

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
March 14, 2010
Fourth Sunday in Lent*



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*.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Concerto for Trombone and Piano, Movement 1
Lonny Grondahl

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.

(9:30/11:00) MINUTE FOR MISSION Detroit Mission Weekend

Karen Plant

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 22:23-31

One: Stand before the LORD in holy fear:

All: **You have not hidden your face from me,
but you heard when I cried out to you.**

One: Glorify the LORD with reverence and awe:

All: **You, O LORD, are the source of my praise;
in the great congregation I will praise you.**

One: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

All: **those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

*HYMN 292 All Beautiful the March of Days

Forest Green

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who comes to us in love, we come now in confession and repentance. You call us to love and serve others, but we cling to self-interest and small-mindedness. We pursue our own way and seek to prosper ourselves. Despite your generosity and comfort, we are too full of complaints toward you and those around us. Despite your compassion and love for us and all people, we are too full of judgment and fear. Though we come seeking your forgiveness for all the ways we sin, we hoard the forgiveness that others would ask of us. Forgive us, welcome us, and reconcile us to you and one another, we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

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 we are in flu season, we encourage you to participate in "touch free" passing of the peace. As you greet one another, rather than shaking hands, 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 (#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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 32 (O.T., pp. 506-7)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32(N.T., pp. 78-79)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(9:30/11:00) A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children through grade five may be seated at the foot of the chancel steps to meet with one of the pastors.

*HYMN 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM Chorus of the Faithful, from "Prodigal Son"

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Gratias tibi Deus clemens tibi, pater misericors. Gratias immortales, qui errantes dirigis in viam rectam. Gratias immortales, Deus clemens, pater misericors qui peccantes vocas ad veniam et errantes dirigis in viam rectam.

(Tr.) Thanks be to you, O merciful Lord, thanks be to you, compassionate father, thanks be to you. Endless thanks be to you, who set those who are lost on the right path. Merciful God, compassionate father, endless thanks be to you who call sinners to pardon and set those who are lost on the right path.

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:30) Kim and Scott Weaver are presenting their daughter, Jane Catherine Weaver, born July 27, 2009, for baptism.

(11:00) Brandy and Matthew Arrol are presenting their daughter, Sydney Virginia Arrol, born September 18, 2009, for baptism.

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 Jane Catherine and Sydney Virginia are 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

CHORAL RESPONSE Lord, May Thy Word Abide Charles Walton
Lord, may Thy Word abide in us and ever guide our way; make us to follow in Thy steps and grant us peace, O Lord. Amen.

*During this solemn season of Lent, there will be no postludes.
On Easter morning, we will return to the festive organ music of resurrection.*

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. worship service is the Reverend Matthew Nickel. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Jim Monnett.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jenny McDevitt at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Jenny McDevitt, Jim Monnett, and Matthew Nickel at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Matthew Nickel, and Sarah Wiles at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Julie Marks at 5:45 p.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Ilya Blinov.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE ORGANISTS are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

THE INSTRUMENTALISTS are Jakob Hildebrant, church member and a junior at Huron High School. Accompanying him at the piano is his father, Dr. Friedhelm Hildebrandt, also a church member.

THE READERS are Ruth Barnard at 8:00 a.m., Sara Glinka Endicott at 9:30 a.m., and Erin A. Wilson at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Kim Winick and Susan Wei and Dave Larrouy. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Paul and Carol Smith and Lois Foyle.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Susan Cares and Ginny Rezmierski.

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. Youth "Munch and Mingle" and Sunday school for sixth through twelfth graders meet in Monteith Hall. Confirmation class meets for Munch and Mingle in Monteith Hall, then has class in the Youth Room.

ADULT EDUCATION:

At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. The class is currently studying the book of Matthew. Everyone is welcome to attend!

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, Terence McGinn, a lecturer in the UM Department of sociology specializing in religion and education, will lead a class on "Religion and the Founding of the University of Michigan."

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will watch part seven of the Bible DVD, "Folklore Analysis and Text."

CHILDREN'S LENTEN MISSION PROJECT BEGINS TODAY: Each year, during the season of Lent, the children of our congregation participate in a "giving" project. This year they will join with the congregation in contributing to our annual gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. Today, the children will receive a "fish" bank in their Sunday School classroom and a Sharing Calendar with suggestions for coins they might put in their banks during Lent. The Sunday School classes will also follow the "sheep path" on the 400 level to discover ways that they can take up Jesus' commandment "Do you love me? Feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17). On Palm Sunday, March 28, the children should return their coin-filled fish banks to their Sunday School classroom. Their gifts will then be forwarded on to One Great Hour of Sharing. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 15.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR in the Social Hall, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We encourage you to join us for food and fellowship!

