

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 15, 2010
Twelfth Sunday After 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*.

*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 and 9:30 a.m.

*The service of worship commences with the voluntary;
quiet is requested as you enter the nave.*

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY *Bist du bei mir*

J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from The Worship Sourcebook

One: Let us worship the eternal God,

All: the source of love and life, who creates us.

One: Let us worship Jesus Christ,

All: the risen one, who lives among us.

One: Let us worship the Spirit,

All: the holy fire, who renews us.

One: To the one true God

All: be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

***HYMN 473** *For the Beauty of Earth*

Dix

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your often fearful and faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

(8:00) 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.

(9:30) KYRIE



Lord, have
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy.

*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 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



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 (O.T., pp. 540-41)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (N.T., p. 226)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO Behold, and See

G. F. Handel

Thy rebuke hath broken his heart; he is full of heaviness; he looked for some to have pity on him, but there was no man, neither found he any to comfort him. Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto his sorrow. He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of thy people was he stricken. But thou didst not leave his soul in hell; nor didst thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

(9:30) 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. Following the time with the children, Kindergartners to fifth graders are welcome to remain in worship, or may attend Sunday School in Room 404.

SERMON

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

From A Brief Statement of Faith, 1983 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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) OFFERTORY Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten

J. S. Bach

Wir eilen mit schwachen, doch emsigen Schritten, O Jesu, O Meister, zu helfen zu dir. Du suchest die Kranken und irrenden treulich. Ach! Höre, wie wir die Stimme erheben, um Hilfe zu bitten! Es sei uns dein gnädiges Antlitz erfreulich!

(Tr.) We are running with shaky though hurried steps to you, O Jesus, O master, for help. You faithfully seek out the sick and the lost. Oh, listen, how we raise high our voice to seek out your help! May your merciful face look kindly upon us.

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, 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 361 How Firm a Foundation**

Foundation

***BENEDICTION**

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

For those desiring prayer, the Prayer Team is available following the 9:30 worship service in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Sarah Wiles.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris at 8:00 a.m., and the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris and Jenny McDevitt at 9:30 a.m.

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

THE ORGANIST is Susan Boggs.

THE SOLOISTS are Alice Pierce, soprano; Sally Carpenter, contralto; and John Pierce, tenor.

THE READERS are Ruth Barnard at 8:00 a.m., and Carol Fletcher at 9:30 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Michael and Debra Lisull and Harriet Brouwer.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Jeanette Swartz and Ginny Rezmierski.

“You may pray for an hour and still not pray. You may meet God for a moment and then be in touch with God all day.”
Fredrik Wisloff

Today’s Events

WORSHIP is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets at 9:30 a.m. for crib-5th grade, however all children are welcome and encouraged to attend worship. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children. Church School room assignments are: Crib, Room 203; Toddlers and Twos, Room 204; Threes, Fours and Young Fives, Room 201; Kindergarten through Fifth Grade, Room 404.

MATURE SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Rev. Lawrence W. Farris, Interim Pastor, will discuss comparative religions.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR on the terrace (weather permitting), or in the Social Hall (weather not permitting), 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!

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 of Eugenia Hughes by her sister Ruth Anne Parks.

Announcements

A TWO-SESSION BAPTISM WORKSHOP will be held Sundays, August 22 and August 29, at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall, for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian, or those interested in the topic of baptism. **These workshops are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** To register, call Jennifer Sansbury, 662-4466, ext. 16.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOOTH 38, the First Pres concession stand at UM home football games. Volunteers are needed at all home games, especially on September 4, the big opening day. Other home game dates are September 18 (Massachusetts), September 25 (Bowling Green), October 9 (Michigan State), October 16 (Iowa), November 6 (Illinois), and November 20 (Wisconsin). A big "thank you" to all who have been signing up all summer in preparation for the big year!

