

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
November 21, 2010
Twenty-Sixth 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, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Presbyterian Church Orchestra

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Stewardship, Endowment and Special Gifts

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 100

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.**

One: Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
 Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

One: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN 559 We Gather Together**

Kremser

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all compassion, look with mercy upon us when we fail to give you thanks and praise. You give extravagantly and freely, yet we too often consider you withholding. Though your generosity never fails, we too often compare our blessings with those of others. You have given us much that we might return your gifts and serve in your name, yet we too often hoard and are selfish. You provide life for our souls, yet too often we find ourselves fixated on the losses we endure throughout life. Forgive our human and foolish ways, and make us like our beloved Jesus – truly grateful, truly wise, and truly generous.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (#195 in the Hymnal)



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 PATRI

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (O.T., pp. 180-81)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Alleluia, Alleluia Susan Naylor Callaway
Alleluia, Lord, we sing, each new day our praises bring; singing songs of praise to you, alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, thank you, Lord, alleluia, thank you, Lord. For all you are and all you do, alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, for your Son, Jesus Christ, the holy One, to him all our praise is due, alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, thank you, Lord, alleluia, thank you, Lord. For all you are and all you do, alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, we adore, and we thank you evermore, for your love is ever new, alleluia, allelu. In a time of silent prayer as our heads are bowed, or in times of grateful song we lift our thanks aloud. Alleluia, allelu, thank you, Lord, alleluia, thank you, Lord. For all you are and all you do, alleluia, allelu.

Alleluia and Hosanna Choirs

After the singing of the anthem, children may leave to go to their Sunday school classrooms.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 17:11-19 (N.T., p. 80)

*HYMN 551 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor

SERMON Gratitude for Dummies

RESPONDING

(9:30/11:00) *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

From A Declaration of Faith, 1977

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) OFFERTORY Psalm 100 *Heinrich Schütz*
Praise the Almighty, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before the Lord with singing. He hath made us all, not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with song and praise. Thank ye Him! Praise the Lord and His name. For the Lord is gracious and His mercy everlasting. His truth endureth for all time. Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, shall be evermore through eternity. Amen.

(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

(9:30) CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence in our worship, we welcome you to take pictures after the service. Julie and Kevin Currie present their daughter, Keira Megan Currie, born October 7, 2009 for baptism. Amy and Jeremy Whitt present their son, Jack Porter Whitt, born February 6, 2010 for baptism.

QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT, RENUNCIATION, AND AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER OF BAPTISM

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WELCOME AND BLESSING

As we welcome Jack Porter and Keira Megan, the congregation is invited to sing verses 1 and 2 of Hymn 498, "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (please remain seated).

(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.

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 555 **Now Thank We All Our God**

Nan Danket Alle Gott

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Let us go forward,

All: **trusting God.**

(11:00) CHORAL RESPONSE	Amen	<i>Heinrich Schütz</i>
(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY	Bohemian Dance	<i>Antonín Dvorák</i>

Presbyterian Church Orchestra

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

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 a.m. worship service is the Reverend Matthew Nickel. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Brewster H. Gere.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Sarah Wiles at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Julie Marks at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Matthew Nickel and Sarah Wiles at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Sarah Wiles at 5:45 p.m.

THE ORGANISTS are Susan Boggs and Carol Muehlig.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Susan Boggs.

THE PRESBYTERIAN ORCHESTRA CONDUCTOR is Gerald Leckrone.

THE QUARTET MEMBERS include Sally Carpenter, Glenn Ellington, Terence Farmer, and Leslie Smith.

THE ALLELUIA AND HOSANNA CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Barbara Trevelan.

THE PIANIST is Jan Leckrone.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Frank and Nelly Petrock and Barbara Black. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are James and Renee Mulcrone and Lois Foyle.

THE READERS are Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m., Carolyn Milroy at 9:30 a.m., and Sarah Stitt at 11:00 a.m.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Carol Fletcher and Laurie Kotchenruther. *"Prayer can never be in excess."* **C. H. Spurgeon**

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of Victor and Marlene Stoeffler, and in loving memory of Joanne Kooyers, Suzanne Kooyers, and Ken Kooyers by their family.

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.

TODAY AT THE 5:45 ... worship will be a service of thanksgiving for the whole family, led by the Reverend Brewster H. Gere.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets today at 9:30 a.m. for crib-12th grade and at 11:00 a.m. for crib-5th grade.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. Everyone is welcome to attend! At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries, will discuss books that family members can give to their children for Christmas.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Today, they will discuss the Introduction through Chapter 2 of *Called for Life: Finding Meaning in Retirement*, by Paul C. Clayton.

