

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
March 7, 2010
Family Worship and Communion
Third 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.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Chastity is having the body in the soul’s keeping.”

Robertson Davies

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Three Variations on Lobe Den Herren

Larry Visser

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 MISSION Pazapa, Haiti

Sue McKenzie

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast I choose,

All: to loose the bonds of injustice, to share our bread with the hungry,

One: to bring the homeless poor into our houses, and to clothe the naked?

**All: Then shall our light break forth like the dawn,
and our healing spring up quickly.**

One: Praise the Lord.

All: The Lord’s name be praised.

***HYMN 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

Lobe Den Herren

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your ways, O God, are not our ways, your thoughts are not our thoughts. If we have prayed only for what is possible and hoped only for what we can see; if we have taken your grace for granted and expected instant answers to our prayers; if we have allowed waiting on your Spirit to slip into laziness; if we have thought only of you waiting on us and not pondered our service to you, in your mercy forgive us. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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. O

Last time

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

Selections from the Song of Songs

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 1:18-2:4 (N.T., pp. 152-53)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 77 Forty Days and Forty Nights**

Aus der Tiefe Rufe Ich

SERMON The Second Temptation: Sex

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM Set Me As a Seal

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

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 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:



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 pew communion contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. (9:30) Worshipers may remain in the pews to be served by Elders and Deacons. (11:00) Worshipers are invited to come forward by the center aisle. Communion stations are located in front of the chancel. Please take a wafer of bread and a cup, then partake. Return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, an elder or deacon will serve you. At 8:00 a.m., gluten-free wafers may be found in the center cup of the plate. At 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

(9:30/11:00) COMMUNION MUSIC

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 539 **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

Ellers

*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 Sarah Wiles. 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 Jenny McDevitt.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Brewster H. Gere at 8:00 a.m., Deborah MacVey and the Reverends Julie Marks, Matthew Nickel and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., Deborah MacVey and the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Julie Marks, and Melissa Anne Rogers at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Sarah Wiles 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 READER is Tom Brandt at 8:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Bob and Carol German and Laura Berg. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Daniel Johnson and Lisa Kerr and Susan Kay Smith.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Marge Van Meter and Pat Tamlyn.

Today's Events

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor is called to meet today immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

FAMILY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION 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.

CHILDCARE is available today at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. for crib through four-year-olds.

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, Revs. Matthew Nickel and Sarah Wiles will discuss the history of Celtic Christianity, particularly as it relates to the island of Iona and the contemporary community there today.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will go on a field trip to the Flint Institute of Arts to view and discuss Gee's Bend Quilts.

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!

NORFOLK YOUTH MISSION TRIP TRAINING is today, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Youth Room.

FIRST SINGLES will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room today for conversation.

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 loving memory of Bill Heise by his wife, Kay, and their children, Suzanne, Skip, and Scott.

THE PINK ROSEBUD WELCOMES Chloe Morgan Rink, born February 24, 2010, daughter of Susan and David Rink, and sister of Brandon and Justin Rink.

THE RED ROSEBUD WELCOMES Jack Porter Whitt, born February 6, 2010, son of Amy and Jeremy Whitt, and grandson of Suzie and Steve Gerhardt.

THE WHITE ROSEBUD is given in memory of Naomi Ament, who died Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at Towsley Village in Chelsea.

Announcements

JOIN CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hillegonds Chapel, for support, understanding and advice in caring for loved ones. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, Parish Nurse, 662-4466 ext. 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

IT'S TIME TO SPRING AHEAD! Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 14. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday!

A LENTEN ACTIVITY GUIDE IS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES to download from First Presbyterian's website. The Lenten Activity Guide contains scripture readings, crafts, an explanation of the days of Holy Week, symbols, and activities. To download the pdf, go to www.firstpresbyterian.org and enter "Lenten Activity Guide" in the search box in the upper left corner of the screen, click on "search," and then click on the blue link "download our new Lenten Activity Guide."

CHILDREN'S LENTEN MISSION PROJECT: Each year, during the season of Lent, the children of our congregation participate in a "giving" project. This year they will join with the entire congregation in contributing to our annual gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. On Sunday, March 14, 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.

THE PHILIPPINE TASK FORCE WILL MEET MARCH 14 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.

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.

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 chancelflowers@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.

SIGN UP FOR COMMUNION TRAINING BY MARCH 9: 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 9. Let Melissa Anne Rogers know if you intend to join the session.

A DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP for women who find themselves at any stage of the divorce process begins Wednesday afternoon, March 10, for 8 sessions. The meetings are being offered by the Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan, at 510 S. Maple. The cost is \$10 per session. Find more information at www.womenscenter SEMI.org or call 973-6779 to sign up.

COME TO THE ANNUAL FAMILY SWIM AND PIZZA PARTY on Saturday, March 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Whitmore Lake High School swimming pool, 7430 Whitmore Lake Road. Pizza will be served at 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$2 per person, payable upon arrival. The pool has a wonderful shallow end for younger children, and diving boards in the deep end for the more advanced. The Whitmore Lake High School is a short drive up US 23. Get off at the North Territorial Road exit. We need to know how much pizza to order, so please sign up at the Welcome Center on Sundays, or email Deborah MacVey at dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org.

DONATIONS FOR DETROIT INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION PROJECT: Donations are being accepted (and sought) for First Presbyterian's Detroit Mission Project, April 23-25. 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS: The Stephen Ministry would like to invite the congregation to a continuing education class on Monday, March 8, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (**note time change**), in the Youth Room. The session topic is "Understanding and Helping Families Cope with Reproductive Loss," presented by Irving Leon, MD.

HILLTOPPERS HEARS ABOUT HISTORY AND FUTURE OF DIABETES: On March 11, Dr. Meng Tan, Clinical Professor of Medicine at the UM, will give a presentation to Hilltoppers, our group for seniors 60 and up, on diabetes. The title of his talk is "Too Sweet – Stories of Diabetes, Past, Present, and Future." Meet at noon in the Social Hall for a hot lunch (\$5) and the program. Please call the church office to reserve your space for lunch by Tuesday, March 9, at 5:00 p.m.

MOTHERS' MORNING SHARES THEIR FAVORITE THINGS on Tuesday, March 9, in the Youth Room (100 level). Mothers will break into small groups to answer questions about favorite things, and then share with the whole group. No preparation necessary, just show up! Not already a member? Attend on a per-meeting basis for just \$2 per meeting. The day begins with check-in for children and moms and breakfast treats at 9:00 a.m., followed by the program from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Childcare is provided.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN UPDATE:

The Horizons Circle will meet Tuesday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m., in the Vance Room, for dessert and a program.

The PW Reading Group will meet Wednesday, March 10, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Meredyth Jones, 4642 Mulberry Woods Circle. Jenny Lombard will lead a discussion of book six of E. M. Bounds' book on prayer. Need directions? Call Meredyth Jones at 668-2418.

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, a former volunteer at our own congregation. All women of the church are welcome. A registration brochure is being mailed to all women of our church.

SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR PW SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Each year the Presbyterian Women of our church provide scholarship funds to women engaged in seminary training or training for Christian ministry. Applicants are now being sought for this award. Women interested in applying should contact Katie Beery, 997-9678, ebeery@juno.com, or Sue Leong, 662-8277, sleong@comcast.net, for an application form. All applications must be received by the PW Scholarship Committee no later than Friday, April 23. The recipients will be announced in mid-May.

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 8-13

MONDAY:

- Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
- Lenten Study, 11:00 a.m., Founders Room
- Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
- Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library
- Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library
- Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
- Caregiver Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel
- CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
- Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Common Cup
Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m., Glacier Hills
Detroit Mission Planning, noon, Founders Room
POD Pastors in Transition Committee, noon, French Room/Library
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104
Lenten Study, 1:00 p.m., Founders Room
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry, 5:45 p.m., Vance Room
Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., Lewis Room
Self-Study Group, 7:00 p.m. French Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,
Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

Haiti Hygiene Kit Assembly, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
PW Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., Jones Home, 4642 Mulberry Woods Circle
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
6:00 p.m. - Keys Dinner and Worship, BTB and Nave
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade
Class, Youth Choir, TnT, Adult Education Class,
New Member Class

Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 101
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Lenten Study, 7:45 a.m., Vance Room
Hilltoppers, noon, Social Hall
OSHER Class: Big Bang and the History of Nearly Everything, 1:00 p.m.,
Lewis Room
PW Nominating Committee, 2:00 p.m., Vance Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Lenten Study, 6:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall/Choir Room/Nave
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

FRIDAY:

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
CPR/AED Class, 1:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Endowment and Special Gifts Committee, 4:00 p.m., Vance Room
Knit Night, 7:30 a.m., Curtis Room

SATURDAY:

Blue Lake Painting Project, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room
Family Swim and Pizza, 1:00 p.m., Whitmore Lake High School



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*