

The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
May 31, 2009  
Pentecost



**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

*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.*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

**GATHERING**

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Come, Holy Spirit

J. S. Bach

**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.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator,  
in the beginning you moved over the waters.  
From your breath all creation drew life.  
Without you, life turns to dust.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor,  
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.  
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power,  
You came as fire to Jesus' disciples;  
you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,  
you created us children of God;  
You make us the living temple of your presence;  
you interceded within us with sighs too deep for words.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life,  
You guide and make holy the church you create;  
You give gifts—  
    The spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
    The spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
    The spirit of knowledge and piety,  
    The spirit of the fear of the Lord,  
That the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: True and only Light  
from whom comes every good gift:  
Send your Spirit into our lives  
with the power of a mighty wind.  
Open the horizons of our minds  
by the flame of your wisdom.  
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,  
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace  
and acclaim Jesus as Lord.  
Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 128 On Pentecost They Gathered**

*Munich*

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,  
You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears,  
and a new community of faith.  
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.  
We do not listen for your word of grace,  
speak the good news of your love,  
or live as a people made one in Christ.  
Have mercy on us, O God.  
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

**KYRIE (#565 in the Hymnal)**

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**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

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21 (N.T., p. 119)

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 314 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

*Bridegroom*

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (O.T., p. 806)

SERMON The Spirit

## RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM *Come Down, O Love Divine* William Harris  
*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing. True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.*

(11:00) \*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.*

(11:00) \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(9:30) COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

*Please welcome and pray for Marolin Bellefleur, Paul Kirton, and Kris Shaffer, as they begin their active service as Stephen Ministers.*

Leader: Are you prepared to meet these requests we are asking of you and will you assume this ministry in God's confidence?

**Stephen Ministers: We are.**

Leader: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others – to support, encourage, and build up people in all needs?

**Stephen Ministers: We will, with God's help.**

Leader: Do you promise to honor your care receivers by adhering to the guidelines for confidentiality set forth by the teachings of the Stephen Ministry program?

**Stephen Ministers: We will.**

Leader: I ask our current Stephen Ministers: As you continue to serve as Stephen Ministers, as you welcome these new partners in ministry, will you support them through the supervision process, and be a friend to them in Jesus Christ?

**Stephen Ministers: We will.**

Leader: We ask you, members of First Presbyterian Church, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Will you accept their ministry when you need help, and allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from those whom God has called? Will you encourage members in need to utilize the resources God has provided through them?

**People: We will.**

**HYMN 525 Here I Am, Lord**  
*Please sing verses 1 and 3.*

*Here I Am, Lord*

#### **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 129 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us**

*Ebenezer*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** Seven-fold Amen

*Peter Lutkin*

**(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY** Carillon

*Louis Vierne*

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*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 Deborah Knott Forger. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Budge Gere.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are the Reverend Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m.; the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Aaron Janklow and Jana Reister at 9:30 a.m.; the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Jana Reister at 11:00 a.m.; and the Reverend Jana Reister at 5:45 p.m.

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

**THE ORGANISTS** are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR** is Susan Boggs.

**THE READER** at 8:00 a.m. is Rudi Ansbacher.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Jerry and Lorna Prescott and Nancy Heikinen and at 11:00 a.m. are Richard and Roswitha Bird and Lois Foyle.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of his mother Eugenia Powers by Dennis and Jennie Powers.

**THE ROSEBUDS WELCOME** Sebastian Paul McKeever, born April 22, 2009, son of Morena and Paul McKeever, and grandson of Paul and Mary McKeever; Jackson Albert Girz, born March 3, 2009, son of Peter and Jessica Girz, brother of Isabelle Girz, grandson of Mary Beth Girz, and great-grandson of Howard Parker; and Alyssa Dianne Eder, born May 20, 2009, daughter of Kristin and Matthew Eder, and granddaughter of Susan and Bill Boggs.

**Next Sunday, June 7, there will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service so that the entire congregation may participate in the All-Church Picnic. Please feel free to wear comfortable clothing to church.**

**On Sunday, June 14, the 5:45 p.m. worship service will become “the 5:45@11:00,” and take place at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.**

## *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.

**A PENTECOST OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TODAY**, to help meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep forty percent of the offering to support ministry with children at risk in their own communities. The remaining sixty percent is used by the General Assembly to provide leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults, and support children-at-risk programs at the national level. Please give generously.

