with no medical experience or knowledge, and those who do not want to travel but would like to support our mission in Haiti.

Questions? Contact Deb Hutton, chair of the Haiti Mission Task Force (216-598-5140 or debhutton@aol.com).

DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED SNEAKERS? The Philippines Task Force is sponsoring a sneaker shoe drive during January and 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 donated shoes will be cleaned up and mailed to the Dumaguete Community Center in the Philippines, where they will be sold at a very low price as an incentive to families that are current with their house payments.

MANY THANKS TO A VERY GENEROUS CONGREGATION! When First Pres was asked to help shelter homeless men for two weeks as part of the Rotating Shelter Program, well over 100 of you volunteered with enthusiasm and generosity. Many of you have said that your experience in this local mission gave you a new perspective on the economic realities and put faces and names on the homeless among us. In turn, our guests offered many expressions of gratitude for your kindness and generosity and for the validation you gave them. Many thanks to the church staff and a special thanks to Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers who was the catalyst, the heart and the energy behind this project. Hearts full of grace all around!

TRIANGLE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL is now accepting applications for three- and four-year-olds for the 2010-2011 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted before February 1. There will be an informational Open House on Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, for interested families to tour the school, meet the teacher and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. For an application or more information, please visit our website: www.trianglecoop.org, or contact us at info@trianglecoop.org or 761-7688.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT OF 2010 will be presented on February 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Musicians ages 8 through 18 are invited to perform. Registration forms are available in the Church Office. Questions? Contact Susan Boggs, Music Director, at 662-4466, ext. 21, or sboggs@firstpresbyterian.org.

ALL-CHURCH DETROIT MISSION PROJECT: The Mission Committee is sponsoring a churchwide, intergenerational work project in Detroit the weekend of April 23-25, 2010. The following groups have already signed on to participate: First Couples, Youth Ministries, and Mature Ministries. This project is being coordinated by Hands on Mission of the Detroit Presbytery

and will offer opportunities for all members of First Pres to participate, regardless of skill set. It is hoped that all members of the church will participate in some manner in this worthwhile effort. Sign-up sheets are posted around the church, or email detroitmission@firstpresbyterian.org or Sue Jeffers, sjeffers@mml.org, stating your intention to be a part of this project. Contact Sue Jeffers if you would like to be a part of the leadership team.

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 January 25-30

MONDAY

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Technology Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
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
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104, Youth Room
Interfaith Round Table, 1:30 p.m., Vance Room
Potluck Dinner with Father Chacour, 6:00 p.m., Social Hall
Father Chacour Presentation, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,
Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

Washtenaw Literacy Training, 8:00 a.m., Youth Room and Room 101
PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Delonis Greeting Card Program, 5:00 p.m., Delonis Center

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, Adult Education Class ("I Am")

Communion Training, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers Movie Morning, 11:00 a.m., Lewis Room and Founders 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., Russel Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room
Mens' Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room
MIDS Splash Universe Trip, 4:00 p.m., depart from church

SATURDAY:

No Events Scheduled



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*