

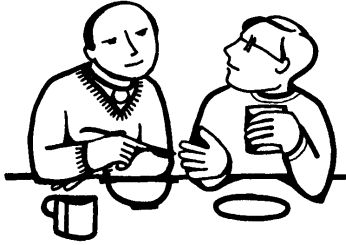
The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan

July 26, 2009

Seventeenth 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.



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Prelude in G Major

Arthur Foote

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**

adapted from Psalm 145

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

God's greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud His works to another,
and shall declare God's mighty acts.

**People: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all.**

Leader: The Lord shows compassion over all of creation.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**All: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

***HYMN 420 God of Grace and God of Glory**

Cwm Rhondda

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have given us an abundance of your grace and goodness. Our lives overflow with your love. Yet we have failed to share faithfully from all that you have provided. We have hoarded our blessings, held back our forgiveness, and served ourselves first. We have compared ourselves to one another and questioned why others have more. Forgive us, and change us, that we might express your generosity, hospitality, and holiness more fully in our daily living.

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.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-21 (N.T., pp. 97-98)

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 329 Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30) SOLO The Rune of Hospitality

Charles Heaton

I saw a stranger yesterday e'en; I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place. Music in the listening place; and in the blessed name of the Triune, He blessed myself and my house, my cattle and my dear ones. And the lark said in her song, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

Gaelic, 14th century

***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) RECOGNITION OF WESTMINSTER CAMPERS

The children and youth of First Presbyterian Church will attend Camp Westminster, on Higgins Lake, August 2 to August 8. Please keep them in your prayers:

Bethany Balint, Lindsay Balint, Mikyle Bartkowiak, Will Brinkerhoff, Charlie Butz, Andrew Chen, Hannah Chen, Samuel Chen, Jack Derloshan, David Endicott, Elizabeth Engel, Phoebe Engel, Clayton Farmer, Emily Ferry, Nicole France, Jessa Gargan, Sarah Gargan, Ryan Gooch, Daniel Heidorn, Grace Heidorn, Jenna King, Josh King, Emily Kuttner, Alexa Mikhail, Kristen Mikhail, Kate Monnett, Aedan Mulcrone, J. D. Retzer, Jim Retzer, Shawn Roberts, Lydia Schaafsma, Alyssa Scheske, Lillian Scheske, Madison Squires, Alan Stahl, Laura Stahl, Sammy Talsma, Calvin Thrall, Eliza Thrall, Erin Tichenor, Sean Tichenor, Nathaniel Tomtishen, Annika Weiss, and Slava Yuhasz.

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 421 The Church of Christ in Every Age**

Wareham

***BENEDICTION**

(9:30) **VOLUNTARY** Fugue in F Minor

Johann Ludwig Krebs

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.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship services is the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers.

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

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

THE ORGANIST is Sarah Albright.

THE SOLOIST is Leslie Smith, soprano.

THE READERS are Sara Vander Voort at 8:00 a.m., Carol Fletcher at 9:30 a.m. and George Weinhagen at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Paul and Georgia Goodman and Virginia Bailey.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of, and to celebrate, the 65th wedding anniversary today of Polly and Karl Binder.

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 con-

tain 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 today at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for conversation.

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

On July 15, 2009 the Church Self-Study Committee met with the Rev. Phil Read, our liaison to the Presbytery of Detroit, to learn about the process of working on a self-study. The Committee will be meeting weekly, and hopes to complete its work, including the preparation of the report, by Christmas.

The members of the Committee are: Elder Erika Boothman, Marc Buchanan, Mark Goodhart, Elder Sue Jeffers, Cindy King, Virginia Koster, Sarah Stitt and Pat Tamblyn. They intend to be open to questions and suggestions throughout the process.

In the meantime, the Personnel Committee continues with the search for an interim Senior Pastor. They have reviewed a good selection of resumes/Personal Information Forms, interviewed several promising candidates, and hope to make a recommendation to Session soon. Marlys Schutjer, Chair of the Personnel Committee, thanks the congregation for their input and ideas for the interim period.

Announcements

YOUTH UPDATE:

The last Keys Meeting in July will be July 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., location to be announced.

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.

Art Fair Parking earned a total of \$6,963 for youth mission programs. Thanks to all who helped and all who parked!

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! On Wednesday, 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.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED FOR GLACIER HILLS RESIDENTS: Following the regular weekly worship at Glacier Hills, led by Rev. Jana Reister, on Wednesday, July 29, our Glacier residents will celebrate her special ministry to them. Jana, one of our three Lilly Ministers in Residence, has been assigned these past two years to care for our members at Glacier Hills. First Pres deacons will host a reception following worship for the residents of Glacier Hills that day. If you would like to contribute cookies, please call the Church Office at 662-4466. If you'd like to help our members in nursing care to get from their room to the service, contact Mary McKeever at marymcke@med.umich.edu.

JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION in Monteith Hall on August 1, 15, and 29 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. 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).

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 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 is July 28.** We will visit the Plymouth Township Park Sprayscape, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beck Road in Plymouth, at 9:30 a.m. Bring lunch if you like, and bathing suits and towels.

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 the hospital and rehabilitation center 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 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.

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 27 - August 1

MONDAY:

Hilltoppers Monday Movie Morning, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104
Residency Program Finance Task Force, 4:30 p.m., Founders Room
MIDS Wombat, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room

WEDNESDAY:

Hilltoppers Mastie Garden Tour, 10:00 a.m., Parking Lot
Glacier Gathering, 3:00 p.m., away
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., away

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Elijah Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Communion Set-Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*