

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
September 20, 2009
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
University Sunday*

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.

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

Amazing Grace

Early American Hymn, arr. Wilbur Held

Wondrous Love

Early American Hymn, arr. Dale Wood

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.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Campus Ministry *Kaitlin Terpstra-Sweeney,
senior, communications major, UM*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 49:6

One: And now the LORD says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

All: **to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;**

One: I will give you as a light to the nations,

All: **that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."**

***HYMN 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

Austria

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to service you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (#195 in the Hymnal)

The hymn will be sung by the soloist first, then by the congregation.

1. Have mer - cy on us, liv - ing Lord, Re - mem - ber not our sin.
 Ac - cord - ing to Your stead - fast love Come, cleanse us deep with-in.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God’s people, forgiven and reconciled. As we enter flu season, we encourage you to participate in “touch free” passing of the peace. As you greet one another, rather than shaking hands, you may wish to 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 (#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

Psalm 67 (O.T., p. 529)

ANTHEM When Peace Like a River

arr. Dale Grotenhuis

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say: It is well, it is well with my soul. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control; that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:23-36, 44-48 (N.T., pp. 129-30)

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 492 Baptized in Water

Bunessan

SERMON

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM How Can I Keep From Singing?

Quaker hymn, arr. Gwyneth Walker

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real tho distant song that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing? What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it's living! What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it's giving! No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble when they hear the bells of freedom ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cell, in dungeon dark, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends hold courage in their heart, how can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since I believe that love abides, how can I keep from singing?

***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**

(8:00) COMMISSIONING OF TRAVELERS TO HAITI

Margie Van Meter, Rosemarie Rowney, Barbara Campbell, and Ruth Barnard will be attending the second graduation of the FSIL School of Nursing in Port-au-Prince, Haïti, on September 22, as well as attending board meetings and meeting with students at FSIL in Léogâne. There will be thirteen graduating students, twelve women and one man. First Presbyterian members have been instrumental in working with Haitians to develop the school, the first four-year baccalaureate school of nursing in Haiti.

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy Card

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 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee**

St. Agnes

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE Forth from This Place

Donald Bryant

Forth from this place, O Lord, we go, thy holy will to try and do. Give us the strength for every task, and bless us on our way.

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY Pisgah *Early American Hymn, arr. Dale Wood*

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

THE PREACHER at the 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Julie Marks.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverends Brewster H. Gere and Jim Monnett at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris, Brewster H. Gere and Melissa Anne Rogers and Resident Minister Sarah Wiles at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Lawrence W. Farris and Brewster H. Gere and Resident Ministers Jenny McDevitt and Matthew Nickel at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris 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 READERS are Alayna Bosma, sophomore, kinesiology / pre-med major at UM, at 8:00 a.m.; Ben Landes, sophomore, physics and math major at UM, at 9:30 a.m.; Katie McKeiver, junior, education major at UM, at 11:00 a.m.; and Joe Sandman, political science / public policy major, UM, at 5:45 p.m.

THE GREETERS at 8:00 a.m. are Alayna Bosma, sophomore, UM, and Shari MacDonald, senior, UM; at 9:30 a.m. are Dave Huston, junior, UM, Julie Yang, junior, UM, Katie McTaggart, sophomore, UM, and Dan Heferan, senior, UM; and at 11:00 a.m. are Chantel Jennings, Lindsey Etterbrek, Gayle Campbell, all juniors at UM and Jack Cramton, sophomore, UM.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are Ginny Rezmierski and June and Jim Bixler.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Marian Cares by her family.

THE ROSEBUD WELCOMES Drew Allen Rigterink, born August 18, 2009, daughter of Tami and Dave Rigterink, and grandson of Sue and Dick Rigterink.

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. Youth Munch and Mingle and Sunday school meet at 9:20 a.m. in Monteith Hall. **Parents:** Are you unsure which classroom is your child's? A list of Sunday school classroom assignments is available at the Welcome Center. Also, if you have not yet registered your child for Sunday School, please pick up the new Sunday School Information Form in the church office or at the Welcome Center, fill it out and return it today.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. The class provides the opportunity to raise questions and discuss everything, including history, theology, politics, the church, faith, doubt, and more. Everyone is welcome to attend!

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, John Whittier-Ferguson, Associate Professor of English at UM, presents "Poetry of Spiritual Struggle."

A GREENTHUMBERS HOSTA SALE will be held between worship services on Sunday, September 20, to benefit our church gardens. The Greenthumbers have divided the beautiful Halcyon hosta from our own flowerbeds and have plants for sale. Proceeds will help pay for tulips and summer flowers. Call Kathy Clark for more information at 761-8519.

FIRST COUPLES meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Jane Riddle from Lodi Farms Nursery will present "Herbs of the Bible." She will have samples and discuss 15 of the 115 plants and herbs referred to in the Bible, their related verses and uses. All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY 2:42: Wednesday 2:42 is our intergenerational midweek evening program at First Pres, which bases its theme on Acts 2:42. (*They*

devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.) It will return Wednesday, September 30, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will include dinner, children's choir rehearsals, MIDS, children and adult education programs, fellowship, prayer groups, new member and baptism classes and more. Be sure to stop by the Wednesday 2:42 table in the Social Hall at coffee hour during the month of September to sign up to attend, and learn more about this exciting new program!

JOIN US FOR SATURDAY SUPPERS ON OCTOBER 3. Sign up at coffee hour from September 6 to September 27. On October 3, you'll meet at a "host" house (the host provides the main dish). Each family, couple, or individual brings a side, dessert, or salad. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@sbcglobal.net). **The deadline to sign up is September 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Part 1 of the DVD, *My Search for Messiah*, a film about the personal journey of discovery of Dr. Michael Rydelnik, Professor of Jewish Studies at Moody Bible Institute and son of a Holocaust survivor, will be viewed and discussed.

CHURCH ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS are held at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Players of varying skill levels and ages are welcome! Interested in finding out more? Contact Gerry Leckrone, director, at 971-3103, or gerryleckrone@yahoo.com.

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

CAMPUS MINISTRY MEAL: Students, join us in the Curtis Room after the 5:45 p.m. worship service, for the Sunday evening meal.

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.

NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: It has been written that if one suppresses grief too much, it can redouble. The Apostle Paul challenges us to bear one another's burdens. With these two thoughts in mind, the Grief and Loss Support Group begins Monday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room. It is open to all and there is no fee for this 8-week series. