

*The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
March 1, 2009  
First Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday*

**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card. 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. 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).

**THOUGHT FOR YOUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP  
THIS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

*It must be considered that there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things. For the reformer has enemies in all those who profit by the old order, and only lukewarm defenders in all those who would profit by the new order, this lukewarmness arriving partly from fear of their adversaries, who have the laws in their favor; and partly from the incredulity of (humanity), who do not truly believe in anything new until they have had an actual experience of it. Thus it arises that on every opportunity for attacking the reformer, the opponents do so with the zeal of partisans, the others only defend him halfheartedly, so that between them he runs great danger.*

*Machiavelli, The Prince*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

**GATHERING**

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY

Elegy

*Harold Friedell*

**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 25*

**Leader:** The days are beginning to lengthen,  
but Creation continues in winter's grip.

**People:** **This first Sunday in Lent, O Lord, we lift up our hearts.**

**Leader:** In you do we trust, O our God.

**People:** **Show us your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths.**

**Leader:** Guide us in your truth and teach us,  
for you are our God and our Savior.

**People:** **Our hope is in you, O God.**

**Leader:** Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 139** Come, Thou Almighty King

*Italian Hymn*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, who in Christ Jesus proclaimed the coming of your Kingdom and who called for people to repent and believe in the Good News: we confess that we have not focused our lives on your Kingdom. We have not obeyed Christ's command to change our lives to fit your new order of things. Forgive us and show us the way out of the wilderness of our lives and into your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

## SILENT CONFESSION

## KYRIE



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## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Following the Assurance of Forgiveness, worshipers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the right hand of fellowship, and greet them with the words: "The peace of Christ be with you." Worshipers are invited to respond with the words, "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

Mark 1:9-15 (N.T., p. 35)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

**HYMN 81 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days St. Flavian**

**SERMON** Initiating a New Order of Things

## RESPONDING

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) **ANTHEM** The Lamb

John Tavener

*Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead; gave the clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee: Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb. He is meek and he is mild; he became a little child. I, a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

William Blake, 1757-1827

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY 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 up 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 and cups for pew communion contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. (9:30) Worshipers may remain in the pews to be served by Elders and Deacons. (8:00/11:00) Communion will be served by intinction. Beginning with the front rows, worshipers are invited to come forward by the center aisle, receive a wafer of bread and dip it in the chalice, partake, and return to their seats by a side aisle. Those unable to come forward will be served where they are seated.*

(9:30/11:00) COMMUNION MUSIC Two Renaissance Hymns

*Orlando Di Lasso*

Presbyterian Recorder Ensemble

### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: and forget not all God's blessings.**

## SENDING

\*HYMN 272 God of the Sparrow

*Roeder*

\*BENEDICTION

(9:30/11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE    *The Lord Bless You* Charles Walton  
*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you,  
and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and  
give you peace. Amen.*

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

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*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. worship services is the Reverend Brewster H. Gere. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Aaron Janklow.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are the Reverend Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m., and the Reverends Aaron Janklow and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

**THE VIOLINIST** is Susan Morrison.

**THE MEMBERS OF THE RECORDER ENSEMBLE** include Ann Flowers, Kathy Wirstrom, Diane Knibbs, Marian West, Kendra Reid (clarinet), and Linda Speck (director).

**THE READERS** are Karl Bartscht at 8:00 a.m., Frank Bongiorno at 9:30 a.m., and confirmand Jessa Gargan at 11:00 a.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Lori and Bill Wolters and Ruth Primas. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Carol and Robert Thompson, and Karen Mundus.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of their son Douglas Lane by Carolyn and Bob Harris.

## *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. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

### **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:**

**At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library**, the Rev. Ed Koster continues to lead the class through the Bible, currently studying the book of Acts.

**The 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room**, Rabbi Robert Dobrosin, Rabbi of Beth Israel Congregation since 1988 and a founding member of the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County, will present "The Significance of Passover." Passover is one of the most important festivals of the Jewish year. Rabbi Dobrosin will discuss the rituals, their Biblical and Rabbinic origins, and the meaning of the holiday to Jews today.

**FIRST COUPLES** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, members will discuss chapters 7 through 12 of the book, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson and David Relin.

**FIRST SINGLES** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will discuss volunteer opportunities in Washtenaw County.

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

**KEYSTONES** meets tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

## Announcements

**DO THE IRONMAN!** KEYSTONES challenges YOU to run a total of 26.2 miles, bike a total of 112 miles, and swim a total of 2.4 miles during the month of March! Sign up today for the First Pres Ironman Competition and track your progress outside Rev. Jim Monnett's office. Weekly prizes will be awarded! Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett at 662-4466, ext. 20, or [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY** in the Church Office, or on the boards around the church. We will be reading *An Altar in the World; A Geography of Faith*, by Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor. Class offerings and leaders are:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., led by Rev. Jana Reister at Glacier Hills

Tuesdays, Noon, led by Rev. Deborah Knott

Wednesdays, Noon, led by Rev. Aaron Janklow

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., led by Rev. Bill Findlay at Wednesday 2:42

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., led by Rev. Eldon Beery

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., led by Kathy Wirstrom and choir members.

Those who sign up will have first priority for the study books, available in the Church Office for \$20. Books will be available for those not participating in the study beginning March 3. Questions? Contact Rev. Aaron Janklow at [ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 54.

**"LONELINESS AND ISOLATION,"** a presentation by Deb Hutton, Ph.D., is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, March 9, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**GRIEVING WELL, A WEDNESDAY 2:42 ADULT ED CLASS**, will be held Wednesday, March 4, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., led by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Director of Pastoral Care. Grief is universal. How can we handle grief in a way that is healthy, holistic, and true to our faith traditions? Participants will learn that grief is a necessary element of life and how we deal with grief is affected by the narratives that structure our lives, our racial and cultural attitudes toward grief, and our ability to find a community where we can safely and genuinely grieve. You are welcome to attend dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall (\$5) before class. Sign up by calling the Church Office at 662-4466.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOST PWPD** (Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Detroit) on Monday, March 9. Dessert will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. All women are invited to attend and meet women from Farmington First, Howell, Milford, Northville, White Lake, Orchard Lake Community, Waterford Community and Westland Kirk of Our Savior. At 7:40 p.m. in Monteith Hall, the Reverends Melissa Anne Rogers and Deborah Knott will present "Celebrating the Gifts of Women." Call Moderator Ruth Barnard, 995-0281, if you can help with arrangements that evening.

**HILLTOPPERS MEET FOR LUNCH, LECTURE** and discussion on Thursday, March 12 at noon in the Social Hall. If you are 60 or older, come and hear David McNeil, chaplain at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, discuss pastoral care in a hospital setting. Sign up by noon on March 10 by calling the church office at 662-4466, or email Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**COME TO THE WATERS:** A Retreat to Renew Women of Faith, our annual women's retreat, will be held March 14 and 15 at the Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan. Women of all ages are invited to attend this weekend of spiritual renewal, led by the Reverends Deborah Knott, Jana Reister, and Melissa Anne Rogers. The cost is \$80 and space is limited. Register by picking up a brochure at the Welcome Center, downloading it from our website, [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org), or calling the Church

Office, 662-4466. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, 662-4466 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

**APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR PW SCHOLARSHIP:** Each year, the Presbyterian Women of our church provide scholarship funds to aid college women engaged in seminary training or training for Christian ministry. They are now seeking applicants for this year's award. Interested women are asked to contact Katie Beery at ebeery@juno.com, or 997-9678, or Eleanor Shaw at 996-9139. Applications must be received by Friday, April 24.

**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. Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

## *Calendar for March 2 - 7*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Residency and Candidacy Committee, noon, Vance Room  
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
W.E.B.S., 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Lewis Room  
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403  
Costa Rica Student/Parent Meeting, 8:00 p.m., Monteith Hall  
Campus Ministry Music, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Glacier Hills  
Osher Class Writing Workshop, 1:30 p.m., Curtis Room  
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom  
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room  
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 a.m., away

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Lenten Study, noon, Vance Room  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)  
Delonis Center  
Fellowship Group Ministry, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room  
**Wednesday 2:42:**  
5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna and Alleluia Choirs  
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, TnT Bible Study, Adult Education Classes,  
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, Lenten Study, Compline

### **THURSDAY:**

Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Program, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Vision and Strategy, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Room TBA  
Abide Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

### **FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room  
Campus Core Group, 2:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel  
Pilgrims of Ibillin Holyland Travelers return home

### **SATURDAY:**

Stephen Ministry Training, 9:00 a.m., Room 104  
Residency Interviews



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*