**PHILIPPINES TASK FORCE (PTF) IS CELEBRATING** ten years of affiliation with Dumaguete City in the Philippines. The entire congregation is invited to enjoy cake, coffee and juice after the 9:30 a.m. worship service in the Social Hall, while the PTF shares their reminiscences in photos and stories.

**FIRST SINGLES** will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Singles member Carol Lee Charles leads a discussion on reaction to and methods of coping with the changing economy.

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

## *Announcements*

**DON'T MISS THE ALL CHURCH PICNIC, SUNDAY, JUNE 7!** The fun begins at 10:45 a.m. Enjoy games for all ages and a terrific picnic lunch. **Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m.** Cost is \$4 per person or \$10 for a family of four or more. Children, come to church in your play clothes! Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs for the family, and tableware.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** at the De-lonis Center for cooking (3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) and serving (5:00 to 7:00 p.m.) shifts. First-time volunteers are more than welcome! Those interested please contact Brady West at 734-223-9793 or [bwest@umich.edu](mailto:bwest@umich.edu).

**YOUTH UPDATE:** The **KEYS Road Trip to Nelson Kennedy State Park**, July 12 to July 14, is filling up! Any present freshman, sophomore, or junior may go. We will stay in a hotel, and go swimming, water parking, and hiking! Sign up by submitting a check (\$120) and a consent release form.

**The Costa Rica Mission Team will be commissioned June 14 at the**

9:30 a.m. worship service, followed by a parent/student meeting in the Sanctuary. The team leaves June 21 at 4:00 a.m. from Detroit Metro Airport. Please keep them in your prayers!

**“DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR DISORDERS,”** a presentation by Gordon Prepsky, MS, LLP, psychotherapist with the Samaritan Counseling Service, is the next offering in the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education series. On Monday, June 1, the congregation is invited to attend the presentation from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**OUR MONTHLY CARD MAKING GROUP WILL MEET** Monday, June 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Founders Room. New members are always welcome, and you don't even have to be crafty ... just willing to try using glue, stamps, and ink pads! For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR OATMEAL CONTAINERS AND LIDS** as well as lids from plastic margarine and whipped topping type containers! The Children's Education and Family Ministries program will be using them for crafts during summer vacation Bible school. Please drop off your saved containers and lids to Deborah MacVey's office, on the 300 level.

**SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS**, Tuesday through Thursday, June 16-18, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the church grounds. Marketplace 27-28 AD - Christ's Chosen, our VBS program for children kindergarten complete through fifth grade, teaches the stories of Jesus and what life was like during his time. Children will enjoy visiting the storyteller, synagogue school, watching dramas, and of course, perusing the crafts available at the marketplace. This program is free and friends are welcome! Sign up by **June 1** by completing the registration form that was mailed home. Late registrations will be accepted. Need another? Additional forms are available at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Deborah MacVey at 662-4466, ext. 15, or [dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org).

**SIXTH ANNUAL RUMMAGE, BOOK, AND BAKE SALE**, sponsored by the Philippines Task Force, is scheduled for June 20. Please search your garage and home for items you no longer need and turn them into mission dollars. **We are collecting now!** Suggested items are books, linens, kitchenware, tools, outdoor furniture, children's toys. This year we have started a "Finer Item Recycle" program. At any time your donation of no longer wanted jewelry, broken jewelry, china, silver can be donated and sold. Let our mission task force turn those nicer no longer wanted pieces into homes and hope for others. For questions and personal pickup, please call John Kinzinger at 645-8647.

**JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** in Monteith Hall on the first and third Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting is June 6. We will spend time in silence and with a simple scripture reading. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, [jeanette.kibler@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.kibler@gmail.com)). If you are interested but cannot meet on Saturday mornings, please contact Jeanette with suggested times.

**THE HEAVENLY HOSTA SALE** happens rain or shine, Saturday, June 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 7, between the worship services and from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the courtyard outside Monteith hall. (Note: the dates in the headline of the *First Press* article were incorrect.) The sale, a fundraiser for the Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, will feature all sorts of hosta ... variegated blue, green and yellow varieties, sizes from miniature to

giant, popular and recently introduced varieties. Special varieties include the Hosta of the Year for 2010, First Frost; 2009, Earth Angel; and 2008, Blue Mouse Ears. Master gardeners will also be on hand to answer questions.

