

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
July 19, 2009
Sixteenth 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.

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.

THOUGHT FOR YOUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Only one who is already loved can love; only one who has been trusted can trust; only one who has been an object of devotion can give oneself."
Rudolph Bultmann

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Toccata in D Minor

J. S. Bach

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**

based on Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths, I have called to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear my voice
and consider my prayers of intercession.**

Leader: I wait for you, O Lord, my soul waits.

People: **My soul waits for the Lord
as sentries keep watch at dawn.**

Leader: O People of God: Wait for the Lord.

***HYMN 360 Hope of the World**

Donne Secours

Verses 1 through 4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, giver of eternal truth in Jesus Christ, in your presence we now confess our sinfulness and our shortcomings. We have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts and forgotten your love. Forgive us for clutching the ways of the world. Lead us in the light of your truth that we might be imitators of you and live in love with all.

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.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 360 Hope of the World

Donne Secours

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, who by this sign
didst conquer grief and pain, we would be faithful to Thy gospel
glorious: Thou art Lord! Thou dost forever reign!**

SOLO Let Us Strive to Be Like Our Savior

J. S. Bach

*Let us strive to be like our savior, follow in His footsteps true. Ever forth
toward heaven marching, learning still more pure to be, standing fast in
Spirit free. Through His love all good bestowing! Blessed Savior, stand by
me; lead Thou on, I follow Thee. Let us strive to live like our Savior, He
our risen Lord and King. We partake of his salvation as in truth alone we
live; oh, what blessings He doth give, faithful Friend of man and nation.
Savior, may we live for Thee; may we ever faithful be.*

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (N.T., p. 194)

John 6:35, 41-51 (N.T., p. 98)

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 with one of the pastors.

HYMN 335 Though I May Speak

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SERMON Imitation Time

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30) ANTHEM The Lord is My Shepherd (Requiem) *John Rutter*

*The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in
a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall
convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for His
name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me. Thou hast
anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kind-
ness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.* Psalm 23

***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

(9:30) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome Adam Frederick Sherman, and his parents, Jeff and Jenny Sherman, and James and Tracy Roumell, as Adam is presented for the sacrament of baptism at his own request.

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 Adam Frederick is 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 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 388 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Angel's Story

*BENEDICTION

(9:30) CHORAL RESPONSE Lord, Let Us Now Depart *Charles Walton*
Lord let us now depart in peace and keep our hearts in praise. Be near us as we call to Thee and guide us on our way. Amen.

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Now Thank We All Our God *from Cantata 79*

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, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship services is the Reverend Brewster H. Gere.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Deborah Forger and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverend Deborah Knott at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

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

THE ORGANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE GUEST CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Brian Altevogt, Director of Choral Activities, Concordia University.

THE SOLOIST is Terence Farmer, tenor.

THE OBOIST is Jeffrey Padgett.

WE WELCOME Reid Sherard, Jr., to our Ministry of Music this morning. Reid, son of Reid and Genie Sherard, graduated from Greenhills School in June and will attend Carnegie Mellon University in the Humanity Scholars

Program in the fall. He has been a piano student of Nancy Klein for thirteen years.

THE READERS are Rudi Ansbacher at 8:00 a.m., Mira Collins at 9:30 a.m., and Katie Parker at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Rod and Joan Bentz and Elizabeth Southwick.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Virginia Patton Moss and Cruse W. Moss in loving memory of her aunt, Estelle Wright Cullen Healey.

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 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.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR AND COOKIES following the 9:30 a.m. service on the terrace (weather permitting) or in the Social Hall. The cookies provided are home-baked by our members. These treats may contain nuts or trace amounts of nuts. 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, First Presbyterian member Dee Valvanis presents a look at the life of Lillian Carter, Jimmy Carter's mother and a remarkable woman.

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

PROMISES, our fellowship group for developmentally disabled adults, will worship together at 11:00 a.m., and then go bowling! They will meet at noon at Colonial Lanes (1950 S. Industrial Highway).

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 met this past week and continues making progress toward selecting an Interim Pastor.

* The Self-Study Committee had its organizing meeting this past Wednesday evening. The Reverend Phil Reed, Pastor of the Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church, is the Presbytery of Detroit's representative in the process.

Announcements

YOUTH UPDATE:

Keys Meetings in July:

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

July 29, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., location to be announced

Keys at the Lake: Come out to Whitmore Lake (the home of Jean Baker, 11940 N. Main St., Whitmore Lake) on Friday, July 24, from 11:00

a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for swimming, eating, Frisbee, and chilling. The cost is \$10. Those with last names beginning with A-E should bring cans of soda or bottled water, F-M should bring dessert, and N-Z should bring sides. Subs will be provided. To sign up, Call RJ at 662-4466, ext. 20, by July 22.

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.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE:

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 will be 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, or leave a message at 663-4466, 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.

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADER TEAM WILL HAVE OPENINGS in the next year. The Leader Team works to direct our church's Stephen Ministry program and provide ongoing support and supervision to the current Stephen Ministers. If you are interested in serving, contact Nicole Jolliet at njolliet@sbcglobal.net.

HILLTOPPERS UPDATE:

Monday Movie Morning: Join us 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.

Good Food, Great Gardens, and Friendship! A week from Wednesday, on July 29, at 10:00 a.m., we'll meet at the church and carpool out to Chelsea, to the home of Marge and David Mastie, for a potluck. We'll tour their extraordinary gardens, and enjoy good food and fellowship. Rides from the church to Chelsea will be provided via a few drivers with vans, but if you cannot get to the church and need a pick-up, let us know. We'll be back in Ann Arbor by 1:00 p.m. Sign up by Monday, July 27 by calling or emailing the church office, 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR REV. DEBORAH FORGER (NÉE KNOTT): On Sunday, August 2, First Presbyterian Church will honor Rev. Deborah Forger for her service to the church during her time here as a Lilly Resident. Deborah is completing her two-year residency with us and 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 once again sponsoring a summer of Family Playdates on Tuesdays for moms, dads, families and children of all ages. All you need to do is show up! For details or to be added to the group email list, contact Carolyn Gehrke (572-5832, cell 262-1163, gehrkecj@hotmail.com) or Nancy Meyers, 734-718-9133 cell, nmeyers@comcast.net). A group 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 21.** We will go blueberry picking at the Dexter Blueberry Farm, 11024 Beach Road (www.geocities.com/blueberryfarm), at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch if you like (and a blanket, as there are no picnic tables).

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 20 - 25

MONDAY:

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Baptism Class #2, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
KEYS in July, 6:00 p.m., Briggs' home, 3890 Waldenwood
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Small Group Bible Study, 4:00 p.m., Founders Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
KEYS at the Lake, 11:00 a.m., Baker home, 11940 N. Main,
Whitmore Lake

SATURDAY:

No Events Scheduled



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*