Part of the changes to the Big House include a serious upgrade in the food service. U-M has contracted with a new concessionaire, Sodexo, based in Paris, France. This means our responsibilities (and income) will be increased.

Want to sign up? Email Frank Bongiorno at fbong99@yahoo.com, or ask one of the ushers for the sign-up list at any of our Sunday services. Please also email Frank if you have questions concerning your role at Booth 38.

THE NEW (NON-PHOTO) CHURCH DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE in the Church Office for pick up. You are encouraged to take only one per family.

HOLD DONATIONS FOR HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD: The House by the Side of the Road is closed temporarily as they look for a new location. **Please DO NOT drop off donations** of clothing and household goods at church. We will begin accepting donations again once the House has relocated.

ARE YOU A GRAD STUDENT? Please join us for a Summer Bible Study that meets weekly on Mondays, now through August 30, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. on the lower level of Espresso Royale on South University. This study is open to any and all grad students looking to build community and explore/grow in knowing Christ. We are discussing Jesus' teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministry, at jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 14.

ESL NEEDS CONVERSATION PARTNERS AND TUTORS: Do you have a big heart for hospitality? Tutors and conversation partners all say they receive more than they give in time spent with international guests! To be a conversation partner, all you need to be is an American English speaker; to be a tutor, you will be given training through the Washtenaw Literacy program. We meet an hour and a half weekly, from September through May, with summers off. The corps of volunteers is large enough that individuals can easily step out for a few weeks if they need to be away. Interested? Contact Virginia Koster (vkoster@aol.com or 930-9962), coordinator, for more information.

THE NEXT MOTHERS' MORNING SUMMER FUN TUESDAY will be **August 17**. Meet at Rolling Hills Water Park (7660 Stoney Creek Road, Ypsilanti), at 11:30 a.m., for a picnic, then swimming. Cost is \$5 per car and \$6 per person. Those under 36" tall are free. Bring a picnic lunch, suits and towels.

TWO MORE MATURE MINISTRIES TRIPS COMING UP!

Labyrinth Adventure: On Thursday, August 19, Mature Ministries will travel to the home of Kurt and Kathy Hillig, 7654 W. Ellsworth, to walk a labyrinth cut in their field! Afterwards we will share a potluck lunch together (beverages provided). Wear comfortable shoes and casual clothes. Meet at church at 11:00 a.m. We'll return at 2:00 p.m. Sign up in the Church Office by August 16. Call Melissa Anne Rogers for more information, 662-4466, ext. 12.

On Thursday, August 26, we will travel to the Toledo Museum of Art and Glass Pavilion at 9:00 a.m., returning at 3:00 p.m. Transportation is \$10 and admission is free. Sign up by August 15 by calling the Church Office, 662-4466, or contacting Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

ARBOR HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUPS: Arbor Hospice will be starting their fall 8-week support groups the week of September 19. Two new groups being added are the Men's Loss group and the Young Adult group (for individuals in their mid-20s to 40s). In addition, Arbor Hospice will be offering monthly Workshops for One. Upcoming topics include "Traveling Alone" in September and "Basic Home Maintenance" in October. For more information on all of the Grief Support programs, call Melissa Schultz, Grief Coordinator, at 794-5460 or 794-5375.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST PRES? The next set of new member classes will be September 26 and October 3 at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. For more information, contact Resident Minister Rev. Jenny McDevitt at 662-4466, or jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org.

Calendar for August 16-21

MONDAY:

Grad Student Bible Study, 12:00 noon, away
YEMC, 6:30 p.m., Curtis Room
Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

TUESDAY:

Worship Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Stewardship Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m.
(greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Session, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall and Curtis Room
TnT Book Study, 7:30 p.m., Vance Room

THURSDAY:

Mature Ministries Potluck and Labyrinth Walk 11:00 a.m., meet at church
Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis Room

FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library
Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
Margaret Rasmussen Memorial Service, 1:30 p.m., Monteith Hall
Campus Retreat, away



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*