MATURE SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for a potluck and planning meeting. On November 25 at 2:00 p.m., Marcy Toon will host Thanksgiving dinner. Contact her at 995-2519 if you would like to attend.

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

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR following the 9:30 a.m. service. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. Thanks to cookie bakers Nancy Pflasterer, Pam Wood and Kathy Clark, who provided the delicious cookies for coffee hour today!

THANK YOU FROM HAITI MEDICAL MISSION TASK FORCE:

Today at coffee hour, the Haiti Medical Mission Task Force is hosting a thank-you reception with breakfast treats and Haitian coffee. These treats are provided to express our deepest thanks to the congregation and all of the Haiti mission volunteers for their tremendous support this past year.

THE ANNUAL BOY SCOUT TROOP 7 WREATH SALE will be held today, November 28 and December 5 between worship services in the Social Hall. Wreaths are 25 inches in diameter and are \$25 each.

STEWARDSHIP FACTOIDS

The following Stewardship Factoids highlight the wonderful ways God’s gifts to us are multiplied as we share those gifts with others.

Let Us Go Forward, Trusting God

Did you know ...

- The First Pres Philippines Task Force began 11 years ago. The first school supply shipment contained 5 boxes. By 2010, the number of boxes being shipped has grown to 46.
- The Philippines Task Force annually conducts a collection of “gently used” shoes. The shoe drive collects approximately 150-300 pairs of shoes per year.
- Since its inception, the Philippines Task Force has built 7 homes, a community center, and a dental clinic. It has donated much-needed medical supplies and has provided between 75 and 100 scholarships to Filipino students, enabling them to get a formal education.
- The Philippines Task Force donates bolts of fabric to a group of Filipino women who have formed a co-op making clothing for their families and to sell – clothing made on industrial sewing machines purchased with funds raised by the Task Force.

The Stewardship Committee urges those who have not submitted a pledge card to please do so soon. Return your pledge card in the self-addressed envelope provided with the pledge materials or place it in the offering plate. You can also make your financial commitment online. Go to www.firstpresbyterian.org. Click on ‘Stewardship & Giving’, then ‘2011 Financial Commitment Form.’ Many thanks to those who have already submitted their financial commitment, a commitment to going forward, trusting God.

Announcements

YOUTH UPDATE: Sunday School begins with Munch & Mingle from 9:20 to 9:30 a.m. in the 100 Level hallway outside the sixth and seventh grade classroom. **6th-8th Graders** - There will be no MIDS this week. MIDS will return December 1 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Birch Run trip is canceled. The MIDS Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 15. **High School Youth** - Keystones meets tonight and next Sunday from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. The Jamaica Mission Trip closes December 5.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS in your inbox! Prepared by pilgrims who travelled to Iona, these brief daily readings offer a way to center yourself during the season of Advent. You can sign up online or email Rev. Sarah Wiles at swiles@firstpresbyterian.org. If you would like a hard copy of the devotions please call Sarah at 662-4466, ext. 27.

ORDER GIFT CARDS – SUPPORT YOUTH MISSION! The Keystones youth group will be taking orders for gift cards in the Social Hall after the 9:30 a.m. service today, November 28 and December 5. If you are planning on giving gift cards this holiday season or looking for a way to show appreciation for your hard-working employees at year-end, consider supporting our Youth Mission programs by purchasing gift cards through Keystones. You can also purchase cards to do holiday shopping if you know you will be frequenting certain stores. Orders will be placed after December 5, and will arrive just in time for the holiday. For more information or to place an order, contact Marc Buchanan at mdbuchanan75@gmail.com.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM begins next Sunday, November 28. Consider “adopting” a local family or individual in need by providing them with Christmas gifts, or consider making a contribution using the special pew envelopes available in the Social Hall, at the Welcome Center and outside the Church Office, starting next Sunday. The sign-up to adopt families will be in the Social Hall between and after morning services on November 28, December 5 and December 12, or contact Julie Morrison at morrisons@comcast.net or 668-0420 for more information.

CAMPUS UPDATE: We are so thankful to all of the work requestors that participated in the Campus Ministry Work Day last Saturday, November 13. Twenty-three college students visited the homes of First Pres church members and friends, and raised \$4,900 toward their Spring Break mission trips! They worked on all kinds of projects, ranging from leaf raking to painting a fence! The students came back with a feeling of accomplishment from their day’s work and joy in the opportunity they had to get to know those at whose homes they worked. Again, thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser - your support was much appreciated!

DAILY MORNING WORSHIP OFFERED DURING ADVENT: In the spirit of the Iona community’s daily worship service, we will join together from 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary each weekday during Advent (Monday, November 29 through Friday, December 24). Services will be short and simple and provide a moment of calm in this busy season.