**HILLTOPPERS COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

**Take on tea at the June 11 meeting:** Sign up soon for our June gathering "Teas from A to Z: Health Benefits and More." Enjoy a hot lunch (\$5), followed by a presentation on the varieties of world teas by Whole Foods Market and a tea tasting. Sign up by June 9 by calling the Church Office, 662-4466, or emailing Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

**On June 18, we're taking a special trip to put the "Spotlight on Thimbles!"** Hilltoppers invites anyone in our congregation interested in sewing, needlework, or more to join them for a journey to the Thimble Museum. Come with us to Shelby Township, you'll be amazed at what is so beautiful, and so tiny! A magnifying glass is recommended. We'll leave at 9:00 a.m., and after a tour of the museum and lunch at Olive Garden, return by 3:00 p.m. **Sign up by June 12** by contacting Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. Cost: \$7 for the museum tour, plus your cost for lunch. We'll carpool, so signify if you'd like to drive, or ride with someone else.

**Purple Rose Play Day is Wednesday, July 1, 2009, from 2:15 to 7:30 p.m.** We'll journey together to The Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea to see the play, "Wake." It is a comedy for women (and men) of all ages. After the play, we'll stay for dinner at Chelsea Common Grill. You must sign up and submit your check to First Presbyterian Church by **June 12, at 5:00 p.m.** Tickets for the play are \$21 plus your cost for dinner. Transportation is provided. We have 24 tickets available. Please join us for this fabulous afternoon and evening of fellowship and art!

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME ON FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 21!** Join us as we make our annual trip to cheer on the Detroit Tigers! It is a 1:05 p.m. game versus the Milwaukee Brewers. Tickets cost \$22 each, and transportation can be purchased for an additional \$13. That is \$22 for ticket only or \$35 for ticket and bus. Tickets must be paid in full at time of sign up. Tickets can be purchased during the 10:30-11:00 a.m. coffee hour today and also in the Church Office during normal office hours. Sign-ups will close when all 100 tickets and 56 bus seats are sold, so please don't delay! Bring your family friends and neighbors. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor or bring exact change. Questions? Contact Rev. Aaron Janklow at [ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:ajanklow@firstpresbyterian.org) or 734-662-4466 ext. 54.

**A FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE REV. AARON JANKLOW** will be held on Sunday, June 14, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Aaron has completed his two-year Lilly residency and leaves us to take the position of Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, Florida. The congregation is warmly invited to attend and express their good wishes to Aaron. Cards and gifts may be sent to the Church Office.

**AN ORDINATION SERVICE FOR SUSAN SYTSMA-BRATT** and reception will be held on Sunday, June 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Susan, a graduate of Calvin College and Princeton Theological Seminary, has been an Inquirer and Candidate Under Care of First Presbyterian Church since she and her husband Peter joined our congregation in October of 2006. The Residency and Candidates Committee warmly invites members and friends of the congregation to attend the ordination service and reception that will immediately follow in the Social Hall.

**THE PASTORAL CARE OFFICE IS CREATING AN EMAIL DATABASE** for the purpose of sending out announcements of funeral and memorial services. If you would like to receive email notice about deaths and memorial services, please let the Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers know, at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

**DO YOUR SUMMER PLANS INCLUDE A MOVING VAN?** We hope not! However, every year at this time, several of our members complete residencies, finish degrees, or experience job transitions and other changes. If your plans include relocating, we wish to formally say "Godspeed" to you in the context of worship sometime this summer, and to send you off with our prayers. Please let Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 12) know if you are planning to move.

**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](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

## *Calendar for June 1 - 6*

### **MONDAY:**

Synod Committee, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room  
Card Making, 9:30 a.m., French Room/Library  
Senior Sneak Trip Returns, noon, Church Parking Lot  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
WEBS, 5:30 p.m., Founders/Curtis Rooms  
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
Property Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall  
Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Lewis Room

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
Triangle Parent Conferences, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Rooms 200/201  
Bible Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room  
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room  
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Curtis Room

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Triangle Parent Conferences, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Rooms 200/201  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),  
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center  
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104  
Vacation Bible School Orientation Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

### **THURSDAY:**

Ann Arbor Adapted Exercise Program, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Session, 7:00 p.m., Curtis Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

### **FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Heavenly Hosta Sale Set Up, 10:00 a.m., Monteith Courtyard  
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

### **SATURDAY:**

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall  
Heavenly Hosta Sale, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monteith Courtyard  
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



*A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation*