

*The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
January 25, 2009  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



WELCOME TO ALL, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card and introducing yourself at the Welcome Center (through the pulpit door and downstairs). Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. Brochures about programs at First Presbyterian Church are located at the Welcome Center and in the Narthex.

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.

**Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.**

\* Those who are able, please stand.

*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

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING**

VOLUNTARY Three Spirituals *Adolphus Hailstork and Charles Callahan*  
Deep River, Steal Away to Jesus, We Shall Overcome

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**

*Psalm 62:5-7*

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and honor;

**People: my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.**

**\*HYMN 252 O Lord, You Are My God and King**

*Jerusalem*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion and grace,

we confess that we have elevated  
the things of this world above you.

We have made idols of people and possessions  
and used your name for causes

that are not consistent with you and your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first  
and have not taken time to cultivate a relationship  
with those who matter most.

We have not always honored those who guided us in life.

We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it.

We have been unfaithful in our relationships.

We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,  
and have misrepresented the intentions of others.

Forgive us, O God,

for the way we fall short of the people you created us to be.

Help us to learn to live together with you and with each other  
so that peace, your peace, may finally be ours.

## SILENT CONFESSION

*Kyrie (#572 in the Hymnal) Lord, Have Mercy*

*Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us,*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ANTHEM *Mary Wore Three Links of Chain* *arr. Joseph Clokey*

*Mary wore three links of chain, every link bearing Jesus' name, all my  
sins are taken away. Mary weep and Martha mourn waiting for Gabriel to  
blow his horn, all my sins are taken away. I don't know but I've been told  
streets of heaven are paved with gold, all my sins are taken away.*

## 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.*

## PROCLAIMING

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20 (N.T., p. 35)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*The children may come to the chancel steps to meet one of the pastors.*

**HYMN 345 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind**

*Rest*

SERMON The Beginning

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM Go and Tell John

Lloyd Pfautsch

*Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the blind recover their sight. Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the lame are able to walk. Go and tell John what you see and hear, that the deaf are able to hear. Happy is the man who comes to me, happy is the man who believes in me for he shall see God. Go and tell John.*

**\*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

(9:30) COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONERS TO KENYA

*Jerry and Mary Kay Gray are returning to Kenya to continue their mission work. Please pray for them as they travel.*

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 445 Great Day**

*African-American Spiritual*

**\*BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen

*Danish*

VOLUNTARY Great Day

*Adolphus Hailstork*

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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 Douglas J. Brouwer. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Jana Reister.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Aaron Janklow and Deborah Knott at 9:30 and 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 CHANCEL CHOIR DIRECTOR** is Susan Boggs.

**THE ORGANIST** is Susan Boggs.

**THE READERS** are Dale Briggs at 8:00 a.m., Jennifer Griggs at 9:30 a.m., and confirmand Lang DeLancey at 11:00 a.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Lawrence and Rebecca Lohr and Howard Parker. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Mary and Lee Twombly and Marlene Stoeffler.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of James Earle Marron by his parents, Bob and Jane Parker, his sisters Julie, Anne-Marie, Susie, and Marianne.

## 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 class will continue to read through the Bible book by book.

**At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room**, Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel, Professor of Religion at Kalamazoo College, concludes the series, "Christian Claims of Superiority and Exclusiveness."

**JOIN THE NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER CLASSES** at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53, or [bgere@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:bgere@firstpresbyterian.org).

**FIRST COUPLES** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will view the second of a two-part DVD on Martin Luther today.

**FIRST SINGLES** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, the Rev. Jana Reister will share her faith journey.

**THE WINTER SEMESTER OF WEDNESDAY 2:42 BEGINS** February 4. Register today by completing the bulletin insert and dropping it in the offering plate. Don't miss this wonderful all-church experience!

**PURCHASE A SUB SANDWICH** from the annual Super Bowl Campus Ministry Sub Sale! Fill out the order form in the bulletin today and return it in the offering plate, or in special boxes at the Welcome Center and in the narthex. Pick up your sub order in the Social Hall on February 1 at coffee hour. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks, [jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 14.

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

**PROMISES**, our fellowship group for specially-abled adults, meets for worship at 5:30 p.m., then dinner with the congregation in the Social Hall.

**ANNUAL ALL CHURCH MEETING AND SPAGHETTI DINNER** is tonight! Attend the 5:45 p.m. service in Monteith Hall, then enjoy an Italian feast (spaghetti, bread sticks, and salad) prepared by Keys and Abide. There is no cost for dinner, but free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted to support youth mission trips in 2009. There are two seatings for dinner; the first begins at 6:30 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a dessert buffet and coffee in the Social Hall. Sign up in the Church Office at 662-4466 to reserve your preferred dinner seating time.

