

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
July 4, 2010
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Family Worship*



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.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type. * Please stand if you are able. As we prepare for worship, please turn off all cell phones and beepers.

Thought for Your Preparation for Worship

We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.

—James Madison

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The service of worship commences with the voluntary; quiet is requested.

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY An Improvisational Suite

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

People: Happy are the people whom God has chosen as the Lord's heritage.

Leader: Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God.

People: God is a refuge for us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
 Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
 Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee

And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!
 Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law!
 Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness And ev-ery gain di-vine!
 And crown thy good with *broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator and Defender: you led men and women and children to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and liberty. Yet we have failed to make this a land where all are welcome and know equal opportunity. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair and helpful to each other and to other nations. Raise in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks our nation's good and the good of all. Through Jesus Christ the Lord we pray. 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) KYRIE

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

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 you greet one another, we invite you to shake hands or 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



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:1-14 (O.T., pp. 160-61)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(9:30) A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children through grade five may come up front to meet with one of the pastors. Afterwards, children through second grade may be dismissed.

HYMN 561 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

America

1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees
 4. Our *fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing; Land where my *fa - thers died, Land of the
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that
 To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With free-dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun-tain - side Let free-dom ring.
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take, Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

SERMON My Country Right and Wrong

RESPONDING

WELCOME

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30) ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing? *Quaker hymn, arr. Gwyneth Walker*
My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real though distant song that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it's living! What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it's giving! No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging. When friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

(11:00) SOLO Prayer of St. Francis *Sue and Mary Swain*
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith. And where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy! Divine Master, divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life! St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226

THE SACRAMENT OF 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 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 for communion contain non-alcoholic grape juice. Worshipers are invited to come forward to the intinction stations. For intinction, take a wafer of bread and dip it in the chalice, then partake. If you are unable to come forward, an elder or deacon will serve you where you are seated. Please signify to your server if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you have welcomed us into your presence and filled us with your Spirit through word, bread, and cup. Send us now into the world bearing your reconciling love, drawing ever closer to you, and loving our neighbors as you love us all. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN This Is My Song

Finlandia

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions; _____
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean; _____
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms: _____

— A song of peace for lands a - far and mine; _____
— And sun - light beams on clo - ver leaf and pine. _____
— Thy king - dom come, on earth Thy will be done. _____

— This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 — But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 — Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve Him,

— Here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine.
 — And skies are ev' - ry - where as blue as mine.
 — And hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

— But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 — O hear my song, O God of all the na - tions:
 — O hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

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— With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 — A song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 — My - self I give Thee, Let Thy will be done.

*BENEDICTION

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Battle Hymn of the Republic

For those desiring prayer, the Prayer Team is available following the 9:30 worship service in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. 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 Julie Marks, Jenny McDevitt, and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverends Matthew Nickel and Sarah Wiles at 11:00 a.m.

THE PIANIST is Ilya Blinov at the 8:00 a.m. service, and Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOIST is Kathy Wirstrom.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Mark and Sandy Fogarty.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Malcolm Powers and Eleanor Hauser.

This is our Lord's will ... that our prayer and our trust be, alike, large. - Julian of Norwich

Today's Events

FAMILY WORSHIP: The 8:00 a.m. worship service will be held in the Sanctuary, and the 11:00 a.m. worship service will be held in Monteith Hall. The 5:45 p.m. worship service is on hiatus for the summer. Today, our 9:30 a.m. worship service will be held outside, under a tent on the Hill Street property. Beginning next week, July 11 through September 5, there will be two worship services. 8:00 a.m. worship will be held in Monteith Hall and 9:30 a.m. worship will be held in the Sanctuary. **(There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service.)** We will return to our fall worship schedule on September 12.

CHILDCARE meets at 9:30 a.m. for crib-four year olds. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FOURTH OF JULY COFFEE HOUR on the terrace (weather permitting), or in the Social Hall (weather not permitting), following the 9:30 a.m. service. Special fourth of July music, including Stars and Stripes forever, will be featured. Special guest Deborah Ash will add to our enjoyment as she plays the piccolo. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We encourage you to join us for food and fellowship!

MATURE SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, bring along a pint of your favorite ice cream or some fixings and we'll have an ice cream social.

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Thomas and Cora Slavens.

Announcements

NEW BACKPACKS STILL NEEDED: Last week at Summer Vacation Bible School, children brought in school supplies that will be donated to Alpha House. In addition to the school supplies, we would also like to donate new, sturdy backpacks. Sooooo, we are asking the members of the congregation to consider donating such backpacks for this project. Alpha House provides temporary shelter, food and support services to families experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. Our congregation supports Alpha House through the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Good quality backpacks are important because these children are packing all of their worldly possessions in them. Both Costco and Walmart have a good sturdy backpack for about \$15. Other stores like Target, Meijers, Kmart, Office Depot and Office Max also carry good quality backpacks for about \$25 to \$30 (look for sales.) On September 5, we will include these backpacks and supplies in our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks." For further information contact Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education, at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

YOUTH NEWS:

All hands on deck for Art Fair Parking! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for Youth Mission. We need at least 30 people – parents, older adults, twenty-somethings and everyone in between – to help during this great event, Wednesday, July 21 to Saturday, July 24. Volunteer jobs include directing traffic, taking money, serving cold water, keeping an eye on the available parking spaces, and more. Contact Rev. Jim Monnett to sign up for one or two shifts at 734-662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

MIDS Wet Wombat will be held Tuesday, July 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All new 6th-8th graders are invited to come out for great games, pizza, water balloons, and other assorted mayhem for the Wombat (a furry animal who loves to have extreme fun).

Youth & Parents: Coming this fall ... We will be serving concessions during home U-M football games at Booth 38 as a fundraiser again. We need 15 volunteers to help September 18 (UMASS), October 9 (MSU), and as an added bonus, on December 11, for a hockey game against MSU. Sign up now and help us raise money for youth mission! Contact Rev. Jim Monnett to sign up (734-662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

SUMMER TRIPS WITH HILLTOPPERS (60 AND UP) - SIGN UP NOW! Each summer, Hilltoppers travels to interesting places to learn and explore together. For all events, sign up with Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext.12, or call the Church Office.

- **Monday, July 12 - Pewabic Pottery in Detroit.** The deadline to sign up is today, July 4. We leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for the tour.
- **Thursday, August 26 - Toledo Museum of Art and Glass Pavilion.** The deadline to sign up is August 15. We leave at 9:00 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Admission is free!

CELEBRATING THE SUMMERS: At First Presbyterian Church, we have an outstanding pair of archivists who work diligently every week to help us maintain the chronicle of the church's life and history. Everything from *First Press* to audio and text sermons, to a newspaper index,

to ministers' portraits are organized and protected under the watchful eye of Larry and Pearl Summers. After investing more than 10,000 volunteer hours in the hard work of archiving the active life of this vital congregation, our staff felt it was high time to finally say thank you to the Summers.

On July 18, at the coffee hour, we will celebrate the work of Larry and Pearl. As it happens, a few short weeks ago, they celebrated 55 years of marriage. On July 27, Larry celebrates his 80th birthday. Pearl follows closely, celebrating her 80th on August 27. This is a fitting time to say thanks to them and show them our appreciation. Come and say thank you to Larry and Pearl. Stay and tour the archives at an 11:00 a.m. open house. (If you've never been there, the archives are located on the 1st floor.)

Friends in Christ, there are many unsung heroes at First Presbyterian Church. Larry and Pearl are two people who have a rather hidden but critical ministry. They are eager to share the work with new volunteers who have interest and expertise.

YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES...First Pres will be doing a photo directory of our membership, produced by Olan Mills, with picture-taking starting this coming September. On Sundays, July 11, 18 and 25, you will have your first opportunities to sign up for your appointment. Please participate! Sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center before and after each service. A church photo directory is a valuable resource for all church members, committees and staff. Each participating family or individual will receive a free 8x10 custom portrait, with the opportunity (but not the obligation) to purchase additional photos in varying sizes. All members will receive a free directory when the books are completed.

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 July 5 - 10

MONDAY:

Independence Day Observed - Building Closed

TUESDAY:

No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center

TnT Book Study, 7:30 Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away

SATURDAY:

Jean Debbink Memorial Service, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7-12

July 4, 2010 • Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

A Mission for Jesus' Followers

Jesus sent out His followers 2 by 2 ahead of Him. He told them their work would be difficult.

Unscramble the letters in each animal to spell its name. Then use the numbered letters to complete the sentence below.



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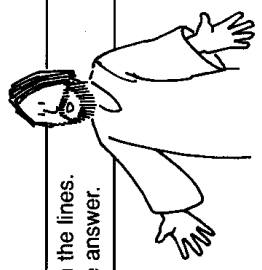
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The followers did what Jesus said. Then they returned with joy to Jesus. What did Jesus tell them to do?



Write the name of each picture on the lines. The letters in the boxes spell the answer.