HAS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE BEEN CHECKED RECENTLY? Martine Blogin, R.N. will be in the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room)

today from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. to check your blood pressure and offer heart health information. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

SIGN UP FOR SATURDAY SUPPERS ENDS TODAY! On Saturday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m., meet 7, 8, or 9 other church members for dinner, share great food, and enjoy an evening in someone's home! Those who participate are assigned to a host home and are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert. You can volunteer to be a host home (and provide the main dish) when you sign up. This event is open to singles, couples, and families. Interested? Sign up at coffee hour today, or contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 662-4466, ext. 12.

DETROIT MISSION PROJECT MINUTE FOR MISSION SPEAKER: Karen Plant is the project coordinator at Cass Community Social Services, our host for the First Presbyterian's Intergenerational Mission Project in Detroit, April 23 – 24. She will be available to answer questions regarding the mission project from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Cass Community Social Services provides numerous services for the homeless, single mothers and women, and disadvantaged populations of Detroit. Cass has outlined an experience for First Pres not only to participate in a wide variety of service projects but to gain an understanding of how we can relate and serve our neighbors in southeast Michigan.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Singles member Marcy Toon will continue the discussion of the book *Men of Fire: Torchbearers of the Gospel*, by Walter Russell Bowie.

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

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS ... AND DAFFODILS! You will notice the presence of hundreds of daffodils in the Sanctuary this morning. They are provided by the Board of Deacons and will be delivered randomly to members of our congregation, just to brighten the day of those who receive them.

THE PHILIPPINE TASK FORCE MEETS TODAY in the French Room/Library after the 11:00 a.m. service. Our focus will be planning the 8th Annual First Presbyterian Rummage Sale, Saturday, April 17. Please mark your calendars for the rummage sale and to attend the planning meeting.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Elizabeth Lyzenga Waterman, who died March 10, 2009, by her parents David and Ann Lyzenga.

Announcements

QUAD D BRUNCH: Members of Quad D and their family and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad D potluck brunch on Sunday, March 21. The festivities will begin at noon in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us to meet your fellow chapel members, get to know your deacon and share fun, fellowship and a delicious meal! For more information contact Polly Pan at ppan3650@sbcglobal.net, or 997-0338.

INTERFAITH ROUND TABLE OF WASHTENAW COUNTY continues its five part winter/spring series on "The Divine Language of Music," with its third theme, "Instrumental Music," on Sunday, March 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 608 E. William Street. Parking is available in the Maynard/William Street parking structure. Three local musicians/groups will perform and explore the meaning of their music; organist Daniel Forger, AAGO, Dr. Stephen Eddins and his percussionists, and Matt Endahl and the Quartex jazz ensemble. The suggested donation is \$10. For more information, call 424-1535, or email gbrides@umich.edu.

JOIN THE HUNT FOR EASTER EGGS, SATURDAY, MARCH 27: Join us for our annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt! On Saturday, March 27 (a full week before Easter), from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., we'll have an Easter egg hunt here at church. There will be separate egg hunts for preschoolers and elementary-age kids. We'll start out in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. for some pre-egg hunt activities, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m., and then return to the Social Hall for more crafts and activities. It should be a fun morning for all, and a good time to invite a friend. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

DETROIT MISSION PROJECT SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: The Detroit Intergenerational Mission Project will be held April 23 and 24. In order to accommodate a growing number of people who want to be involved in the Detroit Mission Trip but are unable to spend Saturday night (April 24), **the mission trip will conclude Saturday evening** after an evening service with the gospel group, the Ambassadors, at Cass United Methodist Church. Applications may be picked up in the Social Hall today. Completed applications and waivers (including \$25 check with "Detroit" on the memo line) can be given to Rev. Matthew Nickel.

Donations are also being accepted for the Detroit Mission Project. Donations will be used for two purposes: to assist Cass Community Social Services in the purchase of cots for the over 5,000 volunteers who offer their help annually, and to help offset the costs of the trip. The cots are \$40 each. There is an extra benefit with respect to the cots – we get to use them! If you would like to make a donation, please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Donation – Detroit Mission" on the memo line.

PW MONTHLY GATHERING: Join us on Wednesday, March 17, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A Bible study begins the morning at 9:15 a.m., in the Lewis Room. The featured program at 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall is "Jeane Seeley, A Life of Service," presented by Martha Krehbiel and Virginia Koster. Lunch follows in the Social Hall (\$7), make your reservation today in the Church Office or with your circle leader. All members and friends are welcome to attend any or all of the morning's events.

