

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
March 21, 2010
Fifth 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*.

*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.

Hearing assistive devices, large print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

*The service of worship commences with the voluntary;
quiet is requested as you enter the nave.*

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Jesus, Friend of All the Children *Grace Jones*

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Nominating Committee

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

(8:00/9:30) Brady West

(11:00) Lisa Kerr Johnson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: By grace we have been saved through faith.

All: **And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.**

One: For we are God's handiwork,
redeemed in Christ Jesus for good works,

All: **works God has prepared for us, that we should walk in them.**

One: Praise the Lord!

All: **The Lord's name be praised.**

***HYMN 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, whose dwelling is with the humble and contrite, hear your children's confession of sin, and grant us your mercy. For unholy thoughts and words, for impure motives, for any scorn of goodness and indifference to beauty, for trifling with the truth and being petty when we could be gracious, forgive us. For the wrong we have done our neighbors, for silence in the face of violence, for neglect of generosity, for ingratitude, for failure in pursuing justice, for ignoring others' pain, forgive us. For lack of love toward you, for doubt in your goodness, for slowness of faith to follow Jesus, forgive us, we pray. Amen.

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.

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:1-11 (N.T., p. 197)

ANTHEM Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast that I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee of all things best; and wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:25-28 (N.T., p. 22)

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 92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

St. Christopher

SERMON The Third Temptation: Power

RESPONDING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the living God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me, Where, where is now thy God? Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst after thee, O God. When shall I come before the presence of God? Psalm 42:1-3

(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

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 85 What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen

Jon Ophoff

*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 Jenny McDevitt. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Julie Marks.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Julie Marks, Matthew Nickel, and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverends Matthew Nickel, Melissa Anne Rogers, and Sarah Wiles at 11:00 a.m.

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

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE ALLELUIA CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Grace Jones.

THE ORGANISTS are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

THE READERS are Karl Bartscht at 8:00 a.m., Brady West at 9:30 a.m., and Darryl Albright at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Greg and Niki Sorter and Nancy Heikinen. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Tim, Kim, Joshua and Jake Gernant and Marlys Schutjer.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Bill McPherson and Barbara Black.

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.

YOUTH NEWS: There is a Keystones and Student Leadership Team meeting today at 11:00 a.m., at Pizza House. Bring \$7 and RSVP to RJ. **There will be no Keystones tonight.**

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, Rev. Brewster H. Gere will present "125 Years of Presbyterian Ministry at the University of Michigan."

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Lilly Resident, will speak about her faith journey.

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!

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Singles member Marcy Toon will lead a discussion on "Vocabulary Fun: A Look at Word Origins."

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT CAMP WESTMINSTER? There will be an informational meeting about Camp Westminster at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about this wonderful summer activity for children, second grade complete through eighth grade.

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

QUAD D BRUNCH: Members of Quad D and their family and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad D brunch TODAY 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!

THIRD GRADE OUTING: Third graders and their families are invited to Chuck E. Cheese, 2655 Oak Valley Dr., today from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Nancy Meyers, nmeyers@comcast.net or 677-7763.

CHURCH ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL is at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Questions? Contact Gerry Leckrone, at 971-3103, or gerryleckrone@yahoo.com.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of the Reverend Richard A. Dempsey by his wife, Sue, and their children, the Reverend Donald Dempsey, Ruthanne Schlarbaum, and Mary Wescott, and their families.

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Abigail Kathryn Whitehead, born February 24, 2010, daughter of Lisa and David Whitehead, and granddaughter of Barbara Ladewski.

THE LOVELY FLOWERS AT COFFEE HOUR TODAY celebrate the long and special ministry of Verna Thompson as our chancel flower coordinator. Many of you have arranged your donation of Sunday chancel flowers through her. We are grateful for her gifts of time, listening, and caring, and wish her well. God bless you, Verna!

Holy Week Worship Services:

March 28, Palm Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m., and 5:45 p.m.

April 1, Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

April 2, Good Friday - 7:30 p.m.

April 4, Easter Sunday - 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m., and 5:45 p.m.

Announcements

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS: Smokey Holmes is in Austin, Texas, and was unable to return to Ann Arbor on schedule due to some health concerns. She'd love to get mail from our church! Send a "Get Well" or greeting card to her c/o Sue Thomas (her daughter), 8503 Brock Circle, Austin, Texas, 78745. Thanks!

