

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 4, 2009
Communion Sunday
Ordination and Installation of Officers

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.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

For those with wheat allergies, we now have gluten-free communion wafers available, which are in a special, marked tray in the narthex.

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 In Dulci Jubilo *Marcel Dupré*

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 147:12-14

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;

Leader: he blesses your children within you.

People: He grants peace within your borders;

Leader: he fills you with the finest of wheat.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 38 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Carol

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.

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 Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HYMN 29 Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go Tell It

READING FROM SCRIPTURE (8:00) John 1:1-18 (N.T., pp. 91-92)
(9:30/11:00) John 1:1-8 (N.T., p. 91)

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

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM *Verbum Caro Factum Est* Hans Leo Hassler
*Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis, et vidimus gloriam ejus,
gloriam quasi unigeniti Patre, plenum gratiae et veritatis.*

(Tr.) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten by the Father, full of grace and truth.

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 *The Christ Child* Peter Cornelius
That once Christ-child dwelled here, come the glad tidings every year; come from the starry spheres above, filling the world with joy and love. They speak to children of the day, when Christ-child in the manger lay. Of festive Christmas tree they tell, wake organ chant, and pealing bell. Christ-child comes alike to all, His arms enfold both great and small. Then give Him thanks and bless His name, to thee, to all, the Christ-child came.

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.

(9:30/11:00) ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS
AND DEACONS

At the 9:30 a.m. service the elders-elect will be presented for ordination and installation; at the 11:00 a.m. service the deacons-elect will be presented for ordination and installation. Asterisk denotes persons previously ordained.

(9:30) Elders to be ordained and installed today include: Tom Brandt, Steven Brouwer, Don Faber*, Sandy Herbertson, Lisa Kerr Johnson, Mary Ann Pierce, Gary Stahl, and Lori Wolters.*

(11:00) Deacons to be ordained and installed today include: Gwen Alexander, John Balint, Barbara Black, Dale Briggs*, Linda (Meg) Brown, Jennifer A. H. Edwards, Chet France, Jr., Mark Goodhart, Mark Hodges, Cynthia King*, Karl Kleitsch*, Lisa McKarns, Merry Muilenberg*, Jon Ophoff, Donald Plantinga, Richard Rigterink*, Rhonda Sizemore, and Shannon Tatum Slater. Please note: Mark Goodhart cannot be present today and will be ordained and installed at a future date.*

Leader: Friends, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually be guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

(9:30) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

(11:00) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

Leader: Do we, members of the church, accept these people as (elders/ deacons), chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

People: We do.

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these people whom you have called to serve you. Grant them special gifts to do their special work; and fill them with the Holy Spirit, so they may have the same mind that was in Jesus Christ, and be faithful disciples as long as they shall live. Amen.

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SENDING

*HYMN 46 On This Day Earth Shall Ring *Personent Hodie*

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Good Christians, All, Rejoice *In Dulci Jubilo*

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY In Dulci Jubilo *J. S. Bach*

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. and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Deborah Knott. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Douglas J. Brouwer.

PARTICIPATING in the services are the Reverend Douglas J. Brouwer at 8:00 a.m.; the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Aaron Janklow at 11:00 a.m.; and the Reverend Aaron Janklow 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 Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOISTS are Leslie Smith and Kristin Eder, sopranos.

THE READERS are Nancy Briggs at 8:00 a.m., Karl Hauser at 9:30 a.m., and Henry Pakela, confirmand, at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Jerry and Lorna Prescott and Nancy Heikinen. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Richard and Roswitha Bird, and Marcia Miner.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of John Holmes by Bill, Nancy and Jackson Woods, Susan Woods Thomas, and Esther Woods Holmes.

THE ROSEBUDS WELCOME Sebastian Dickinson, born December 18, 2008, son of Anja Lehmann and Tim Dickinson; and Lauren Leigh Watler, born December 18, 2008, daughter of Katherine and Kevin Watler.

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 Rev. Deborah Knott will continue to fill in for Rev. Ed Koster in reading through the Bible book by book. The class can be joined at any time and for as long as a member desires.

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

FORMAT FOR KEYSTONES: Our high school youth group will get together tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room for Club Wreck, and play the best games in town. At 6:45 p.m., we return to the Youth Room for announcements. From 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., the evening continues with Go Deeper ... Bible studies, great discussions, new topics, and more, also in the Youth Room. Come for both Club Wreck and Go Deeper, or just do the one that works best for you. Parents, please drop off at 6:00 or 6:45 p.m. for Keystones. Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett at jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 20.

GET READY FOR THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT, January 16-18. Meet at church at 4:00 p.m. to travel to Skyline Camp and Conference Center in Almont, Michigan. Each student needs to prepare by having read the book, *The Case for Christ*. On the retreat, confirmands will struggle with the question "Is Jesus Lord?" and what that means to them. Also, they will enjoy sledding, fun games, and great learning. The group will return to church by noon on Sunday. Cost is \$90 per person. **Sign up deadline is today!**

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room to plan upcoming programs.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room to hear a presentation on the Professional Volunteer Corps.

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

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 December 30, 535 pledges have been received totalling \$1,314,037. The revised pledge 2009 goal is \$1,351,245. Last year at this time, we had 576 pledges totalling \$1,355,257. Given these totals at this time, 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to assist with cooking or serving 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.

HILLTOPPERS CONSIDERS "AGING IN PLACE:" On Thursday, January 8 at noon, join us for Hilltoppers when we welcome a panel of local experts who will look at "Aging in Place" issues. They will present the case study of "Betty Smith," a woman living in her own home who has broken her hip. Her son wants to move her, against her will, to a senior facility. The experts, including Peg Trimble of Trimble Associates, Ltd. and a financial expert, will show us an assessment of her ability to live alone, pay for changes to her home, and receive in-

home assistance. This will be an informative look at how quickly a living situation can change and what needs to be done to help ourselves and our loved ones in the midst of transition.

SNEAKERS ON A MISSION: The Philippines Task Force (PTF) is sponsoring a shoe drive through the month of January. Please 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. The shoes will be sold by the center at a very low price as an incentive to families who are up-to-date with their house payments.

Interested in helping? Please consider joining PTF the second Sunday of each month at noon in the French Room/Library. For more information, contact Chris Larson, larson.christine@sbcglobal.net, or 769-9587.

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRES? Join us on Sundays, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1 for the latest series of new member/inquirer classes. Those who wish to join the church may do so at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on February 8 (we treat you to breakfast before the service). If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53, or bgere@firstpresbyterian.org.

HAS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE BEEN CHECKED RECENTLY? Martine Blogin, R.N. will be available in the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room) on the second Sunday of every month from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to check your blood pressure and offer heart health information. Questions? Please contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext 26 or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY (W.E.B.S.) meets Monday, January 5, in the Curtis Room, at 7:00 p.m. The group will discuss lesson four of the HORIZONS study of Luke, written by the Rev. Dale Lindsay Morgan. If you would like to join the group and would like to buy a study book (\$6.50), call Jennie Lombard, 663-7244.

MOTHER'S MORNING meets Tuesday, January 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Check-in is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. 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 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.

INVEST IN COLLEGE STUDENTS AND GOD'S WORK: You are invited to attend the Campus Ministry Mission Banquet on Friday, January 30, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The banquet will raise funds for the 40 college students traveling on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic February 21 - 28, and give First Pres members the opportunity to meet and build relationships with the college students, a critical step in help-

ing students integrate into the life of the church. The expectation will be that all who attend the banquet will donate at least \$250. To RSVP, contact the Rev. Julie Marks at jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org. If you are unable to attend the banquet but would like to make a donation, please make checks payable to Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation and send them to church, attn: Campus Ministry Mission Trip. Contributions are tax-deductible. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can join in this effort!

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 5 - 10

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Card Sorting, 1:00 p.m., French Room/Library
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104
W.E.B.S., 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Boy Scout Troop 7, 7:30 p.m., Monteith Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

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
FIG, 5:30 p.m., Founders Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 5:30 p.m., Curtis Room
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel

WEDNESDAY:

Card Sorting, 1:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)
Delonis Center
Small Group Ministry, 4:00 p.m., Vance Room
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 101

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall
Annemarie Austin Small Group, 4:30 p.m., Founders Room
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Abide Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russell Room
Campus Dominican Republic Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
When I Was Little, noon, French Room/Library
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., Curtis Room

SATURDAY:

Officers' Retreat, all day, Weber Center
Stephen Ministry Training, 9:00 a.m., Room 104