Looking Ahead: First Pres will host the April 7 meeting of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit. The speaker will be the Rev. Estelle Aaron, a retired pastor in the Presbytery.

JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION in Monteith Hall on Saturday, March 20, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information, contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

SIGN UP FOR COMMUNION TRAINING BY MARCH 28: For elders and deacons (previously ordained or currently serving) who would like to serve the 9:30 a.m. pew service but have not been trained, a training will be offered on Communion Sunday, April 11 (Sunday morning) at 8:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. This time also works well as a refresher course. Those who are trained at 8:15 a.m. should be able to serve immediately at the 9:30 a.m. service which follows, providing you sign up by March 28. Let Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers know if you intend to join the session.

DONATE EASTER LILIES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 4 to decorate the chancel on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one. Sign up in the Church Office or at the Welcome Center on the clipboard provided. Clearly print the name of the person for whom the flowers are given. Lilies are \$17 each, the deadline for donating is **Monday, March 29 at noon**. After Easter services, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends in our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut-in.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR NEXT WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE: The next week for First Presbyterian to provide hosting at Alpha House (a family shelter on Jackson Road) is April 5-11, the week of local area schools' Spring Break. Many volunteers are needed to help serve as evening hosts and make meals. If you would like to participate, watch for the sign-up posters at church or contact Nancy Vander Kuyl at nanspan@gmail.com.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHANCEL FLOWER RECORDS. If you have requested a Sunday to provide flowers for the chancel in memory or honor of a loved one, or would like to do so in the future, please contact Mary Jones at 662-4466, ext. 19, or email mjones@firstpresbyterian.org. We would like to confirm the date of your requested Sunday and the information about whom you are remembering or honoring. **Please note: We are confirming information about our weekly chancel flower requests, not annual Easter lily or Christmas poinsettia lists.** Thank you for your assistance.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME . . . Beat those winter blues, make plans now to join us for our annual Tigers game outing on May 16! Come cheer on the Tigers as they take on the Boston Red Sox -- and spend time with your church friends and family, as well. The game begins at 1:00 p.m. Meet us there or extend the fellowship time by traveling with us by chartered bus from the church parking lot, departing immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The bus will return to the church around 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$26 each, with an additional fee for bus transportation. **Tickets are on sale until April 11, and may be purchased during the Sunday coffee hour in the Social Hall or through the church office.** Watch the bulletin and church newsletter for additional information as it is available. Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt (662-4466, ext. 55, jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org).

THE 2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT: *Turning into the Noise . . . Tuning into God.* Join us April 17 and 18 for a time of retreat with opportunities for free time, good food, great conversation, spiritual deepening, laughter, singing, and even quiet! We'll spend these 24 hours together at the Weber Center (where we have both single and double rooms reserved) in Adrian, Michigan. The retreat will be led by four clergywomen – Jenny McDevitt, Sarah Wiles, Melissa Anne Rogers, and special guest leader and speaker Susan Systma Bratt. All women of the church are welcome. A registration brochure is being mailed to all women of our church.

ART OF THE CHURCH IN BOOK FORM TO BE MADE AVAILABLE: Recently there appeared on the church's website (www.firstpresbyterian.org) a section called "Art of the Church." If you wish to take a look, click first on "About First Presbyterian" and then click on "Art of the Church-Windows and Nave" and "Art of the Church-In the Building." This wonderful work exists thanks to the research and writing of Ann Andrews and appears on the website thanks to Tom Brandt. To obtain a copy of this material in book form, send an email to bhill@firstpresbyterian.org, or call the Church Office (734-662-4466) and ask to sign up for a copy/copies of *Art of the Church* in book form. Cost of each copy, which will be spiral bound, is \$25. The deadline for ordering is Friday, March 12. Only as many copies as are ordered will be printed. Our thanks to Ann for this labor of love.

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 March 15-20

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Lenten Study, 11:00 a.m., Lewis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Finance Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social 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
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Common Cup
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Abide/Evangelism Ad Hoc Committee, 5:30 p.m., Vance Room
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room
Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,
Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

PW Gather /Study/ Lunch, 9:15 a.m., Lewis Room/Monteith and Social Halls
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center

Wednesday 2:42:

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir,
Alleluia Choir
5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall
6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Class, Youth Choir, Adult Education Class, Lenten Study
New Member Class

Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101
Session, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary/Curtis Room
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Lenten Study, 7:45 a.m., Vance Room
OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m.,
Lewis Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave

FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Blue Lake Painting Project, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*