**KEYSTONES** will not meet tonight due to the Annual All Church Meeting, or next week, Super Bowl Sunday.

## Announcements

*A full description of the events listed below can be found in our newsletter, First Press, available in the narthex, at the Welcome Center, outside the Church Office, or online at [www.firstpresbyterian.org](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).*

**PLEDGE STATUS UPDATE:** As of January 21, 563 pledges have been received totalling \$1,391,845.

**HORS D'OEUVRES AND FUN D' RAISING EVENT POSTPONED:** In order to be sensitive to the financial situation of individual members and church budget cuts, Campus Ministry is postponing this event. If you would like to give financial support to the Campus Ministry mis-

sion trip, we gratefully accept your tax-deductible donations. Please make checks payable to the Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation and either return to the church office or mail to the church. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks at [jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org) or (734) 662-4466 x 14. Thank you for your partnership!

**YOUTH NEWS: Student Leadership Team meets February 1** at 11:00 a.m. to plan the 30 Hour Famine. Watch the website for all the latest. **MIDS meets Wednesdays** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy the mayhem; discover what trouble Jonah has found.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE COMMUNION?** If you are an ordained officer – serving now or previously as elder, deacon, or minister – training (or a refresher) for pew and intinction-style communion services will be held January 31 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sign up through Melissa Anne Rogers, deacon staff liaison, at [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), or 662-4466, ext. 12. Non-ordained people are welcome to sign up to be trained for communion set-up.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES:** The Stephen Ministry invites the congregation to attend a series of continuing education classes, from 7:10 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room. The session topics and dates are Monday, January 26, “Dementia and Alzheimer’s,” presented by a speaker from the Redford Center; and Monday, February 9, “Facing Death: Providing Physical and Emotional Comfort to Loved Ones,” the presentation of a video from Stephen Ministries, St. Louis.

**FIRST PRES NURSES** are invited to a gathering on Saturday, January 31, in the Curtis Room at 10:00 a.m., for coffee, refreshments, and networking. At 10:30 a.m., Dr. Carolyn M. Sampsel, the Carolyn K. Davis Collegiate Professor of Nursing at U-M School of Nursing, will present her research on “Self-Management Strategies to Reduce Urinary Incontinence in Women.” RSVP by January 27 to Martine Blogin, [mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org), or to the Church Office, 662-4466.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY PROGRAM IS BUILDING A LIBRARY** for the use of Stephen Ministers and Leaders. Stephen Ministers help those experiencing situations including multiple kinds of loss (divorce, death, and unemployment), stress related to transition (moving to a new place, welcoming a new child, or other kinds of life changes), health concerns, and spiritual distress. As we build this resource library, we welcome the donation of current books (those published since 1990), classic texts and resources, and any videos and DVDs, that we may use either in our continuing education programs or for personal development. If you have books to offer, please contact Flip Connell at [phelpsc@umich.edu](mailto:phelpsc@umich.edu) for more information.

**SUPPORT THE “BLANKETS +” PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 1:** This program, formerly known as Tools and Blankets, is a special mission effort of Church World Service, working with local communities around the world to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a better future. On Sunday, February 1, you are invited to use a special pew envelope to give a financial contribution. Your donation will go toward purchasing disaster supplies such as blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies; tools and seeds; wells for clean drinking water and crop irrigation; literacy training; and microcredit loans. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, with “Blankets +” on the memo line.

**INTERESTED IN MAKING CARDS** to send to our shut-ins and those in need? A card-making group starts February 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the French room/Library. For more information, contact Sara Yezefski at [syezefski@yahoo.com](mailto:syezefski@yahoo.com).

**VISIT THE PHILIPPINES (IN THE SOCIAL HALL)** on February 7, at 5:00 p.m. The Philippines Task Force (PTF) will host an authentic Filipino dinner, treat guests to an evening of photographs, impressions, and updates on the group's projects, and share new customs experienced on mission trips. Friends and family are invited. Tickets ( \$10 per person/\$25 per family) will be available at coffee hour, or contact Laurie Kotchenruther, 663-0718.

**MEMBERS OF QUAD C AND THEIR FAMILIES** are invited to attend the annual Quad C Potluck Brunch on Sunday, February 15, in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Questions? Contact Rob Bauman, audettebauman@hotmail.com or 998-0152. Quad C incorporates the west side of Ann Arbor. Not sure what quad you are in? Check the church directory or call the church office at 662-4466.

**PRAYING THE PSALMS**, our weekly prayer group, meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. For information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

## *Calendar for January 26 - 31*

### **MONDAY:**

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room  
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall  
Technology Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 p.m., Room 104  
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 Core Group, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Campus Ministry Music, 8:00 p.m., French Room/Library

### **TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
ESL, 4:00 p.m., 100 Level Classrooms  
Campus Core Group Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel  
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Campus Core Group, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., away

### **WEDNESDAY:**

PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m., Vance Room  
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:30 (meal)  
Delonis Center  
MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room  
Hosanna Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Alleluia Choir Rehearsal, 5:00 p.m., Room 404  
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room  
Campus Core Group, 6:30 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Baptism Class, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall  
Taiwanese/First Pres Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Room 101

### **THURSDAY:**

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room

### **FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room

### **SATURDAY:**

Campus Sub Construction, 9:00 a.m., Kitchen  
First Pres Nurses Gathering, 10:00 a.m., Founders/Curtis Rooms  
Communion Training, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary  
Campus Ministry Dominican Republic Trip Meeting, noon, Lewis Room





