

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
May 2, 2010
Communion
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 Melodie

Robert Schumann

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION Jeane Seeley Fund

(8:00) Ruth Barnard, (9:30) Dick Rigtterink, (11:00) Virginia Koster

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Christ is raised from the dead,

All: the first fruits of those who have died.

One: The stone that the builders rejected,

All: Has become the cornerstone of our lives.

One: The Lord has done this,

All: And it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: Come let us worship the Lord.

***HYMN 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Diademata

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Life-giving God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. But we confess we remain captive to doubt and fear. Too often we overlook the poor and hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, indifferent to calls for peace, and abuse the earth, our home. Forgive us, O God of mercy. Open us to your transforming love that we may rejoice in your service. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE #572 in the Hymnal Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The past is finished and gone; everything becomes fresh and new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. As you greet one another, we invite you to shake hands or 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



PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148 (O.T., pp. 582-3)

(8:00) OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-6 (O.T., p. 50)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(9:30/11:00) NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 21:1-6 (N.T., p. 259)

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 426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

SERMON (8:00) Holy Ground

RESPONDING

WELCOME

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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) PIANO SOLO Nachtstück

Robert Schumann

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:

Ha - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
God of power and maj - es - ty, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, 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 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) Communion will be served by intinction. Beginning with the front pews, 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 pews by a side aisle. Those who do not wish to share the common cup, or are unable to come forward, will be served in their pews. 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 Fantasie

Robert Schumann

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you have welcomed us into your presence and filled us with your Spirit through word, bread, and cup. Send us now into the world bearing your reconciling love, drawing ever closer to you, and loving our neighbors as you love us all. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 122 Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

*BENEDICTION

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Lied

Robert Schumann

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 Jim Monnett. 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 Sarah Wiles at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Matthew Nickel and Sarah Wiles at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel and Melissa Anne Rogers at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Matthew Nickel at 5:45 p.m.

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

THE ORGANIST is Carol Muehlig.

TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIAN is Eric Kaldjian.

THE READERS are Tom Brandt at 8:00 a.m., Marti Wendler at 9:30 a.m., and Linda Speck at 5:45 p.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Paul and Susan Firehammer and Laura Berg. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Richard and Rosie Bird and Karen Mundus.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Rob Bauman and Elizabeth Davis.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC: Robert Schumann (1810 – 1856) was a German composer and music critic. He wrote the four *Nachtstücke*, or Night Pieces, and the *Fantasie* while an accomplished pianist in his twenties. The fourth *Nachtstück*, played today, may sound familiar, since it contains the music for hymn 426 in the Presbyterian Hymnal: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak." According to entries in Schumann's diary, the *Fantasie* had a deep spiritual impact on him; the section played today is the final part of the work, and has a serenity that reflects this.

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 a Pastor Nominating Committee.

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.

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.

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, the annual health and wellness series, sponsored by the Parish Nurse and Pastoral Care programs, begins. Today's topic is "Chronic Pain," presented by Edward Washabaugh, MD, Michigan Pain Specialists, and First Pres member.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers will hold a discussion about Mature Ministries, church groups for those 50 and over.

THE SPRING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PHOTO SHOW, sponsored by our adult education program, is on display through May 9 in the Social Hall. You are invited to come and meet the exhibitors on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to noon while the exhibit is up. The photographers are church members or friends. Some are professionals, but most are amateurs.

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!

MATURE SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. In May, they will join the 11:00 a.m. Adult Education class in the Lewis Room, for the annual health and wellness series.

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

FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR DETROIT PRESBYTERY food pantry will be collected today through May 16. Boxes for your donations will be just outside the Church Office and at the Welcome Center. This is a great local mission for families, helping to fill a need for our near neighbors, the elderly and needy in the area of the Westminster Church in Detroit, site of our Presbytery offices. Those who prefer to give funds may make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with "Detroit Presbytery Hunger Program" written on the memo line.