HILLTOPPERS MOVIE MORNING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Join us to watch and discuss the movie "Changeling" starring Angelina Jolie. Bring a lunch and enjoy good food and time spent together! Sign up in the Church Office.

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.

PARENTS, ON PALM SUNDAY, March 28, please take your children to their Sunday school classrooms before the worship service. Each class will go to the Social Hall together to assemble for the palm procession. Also, remember to have your children **return their One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks** to their Sunday school classrooms on Palm Sunday.

PROMISES MEETS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 28 AT 11:00 A.M. *Note the time change.* We will worship at the 11:00 a.m. service, then travel together to the Sutton home in Pinckney. Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers for more information (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.com).

THE FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK WILL BE MARCH 28: All in the church are welcome to join us for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 28. This month's potluck, starting at noon in the Social Hall, is sponsored by the Youth Education and Ministries Committee. Bring a stress-free side dish and enjoy the fellowship of church friends, choir members, and staff.

CHILDCARE ON EASTER SUNDAY is available at 8:00 a.m. by reservation only. To make a reservation, contact Deborah MacVey, dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 15. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to provide this service on Easter Sunday, please contact Deborah MacVey.

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 Kuyf at nanspan@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL! First Presbyterian will be sending a team to Leogane, Haiti, to help in the inpatient wards and outpatient clinic at the mobile hospital there. The trip will be May 1 to May 10. Anyone with a degree in the medical field (MD, RN, psychologist, physical therapy, etc.) and a willingness to serve the people of Haiti is encouraged to join us. Please email Deb Hutton for more details at debghutton@aol.com. **Please join us for our next Haiti Medical Mission Task Force Meeting, Tuesday, April 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.**

APRIL HILLTOPPERS GATHERING DATE CHANGE: We will meet one week later than usual, on April 15, in the Social Hall, to hear from two church members who have just returned from Haiti. Please sign up in the Church Office by April 13 at noon if you would like to attend.

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 informa-**

tion about our weekly chancel flower requests, not annual Easter lily or Christmas poinsettia lists. Thank you for your assistance.

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 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. 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.

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 \$14 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.** Questions? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt (662-4466, ext. 55, jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org).

ANNUAL LUNCHEON TO HONOR LEGACY PARTNERS: The annual luncheon to honor Legacy Partners – those church members who have included the church in their estate plans – is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Sunday, April 18. Dr. Robert Bohl will be our guest speaker. An invitation will be mailed to all Legacy Partners. If you have First Presbyterian in your will or trust, please notify the church office so that you may be included.

THE 2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT: *Turning into the Noise. . . Tuning into God.* Join us April 17 and 18 for a time of retreat 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. Registration brochures are available at the Church Office and the Welcome Center.

JOIN TEAM FIRST PRES! Combining fellowship and mission, Team First Pres offers an opportunity for FPC members and friends to run or walk together, support each other, and raise money for rebuilding efforts in Haiti. Join us by participating in the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run on June 6, 2010 (5K, 10K, or half marathon). Runners and walkers are welcome! Members and friends are also invited to cheer for participants on race day and can sponsor the team, with proceeds to be donated to PaZaPa, a center for handicapped children in Jacmel, Haiti, and part of our Haiti Task Force mission. Contact Revs. Jenny McDevitt or Sarah Wiles for more details and look for more information in our newsletter, *First Press*.

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 22-27

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Lenten Study, 11:00 a.m., Lewis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Room 101, 102 and Youth Room
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
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Common Cup
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Glacier Hills
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
Interfaith Round Table, 1:30 p.m., Vance Room
Worship Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,
Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

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
Malice in the Palace Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Lenten Study, 7:45 a.m., Vance Room
Hilltoppers Movie Morning, 11:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Rooms
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:

Easter Egg Hunt Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Social Hall, Curtis/Founders Rooms/
400 Level
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Founders Room
OSHER Class: Survey of Musical Comedy, 10:00 a.m., away

SATURDAY:

Easter Overflow Wiring Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Social Hall
Blue Lake Painting Project, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m., Social Hall
J. Bertram Court of Honor, 4:00 p.m., Social Hall
Saturday Suppers, 6:00 p.m., away



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*