FIRST PRES WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE: Our next host week at Alpha House (a local family shelter on Jackson Road), begins at the start of the Christmas season, November 29 to December 5. Look for the yellow sign-up poster in the Welcome Center or in the Social Hall after coffee hour on Sundays. There are many opportunities to provide meals, childcare, stay overnight or fill pantry needs. Contact Nancy Vander Kuyf, 741-1814, nanspan@gmail.com, Wendy Rampson Gage, wrampson@umich.edu, or Anne Gere, argere@umich.edu.

ADVENT NOON RECITAL SERIES: Three half-hour recitals will be presented in the Sanctuary on Thursdays in December from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. for your enjoyment of the season. Music will be presented by the Chancel Choir on December 2, the Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir on December 9, and organist Dr. Daniel Forger on December 16. Brown bag lunches are welcome.

USHER IN THE SEASON AT ADVENT HAPPENING on Saturday, December 4, in the Social Hall from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Bring the whole family to enjoy making crafts and gifts that help us understand the meaning of the season. Childcare is provided for infants through age two.

HELP US HANG THE GREENS! The Worship Committee invites everyone in the congregation to join them on Saturday, December 4, for the annual hanging of the greens! Starting at 10:00 a.m., we will decorate the church for the holidays and share in the Spirit of the Advent season together. Washtenaw Dairy donuts and cider will be available.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PARENT INFORMATION MEETING will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 5, in Monteith Hall. At this meeting, you will learn more details about costumes and rehearsal schedules. The family Christmas Eve pageant and worship service will be presented by the children of the congregation at 3:00 p.m., on December 24.

JOY OFFERING TO BE TAKEN ON DECEMBER 5: The Christmas Joy Offering has been a Presbyterian tradition for more than 70 years. Fifty percent of the receipts of the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council. Please give generously.

HILLTOPPERS ADVENT EXTRAVAGANZA IS DECEMBER 9: People of all ages are invited to join the Hilltoppers Advent Extravaganza- lunch, concert, and lecture! Come at 11:30 a.m. (**note time change**) for a delicious hot lunch (\$5). At 12:15, we'll visit the sanctuary for the Advent Noon Recital followed by a dessert and the lecture "A Christmas Journey Through Ethiopia," at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The presenters are Rev. Bob and Lilli Miller, a Lutheran pastor and his wife who attend our church regularly. They served as missionaries to Ethiopia from 1960 - 65 and 1969 -74. Donations will be taken to purchase bibles for children in Ethiopia as our Advent Project. To sign up, contact the church office, 662-4466, or email Melissa Anne Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org. No registration is required for the concert.

DONATE A POINSETTIA to remember or honor a loved one and to beautify our worship on December 19 and Christmas Eve. The cost is \$15. After worship, the poinsettias will be delivered by our deacons to shut-ins, those recovering, the grieving, and others in need during the Advent Season. Poinsettias must be purchased by Sunday, December 12, to be included in worship on December 19 and 24. Sign up and pay in the Church Office, check payable to First Presbyterian with "poinsettia" in the memo line. Questions? Contact Melissa Anne Rogers, at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE THE PANCAKES! The Seventh Annual Old Fashioned Pancake Supper for Students is Monday, December 13, from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Hundreds come to this delicious friendship celebration for students in the FPC neighborhood on the last day of classes. Last year 60 volunteers set up, cooked, and served over 335 late night meals to students. We heard many volunteers exclaim, as they dragged their tired bodies home and out of sight, "Sign me up for next year!" Well, next year is here. Can we do it again? Please contact Ginny Rezmierski (734-971-6221 or ver@umich.edu) if you would like to volunteer for one of the work crews, or if you would like to make a financial donation--sponsoring biscuits, milk, eggs, fruit, or whatever sounds delicious.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FIRST PRES? Contact Rev. Jenny McDevitt, 662-4466, ext. 55 or jmcdevitt@firstpresbyterian.org, for more information.

Calendar for November 22-27

MONDAY:

Triangle Nursery Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Room 204
Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, 12:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
Campus Core Group, 5:30 p.m., Room 405
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., French Room/Library
Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, 7:00 p.m., Youth Room
PNC, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

ESL (set-up 12:30 p.m.), 1:00 p.m., Youth Room/Rooms 101, 102, 104
Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship Service, 9:00 p.m., away

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers), 5:00 p.m.
(greeting card program), 5:30 (meal), Delonis Center

THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY

Building Closed

FRIDAY:

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SATURDAY:

No Events Scheduled



A Stephen Ministry
Congregation

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