

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
March 22, 2009
Third Sunday in Lent, Youth 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.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

VOLUNTARY Variations on "Ode to Joy"

Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Kate McKarns

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**

Leader: God calls to every generation, every age. God calls children; Jesus welcomed children with open arms.

People: **We remember Samuel who heard God's voice while still a child.**

Leader: God calls youth, and makes them leaders of the people.

People: **We remember Jeremiah and David who led Israel even in their youth.**

Leader: God calls adults for various tasks of ministry.

People: **We remember the disciples, men and women who followed Jesus, and our many ancestors in the faith.**

Leader: God calls people of older years.

People: **We remember Elizabeth, Simeon and Anna, and others whose years of experience helped form our faith.**

Leader: In thanksgiving for all generations, for all who are called by God and serve God, let us pray.

People: **God of the prophets and the prophets' children, God who called our fathers and mothers of past generations, we thank you that nothing could stop people from sharing your love in word and deed. You have called us, too, O God. Use our words and deeds to express your love for all people, in this time of worship and in the experiences of each day.**

***HYMN 464** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. We have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE



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.

ANTHEM A Prayer For Humility

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation, how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you, help us now to love you even more. Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: Create in us humble hearts. When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give. When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to you again. Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice, willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice. Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you: Create in us humble hearts. Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Hosanna Choir

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Revelation 6:1-11 (N.T., pp. 248-49)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

LET THE CHILDREN COME

Kelsey King and Catie Holmes

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

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-5 (N.T., p. 259)

MESSAGE

Stefan Shaffer

ANTHEM Keep Your Lamps

Spiritual, arr. E. Rentz

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, your work is almost done. Sisters, don't stop praying. Brothers, don't stop praying. Christians, don't stop praying 'til your work is done. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, your work is almost done!

Covenant Youth Ensemble

MESSAGE

Dana DiMaggio

HYMN 339 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM Trombone Concerto

Gordon Jacobs
Friedhelm and Jakob Hildebrandt***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 420 God of Grace and God of Glory**

CWM Rhondda

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE Lead Me On

Patsy Simms

Lead me on, I want to go to the promised land. Lead me on, I want to join the heavenly band. Lead me on, all the way, take my hand, don't let me stray. Lead me on day by day.

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.

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 First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor calls a meeting of the congregation to act on the request of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Brouwer to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. Brouwer and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on March 29, 2009.

THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF FIRST PRES serve God in many ways, including mission trips to Jacksonville Habitat, New Orleans, Pittsburgh Project, participating in the 30 Hour Famine, Dexter/Ann Arbor Run, Booth 38, Delonis Volunteers, Food Gatherers, choirs, worship music, Leaf Raking day, Confirmation, MIDS, Keystones, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Summer Camp, Crop Walk, and more. This is an imperfect list of the ministries of your children and youth.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Jana Reister. The preachers at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services are Dana DiMaggio, David Galant, and Stefan Shaffer.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 8:00 a.m.; Julia Butz, Sarah Chen, Rebecca Chen, Dana DiMaggio, David Galant, Friedhelm Hildebrandt, Jakob Hildebrandt, Alexandre Joliet, Ryan Lindstrom, Jack McKarns, Kate McKarns, Kelsey King, Stefan Shaffer, and the Reverend Jim Monnett at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.; and the Reverend Aaron Janklow at 5:45 p.m.

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

THE DIRECTOR of the Covenant Youth Ensemble and Hosanna Choir is Susan Boggs.

THE ACCOMPANIST is Jan Leckrone.

THE ORGANIST is Susan Boggs.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Barb and Dick Carlisle and Patti Doss; and at 11:00 a.m. are Nancy and John Clark and Warren Bovenkerk.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of my dear wife Lillian, by her husband, Bob Mitchell, and the family.

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.

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, the Pilgrims of Ibillin will present an overview of their recent trip to Jordan and Israel, and their visit to the Mar Elias schools in Ibillin that welcome students of all faiths.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, they will view the DVD *Refusing to be Enemies*, about Zeitouna, an Ann Arbor group of six Jewish and six Arab women.

CURIOUS ABOUT PRESBYTERIAN BELIEFS OR JOINING First Presbyterian? Come to the Inquirers/New Members Class, starting today at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room and continuing on Sundays, March 29, April 5, and 19. Those participants who wish to become members will be received into membership at the 9:30 a.m. service on April 26.

DROP BY THE CARD-MAKING MINISTRY TABLE at coffee hour today and make a simple card for sick or grieving members of the congregation, or sign cards for our hospitalized members. The card-making ministry usually meets on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Sara Yezefski at syezefski@yahoo.com.