ELIJAH WILL BE PERFORMED TODAY AT FIRST PRES: Mendelssohn's glorious oratorio *Elijah* will be presented today in the sanctuary at 1:00 p.m. by our Chancel Choir, orchestra, and soloists. This dramatic and emotional work is full of beloved choruses and solos. Our soloists will be Daniel Washington (Elijah), Leslie Smith, Alice Pierce, John Pierce, Wendy Bloom, Sally Carpenter, Terence Farmer, Clayton Farmer, Glenn Ellington, and Gerry Leckrone. While the concert is free, a suggested donation of \$10 is encouraged.

A NORFOLK MISSION TRIP ROOKIE PARENTS AND STUDENTS meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. today, in the Youth Room.

KEYSTONES meets today at 6:00 p.m., at the swingset in Burns Park for ultimate frisbee.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Virginia Patton Moss and Cruse W. Moss in loving memory of their son, Stephen Patton Moss.

Announcements

GOT COOKIES? If you'd like to bake cookies for an upcoming coffee hour (homemade is the best - no nuts please!), email Carol Smith, at psmith6641@aol.com, and let her know you are interested. You can work with her to find a date for the summer or fall. Thanks to all our Cookie Guild members. You take good care of our church's sweet tooth, and help feed good fellowship in this church family.

THE DELONIS CENTER CARD PROGRAM URGENTLY NEEDS blank cards and Thinking of You cards. If you have cards to donate, please drop them off in the Church Office in the Card Program mailbox.

ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ADULT EDUCATION SERIES, sponsored by the Parish Nurse and Pastoral Care programs begins today and goes through May 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Topics include Chronic Pain (today), What Do You Need to Do When a Loved One Goes to the Hospital ... Being an Advocate (May 9), The Diabetes Epidemic ... How to Stay Healthy (May 16), and Alzheimer's Disease and Chronic Dementias (May 23).

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRES? We'd love to welcome you as a member of our community! Our next new members class will be held on two consecutive Wednesdays, May 5 and May 12, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The classes will be both fun and informative, with an opportunity to meet new people and learn more about our church, our Reformed tradition and theology, and our faith journeys. Anyone interested in more information about First Pres is welcome to attend the class -- joining the church is encouraged, but not required. For more information or to sign up, contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 662-4466, ext. 55, or jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org.

MALICE IN THE PALACE: On Mother's Day, May 9, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service, the Hosanna and Youth Choirs will present *Malice in the Palace*, the story of Esther. The musical is filled with good songs and funny yet insightful dialogue. It is directed by Mori Richner, with musical direction by Barbara Trevethan. Enjoy a different worship experience ... join us for *Malice in the Palace* at 9:30 a.m. Note: The 11:00 a.m. worship service will be traditional.

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE: The **Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Golf Outing** is right around the corner! Join us on May 8 at the Stonebridge Golf Club at 1:00 p.m. to play golf. Cost is \$75/golfer for 18 holes, \$50/golfer for 9 holes and \$20 for the fellowship and appetizers afterglow. If you cannot make it, you can always sponsor a hole or a student golfer for \$75. This is a great way to meet students, support Campus Ministry, and practice your golf skills! To register or for more information, visit: www.firstpresbyterian.org/content/golf-outing.

HILLTOPPERS MEETS ON MAY 13: Are you 60 and up? Join us on May 13 for Thursday Lunch and Learn in the church Social Hall (hot lunch, \$5). Sign up to attend in the church office by 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 11, or email Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. On May 13, Rev. Ed Koster, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit, will talk about his new book, *The Challenge of the Presbyterian Church: Opening Governance to the Movement of the Holy Spirit*. Ed will have copies of his new book to purchase, which he will also sign, for \$16. The book is also available before then at www.amazon.com.

