

*The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
July 12, 2009  
Fifteenth 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

*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 and 9:30 a.m.

**GATHERING**

(9:30) VOLUNTARY *Meine Seele hört im Sehen* G. F. Handel  
*Meine seele hört im Sehen, wie, den Schöpfer zu erhöhen, alles jauchzet, alles lacht. Höret nur, des erblühnden Frühlings Pracht ist die Sprache der Natur, die sie deutlich durchs Gesicht allenthalben mit uns spricht.*

(Tr.) My soul listens by seeing how the Creator is lifted up by all that rejoices! Listen only, that creation's blooming splendor is the language of nature, and that clearly through its face speaks to us everywhere. My soul listens by seeing how the Creator is lifted up by all that rejoices!

**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: In God's realm, weakness becomes strength.

**People: Emptiness becomes complete.**

Leader: Fear grows into courage.

**People: The foolish learn wisdom.**

Leader: The wise learn God's foolishness.

**People: The great are humbled, and the humble are lifted up.**

Leader: In God's steadfast love, all things are made whole.

**\*HYMN 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell** *Old Hundredth*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of redeeming grace, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Charged to travel light, we overburden ourselves. Commissioned to preach repentance, we fail to change ourselves. Cautioned to avoid violence, we are quick to confront others. Called to be reconcilers, we create divisions. As Christ sends us forth and equips us to serve, forgive us and set us free, we pray.**

*adapted from When We Gather, by James Kirk*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE (#565 in the Hymnal)**

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**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.*

(9:30) **ANTHEM** He Shall Feed His Flock (*Messiah*) G. F. Handel  
*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

**PROCLAIMING**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 29 (O.T., pp. 504-5)  
Mark 6:14-29 (N.T., pp. 40-41)

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

(9:30) **A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*The children may come to the chancel steps to meet one of the pastors.*

**HYMN 386 O for a World**

*Azmon*

**SERMON** King Herod and *The National Enquirer*

**RESPONDING**

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

(9:30) **ANTHEM** Hallelujah (*Messiah*) G. F. Handel

**\*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*

**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 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Faithfulness*

\*BENEDICTION

(9:30) CHORAL RESPONSE Amen (*Messiah*)

*G. F. Handel*

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Hornpipe (*Watermusic*)

*G. F. Handel*

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*The Prayer Team is available for those desiring prayer, in the Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, following the 9:30 worship service.*

**OUR GUEST PREACHER** at the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship services is the Reverend Mary Austin. Rev. Austin owes the foundations of her faith and ministry to the things she learned at this church, first as a child in Sunday School upstairs, then as a member of the youth groups and Confirmation Class, and finally with the support of the church through seminary at Princeton. Since then, she has lived in Washington, DC, and New Jersey, and now lives in the Detroit area with her husband, Carl Smith, and their daughter Lucy. Her parents are Ron and Anna Marie Austin, who have been connected with this congregation for a number of years. Most recently, she served the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham as their Associate Pastor, and now is spending the summer listening for God's direction about a new call. She is delighted to be back to worship with us today!

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are the Reverend Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Deborah Forger and Julie Marks at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverend Jana Reister at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

**THE PIANIST** at the 8:00 a.m. service is Jon Ophoff.

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

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

**WE WELCOME TO OUR MINISTRY OF MUSIC** in worship this morning Alice Pierce, soprano, who is a classical singer and voice teacher in the Ann Arbor area and at Western Michigan University and has sung opera and oratorio internationally. Joining her is Jeffrey Padgett, oboe, who is a masters degree student in Oboe Performance at DePaul University in Chicago. We thank them for sharing their gifts with us today.

**THE READERS** are Marcia Miner at 8:00 a.m., Nancy Chen at 9:30 a.m., and Marc Buchanan at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Mark, Sandy and Kelly Fogarty and Dave Larrouy.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Marcine (Marcy) Westerman by her husband W. Scott Westerman, Jr.

**THE ROSEBUDS WELCOME** Sydney Evelyn Aldrich, born May 1, 2009, daughter of Ray and Sandy Aldrich, and sister of Austin and Turner Aldrich; Porter Kellum Liljestrand, born July 3, 2009, son of Todd and Rebecca Liljestrand, and grandson of Pat and the late Richard Liljestrand; and Madeline June Mignery, born June 22, 2009, daughter of Anna and Andrew Mignery, sister of Devin Mignery, and granddaughter of Jan and David Fisher.

## *Today's Events*

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Worship at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) is in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. is in the Sanctuary.

**CHURCH SCHOOL:** During the summer, church school meets at 9:30 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

**THOSE GOING ON THE KEYS ROAD TRIP** will meet at the bell in the church parking lot and depart at 9:10 a.m. today.

**FIRST SINGLES** will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for a potluck and a planning meeting for September and October.

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

**JOIN US FOR THE POTLUCK DELUXE SUMMER LUNCH SERIES!**

Please come back at noon, or stay after the 5:45@11:00 a.m. worship service for this informal potluck lunch in the Social Hall. A main dish is provided, so feel free to bring a stress-free side dish or dessert. This is a great time to socialize and meet people in a more intimate setting. If you have any questions, please contact Mallory at am\_traxler@yahoo.com. The Potluck Deluxe will continue on Sundays all summer.

**INTERIM PERIOD UPDATE**

\* The Personnel Committee has interviewed several candidates for the position of Interim Pastor and will continue its selection process this week.

\* The Self-Study Committee has been selected and will begin its work as soon as its first meeting can be scheduled.

## *Announcements*

**JOIN US FOR THE CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** on Monday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Founders Room. Come share your burdens, questions and joys. This friendly group offers support, understanding and advice as we care for loved ones in our homes, in assisted living facilities, or from a distance. Contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

### **YOUTH UPDATE:**

**Keys Meetings in July:**

July 15, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., pizza on the church lawn during Art Fair

July 22, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., the Briggs' home, 3890 Waldenwood

**Art Fair Parking** – We are less than half staffed for Art Fair Parking which runs July 15 - 18. Please help! More than parents and students are needed for this fundraiser. The sign-up board is outside Rev. Jim Monnett's office on the third floor.

**MIDS Wombat** – On Tuesday, July 28, 1:00 -3:00 p.m., all new 6th-8th graders are invited to come out for great games, water balloons, and other assorted mayhem for the Wombat (a furry animal who loves to have extreme fun).

**Sign up NOW to work at Booth 38**, the concession stand at Michigan Stadium. We need ten volunteers per game on September 19, October 24 and November 7 (which is also the Pittsburgh Project weekend). Please sign up to work now to secure funding for future youth mission projects!

Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett, 662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

**GIVE LIFE, GIVE BLOOD:** Blood donations are lowest in the summer, and the need is often highest because of recreational accidents. The Red Cross will hold a blood drive here at First Pres on Tuesday, July 14, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Schedule your appointment online at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org), type "first" in the Step 1: Find a Blood Drive search box, click on the church's name, click on Schedule at the far right of your chosen appointment time, and input your information. If there are open appointments

on Sunday, July 12, we'll post a sign-up sheet near the Social Hall. Please help our community this summer by giving the gift of life on July 14!

**JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** in Monteith Hall on the first and third Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting is July 18. We will spend time in silence and with a simple scripture reading. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, [jeanette.kibler@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.kibler@gmail.com)). If you are interested but cannot meet on Saturday mornings, please contact Jeanette with suggested times.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST** at the conclusion of the 8:00 a.m. worship service with room set up in Monteith Hall. Due to rescheduling of custodial services during the summer, help is needed to set up the chairs for the 5:45@11:00 after the 8:00 am. worship service. If you are able to assist in this way, please come to Monteith Hall on Sundays at the conclusion of the 8:00 am. worship service. A custodian or usher will be on hand to oversee the room set up.

#### **FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE:**

**Are you sick, hospitalized, or entering a care facility?** Please remember that our pastoral staff takes vacation and study leave during the summer, so visits to hospitals and rehabilitation centers may be made less regularly by our pastoral staff. Please remember to let the church office know if you are hospitalized or ill and would welcome the visit of one of our pastors or deacons.

**We are seeking Sunday morning volunteers** to sit in the church office during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship hours. It is helpful to have the church office open and tended during these times when visitors are arriving and church members are in and out, signing up for events and using the staff mail slots. A brief training session is given to those with interest and a willingness to be welcoming. We are developing a database of volunteers who would be called on a few times per year to serve in this way. If you are willing, send your name and email (or phone number) to our staff at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), or leave a message at 662-4466, ext. 12.

**If you'd prefer to greet people at the Welcome Center** during the times before and after worship, let us know that, too. Thanks for considering this much-needed act of hospitality and ministry.

**WOULD YOU LIKE AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO PITTSBURGH** in August? The Stephen Ministry Leader Team will have openings in the next year. The Leader Team works to direct the program and provide ongoing support and supervision to the current Stephen Ministers. If you are interested in serving, this program involves a week-long training in August, and a three-year commitment. You do not need to be a Stephen Minister in order to serve as a Stephen Leader. For more information, contact Nicole Jolliet at [njolliet@sbcglobal.net](mailto:njolliet@sbcglobal.net).

**JOIN US FOR THE HILLTOPPERS MONDAY MOVIE MORNING** on Monday, July 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, to see the movie *Little Miss Sunshine*. Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for food and discussion after the film. We'll provide the drinks and dessert.

**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. DEBORAH KNOTT FORGER:** On Sunday, August 2, First Presbyterian church will honor Rev. Deborah Knott Forger for her service to the church during her time here as a Lilly Resident. Deborah will enroll in graduate school at the University of

Michigan in September, focusing her studies on the Second Temple Period of Judaism, and early Christianity. The Residency and Candidacy Committee is planning an outdoor farewell reception for Deborah following the 9:30 a.m. service on August 2 and warmly invites the congregation to participate in expressing their well-wishes to her. Deborah will be preaching at the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. services that day.

**PUT FAMILY PLAYDATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!** Mothers' Morning, our group for moms of young children, is sponsoring a summer of Family Playdates on Tuesdays for moms, dads, families and children of all ages. For details or to be added to the group email list, contact Carolyn Gehrke (572-5832, cell 262-1163, [gehrkecj@hotmail.com](mailto:gehrkecj@hotmail.com)) or Nancy Meyers, 734-718-9133 cell, [nmeyers@comcast.net](mailto:nmeyers@comcast.net)). An email will be sent by 9:00 p.m. the night before regarding any changes due to predicted weather (indoor activity may be substituted). **The next scheduled playdate will be July 14.** Meet at the Toledo Zoo's Anthony Wayne Trail main entrance at 10:30 a.m. (2700 Broadway St., Toledo, Ohio 43609, [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org)). Bring a picnic or buy food at concessions.

**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 at any time.

## *Calendar for July 13 - 18*

### **MONDAY:**

Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Blood Drive, 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., Social Hall  
ESL, 4:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104  
Stewardship and Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room  
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Art Fair Parking, all day, Church Parking Lot  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),  
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
KEYS In July, 6:00 p.m., Church Grounds  
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Keys Road Trip returns, 8:00 p.m., Church Parking Lot

### **THURSDAY:**

Art Fair Parking, all day, Church Parking Lot

### **FRIDAY:**

Art Fair Parking, all day, Church Parking Lot  
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room  
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away

### **SATURDAY:**

Art Fair Parking, all day, Church Parking Lot  
Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*