SCRIP CARDS ARE ON SALE AT COFFEE HOUR TODAY, March 29, April 5 and 12. The program is expanding to include many retail stores. Go to glscrip.com to see a list of stores offering scrip cards that will donate a portion towards youth and mission programs at First Pres. Also, Kroger is changing how it handles donations to non-profit organizations. See Craig Blogin at the Scrip table at coffee hour for more details on how to order a card, or the new Kroger program.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Pres member Norm Samuelson reviews *Lessons in Disaster (McGeorge Bundy and the Path to War in Viet Nam)*, by Gordon M. Goldstein. This afternoon, First Singles will take in a matinee movie at the Michigan Theater. Call Marcy, 995-2519, for more information.

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

THE PRESBYTERIAN ORCHESTRA will rehearse today at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

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

Announcements

“PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE - PART I,” a presentation by the Rev. Aaron Janklow, is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, March 23, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

HILLTOPPERS - COME ENJOY SPRING MOVIE MORNING on Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. We'll watch the movie *Saved!* and discuss it afterwards. The film, based on a young man's experience attending a Baptist high school in Baltimore, touches on issues of religion, ostracism, the Christianity and homosexuality conflict, teen pregnancy, divorce, and disabilities. Bring a brown-bag lunch; drinks, dessert and good conversation provided. Sign up in the Church Office by March 24. Questions? Contact Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

DO YOU DONATE CHANCEL FLOWERS ANNUALLY? If you do, please contact Verna Thompson, (248) 437-0164, at least two weeks before your scheduled date to confirm your flower reservation and the wording of the bulletin announcement. Contact Verna Thompson also, if you are interested in donating chancel flowers to honor a loved one or special event.

COME TO THE ANNUAL FAMILY SWIM AND PIZZA PARTY on Sunday, March 29, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Whitmore Lake High School swimming pool. Pizza will be served at 3:15 p.m. Children under five are free, ages five to 17 are \$2.50, and adults are \$3.00 per person, payable upon arrival. Sign up at the Welcome Center, or email Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

THE QUAD D BRUNCH IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you live in Belleville, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti or another nearby area outside of Ann Arbor, please plan on attending the brunch. It's a great time for fellowship! Questions? contact Carol Mohrlock, 665-5254.

THE JOB SEEKER/JOB LOSS SUPPORT GROUP meets next on April 2 at 11:45 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All are welcome.

YOUTH NEWS:

Palm Sunday Bake Sale – Look for goodies outside all three morning services on April 5 to support the youth program's Costa Rica Mission Team. Twenty-three of our high schoolers and ten students from First Presbyterian Church, Boise, will travel to Costa Rica, June 21 - 30, together to build a low income housing apartment building and rehab a church.

High School Update: The 30-Hour Famine begins Thursday, April 2. Raise money and awareness for hunger by taking 30 hours off from food. Complete your famine with a Lock-in on Friday, April 3, from 5:00 p.m. to midnight. **Senior Sneak** - Seniors, on June 1 and 2 we are fleeing reality for a quick getaway of fun, food & hardhats. Sign up by May 1. The cost is \$80, scholarship/help available. **Juniors Road Trip** - Juniors, on July 12 through 14, we're loading up the vans and going to Hiram, Ohio to climb Nelson Ledges, swim in the quarry, and sit in a waterfall on the Chagrin River. Cost is \$120, scholarship/help available, sign up by May 1.

6th-8th Graders: The MIDS Service Weekend is May 1 - 3. On Friday, at 4:00 p.m. we load up the vans and head to Camp Westminster on Higgins Lake. We will be painting, trail mending and more. We will return by 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$100, scholarship/help is available. Sign up by Easter for this great weekend.

The Annual Cedar Point Trip is Memorial Day, May 25. The motor coach is ready to take fifty 5th through 12th graders to Cedar Point. Meet at 6:30 a.m., return at 9:00 p.m. for this great day of rides, drinks, and laughter. 5th-8th graders will be with an adult all day. High schoolers

will have the run of the park. The cost is \$60, scholarship/help available. A signed consent release form and payment will reserve your spot. Thirty-four spots remain. Adults needed.

DONATE EASTER FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 12 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. Flowers are \$16 each, the deadline for donating is Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. After Easter services, our deacons will deliver these flowers to members and friends in our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut-in.

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 23-28

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Lewis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403
Campus Ministry Music, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Lenten Study, 10:30 a.m., Glacier Hills
Lenten Study, noon, French Room/Library
Osher Class Writing Workshop, 1:30 p.m., Curtis Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 a.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

Lenten Study, noon, Vance Room
PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal),
Delonis Center

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:

Hilltoppers Spring Movie Morning, 10:00 a.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Vance Room
Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Program, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Campus Core Group, 2:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel

SATURDAY:

Samaritan Counseling Marriage Preparation, 9:00 a.m.,
Curtis/Founders Room
Saturday Suppers, away



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*