LAY READER TRAINING EVENTS: Two identical training sessions will be offered in May: on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and on Tuesday, May 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Both events will be held in Monteith Hall. Interim pastor Larry Farris and retired EMU Professor of Communication Theory and Practice Harry Bowen will lead the events, which will consist of basic instruction in leading worship and in the public reading of scripture, as well as the opportunity to practice reading several passages aloud. All who wish to read in worship, whether experienced or new, are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

In assigning lay readers for future Sundays, preference will be given to those who have participated in the training. Please sign up by May 10, either by calling the Church Office (662-4466) or placing your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church Office.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR CEDAR POINT: All 5th-12th graders are invited to spend Memorial Day, May 31, at Cedar Point. The bus is reserved, and only 44 seats are available. Friends are welcome! To sign up, pick up the Consent Release form outside Rev. Jim Monnett's office, fill it out and turn it in with a check for \$60. High schoolers will roam the park on their own. 5th-8th graders will enjoy the park with an adult leader. **The deadline to sign up is May 12!**

THINKING OF HAVING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED? There is a two-session baptism class for parents who are considering having their child baptized at First Pres. The class, a requirement for parents before children are baptized, is scheduled for May 11 and 25, at 7:00 p.m. Contact the Church Office, 662-4466, to sign up.

THE MATURE MINISTRIES SPRING SOIRÉE, a seasonal fellowship event and mixer, will be held Saturday, May 15, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the home of Bea Kalish. We hope that this event, geared to all our members ages 55 and up, will be an enjoyable evening to make new friends, renew acquaintances, share in fun games, and welcome spring! Please RSVP that you are coming and what appetizer you are bringing by calling the Church Office, 662-4466. Meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. to carpool together. Bring a friend! Open to all mature couples and singles (55 and up).

GRADUATES WILL BE HONORED on May 16 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you have a graduate in your family (high school, college, or grad school), let us know by **Monday, May 10**, so we can list the name in the bulletin. Fill out a pew card with the information, contact the Church Office (662-4466), or email mjones@firstpresbyterian.org. High school grads will be listed by name only. For college and advanced degrees, please also tell us the school and degree earned.

During worship, graduating high school students will be recognized. Those graduating with college or advanced degrees will be listed in the bulletin.

MOTHERS' MORNING: ON MAY 11, Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, Director of Pastoral Care, will lead our Mothers' Morning group in a discussion about answering kids' (and our) tough faith questions. The morning begins with children and moms' check-in and breakfast treats at 9:00 a.m., with the program from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Childcare is provided. If you have not previously paid a semester fee to attend Mother's Morning, a fee of \$2 is requested for this meeting.

THE HORIZON CIRCLE will meet at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 11, in the Vance Room to watch and discuss an inspirational film. Questions? Contact Eleanor Shaw at 996-9139.

JOIN TEAM FIRST PRES! Team First Pres is a group of runners, walkers, and supporters from First Presbyterian Church participating in the Dexter-Ann Arbor races on June 6. This year, we will be raising support for Pazapa, an organization (and mission of this church) that reaches out to Haitian children with disabilities, offering treatment and education. You don't need to be a runner or a walker yourself, however, to support Team First Pres' efforts. Take a look at the "JOIN TEAM FIRST PRES" flyer at the Welcome Center for details on the run and other fun ways you can participate!

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: All children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to experience this year's summer vacation Bible School, "Jerusalem Marketplace 29 A.D." On June 22, 23 and 24, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, children will experience what life was like when Jesus lived. They will relive biblical events, try their hand at various occupations, visit the marketplace, storyteller, and synagogue, and experience being part of a typical Bible times family.

There are many ways that adults, middle schoolers, and high schoolers can volunteer and be a part of this great activity. For more information, contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or dmacvey@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. Members and visitors are welcome to join the group at any time.

Calendar for May 3 - 8

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Health and Wellness Committee, 11:00 a.m., Vance Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mature Ministries Steering Committee, noon, Vance Room
Memorial Garden Committee, 5:00 p.m., Vance Room
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
WEBS, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
English as a Second Language, 1:00 p.m., Youth Room, Rooms 101, 102, 104

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m. (greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
MIDS , 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
APNC, 6:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Malice in the Palace Dress Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
New Member Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Executive Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
TnT, 7:15 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

OSHER Poetry Class, 1:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
Vision and Strategy, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Abide, 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, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Malice in the Palace Final Dress Rehearsal, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Campus Ministry Golf Outing, 1:00 p.m., Stonebridge Golf Club



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*