

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
March 8, 2009
Second Sunday in Lent*

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

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

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY *Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day* *Strattner*
Savior, teach me, day by day, love's sweet lesson to obey; sweeter lesson cannot be, loving Him who first loved me. With a child's glad heart of love, at Thy bidding may I move, prompt to serve and follow Thee, loving Him who first loved me. Teach me thus Thy steps to trace, strong to follow in Thy grace, learning how to love from Thee, loving Him who first loved me. Love in loving finds employ, in obedience all her joy; ever new that joy shall be, loving Him who first loved me.

Alleluia Choir

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

Mission in Haiti

Ruth Barnard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise the Lord, you who worship the Lord;
stand in awe of God, and give glory to the Lord.

**People: For the Lord does not despise the poor and needy,
but when they cry out, God answers them.**

Leader: The hungry shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who love the Lord shall offer praise.

**People: All the ends of the earth shall worship God,
for the Lord rules over every nation.**

***HYMN 371** Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we come to you this day knowing we have sinned. We have sought after possessions that would please us, but we know our happiness is only temporary. We have sought to worship idols of laziness, luxury, and prestige. We have sought power over others at their expense, yet we have not found the happiness we were seeking. Remind us again this second Sunday in Lent that we must choose life, not death, that we must choose you over what others tempt us to do and to be. Deliver us from temptation and evil this day. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

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.

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM *Agnus Dei* Thomas Morley
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nostri.
(Tr.) Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Mark 8:31-38 (N.T., p. 44)

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 393 **Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said** Bourbon

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM *Vere Languores Nostros* Tomas Luis de Victoria
Vere languores nostros ipse tulit et dolores nostros ipse portavit. Cujus livore sanati sumus. Dulce lignum, dulce clavos. Dulcia ferens pondera. Quae sola fuisti digna. Sustinere regem ceolorum et Dominum.

(Tr.) Truly our Savior suffered for our frailty and carried all our sorrows; and by his wounds we are healed. Sweet was the wood, sweet were the nails, sweet the burden that was upheld, that wood only could be worthy to sustain the Ruler of Heaven and Lord of all.

*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

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
See Communion Liturgy Card

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND PETITION
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 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory** *Rathbun*

***BENEDICTION**

(9:30/11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE Amen *Jon Ophoff*

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 PREACHER at the 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Douglas J. Brouwer. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Deborah Knott.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Jana Reister at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30, the Reverends Aaron Janklow and Julie Marks 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 Jon Ophoff.

THE CHAMBER CHOIR DIRECTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE ALLELUIA CHOIR DIRECTORS are Grace Jones and Carol Muehlig.

THE ORGANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE READERS are Tom Brandt at 8:00 a.m., Paul Smith at 9:30 a.m., and confirmand Joe Fox at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Tissy and Rudi Ansbacher and Corey Longley. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Bill and Pam Wood and Diane Hoff.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Eugenia Hughes by her husband Donald Hughes. The flowers are also given in loving memory of Bill Heise by his wife, Kay, and their children, Suzanne, Skip, and Scott.

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, Waldemar Schmeichel, PhD, Professor of Religion at Kalamazoo College, presents "Jesus in the Koran," discussing references in the sacred text of Islam to Jesus as a prophet, as Messiah (understood differently than in the New Testament), as messenger, sign, etc.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, members will discuss chapters 13 through 18 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.

TRAVEL IN TIME IN THE SOCIAL HALL: View the fascinating history of First Presbyterian Church's relationship with Campus Ministry from 1858 to 2008, now on display in the Social Hall.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR SATURDAY SUPPERS IS TODAY! During coffee hour, sign up to visit a host home on March 28 for dinner. The host will provide the main dish and you bring a side dish. You will receive a letter a week before informing you of whose home you will visit and what to bring. Questions? Contact Nancy Briggs at 663-2549.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN RECENTLY? Come to the Parish Nurse's office today between 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. to have it checked out. The Parish Nurse's office is located next to the Curtis Room.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. First Presbyterian member Dee Valvanis will lead a discussion of John F. Kennedy's book, *Profiles in Courage*.

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

PHILIPPINES TASK FORCE meets at noon in the French Room/Library. A special thanks to all who participated in our February dinner. Drop by and review our success and help plan our future mission activities. Questions? Contact Chris Larson, larson.christine@sbcglobal.net.

COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM TRAINING will be held today at noon in the Youth Room.

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

SENIORS TRIP TO AZALEA FESTIVAL: The First Presbyterian Church of Flint is hosting a spring trip for seniors to the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, Virginia, from April 29 to May 4. Our seniors are invited and will be picked up locally. Bus travel, lodging, and many unique sight-seeing opportunities are included. Cost is \$694 per person. A \$100 deposit is due immediately. If you are interested, contact the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, as soon as possible.

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 Keystones Ironman Competition and track your progress on the youth bulletin board by the Welcome Center. Weekly prizes will be awarded! Questions? Contact Rev. Jim Monnett at 662-4466, ext. 20, or jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, people from our community and our church family are seeking help to pay for such necessities as rent, groceries, and gas. First Pres has a Pastoral Care Discretionary Fund for emergencies, particularly for church members. We also support the work of Friends in Deed. People have asked if there is an opportunity to help our members in need. The answer is yes! Checks can be made to the First Presbyterian Church and marked Pastoral Care Discretionary Fund. Contributions to help the work of Friends in Deed can be made to Friends in Deed, 1196 Ecorse Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE ALL-CHURCH LENTEN STUDY in the Church Office, or on the boards around the church. We are reading

An Altar in the World; A Geography of Faith, by Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor. Study books are available in the Church Office for \$20. Questions? Contact Rev. Aaron Janklow at 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOST PYPD (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.

JOIN CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, March 9, 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.

MOTHERS' MORNING, our group for mothers of newborn through elementary school age children, will meet in the Youth Room Tuesday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m., for socializing and a springtime craft project with Rainbow Creations. Child care is provided. Questions? Contact Carolyn Gehrke at gehrkecj@hotmail.com, or 572-5832.

HILLTOPPERS WELCOMES REV. GEORGE LAMBRIDES, retired UM Hospital chaplain in Ann Arbor, to the March 12 meeting. He will talk about the special ministry of a hospital chaplain and some of the dilemmas that arise from providing spiritual care in a hospital setting. He is replacing Chaplain David McNeil, who is unable to join us. We meet at noon for lunch and discussion. Please sign up in the Church Office by March 10, at noon. Call Martine Blogin for more information, 662-4466, or email to reserve your space at mblogin@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. The cost is \$80. All rooms are singles. The Reverends Deborah Knott, Janna Reister, and Melissa Anne Rogers will lead the retreat. Register by picking up a brochure at the Welcome Center, downloading it from our website, www.firstpresbyterian.org, or calling the Church Office, 662-4466. **Register by tomorrow, March 9.** Questions? Contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

"FOUR HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER," a piano concert by Karlos Moser (professor of opera at the University of Wisconsin) and Melinda Moser will be held March 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM will meet Sunday, March 15 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 101.

A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING will be held on March 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, following the Wednesday 2:42 dinner. Our world is broken. Whether we face lost income, lost work, or lost hope, we all know people who are hurting, grieving, or facing trying circumstances. Join us in this unique worship opportunity to know the powerful presence of the Lord, and the healing that only Jesus can provide.

JOB SEEKER SUPPORT GROUP begins Thursday, March 19 at 11:45 a.m. in the Founders Room. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

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 9 - 13

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Pilgrims of Ibillin, 5:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104
CEPMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Caregivers Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel
PW Cluster Gathering, 7:00 p.m., Social Hall and Monteith Hall
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth 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
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Vance Room
Lenten Study, 10:30 a.m., Glacier Hills
Lenten Study, noon, French Room/Library
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., away
Osher Class Writing Workshop, 1:30 p.m., Curtis Room
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classroom
Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Campus Ministry Mission Trip Debriefing, 6:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Personnel Committee, 7:30 p.m., Doug Brouwer's Office
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 a.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

Lenten Study, noon, Vance Room
Presbyterian Women Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., away
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, noon, Social Hall
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
Choir Officers, 6:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library

FRIDAY:

Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Campus Core Group, 2:00 p.m., Hillemonds Chapel
Knit Night, 7:30 p.m., at the Goodman home, 1509 Shadford

SATURDAY:

Women's Retreat, away
Pickford Presbyterian Youth Group Overnight, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room
Winter Jam, 4:00 p.m., Youth Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*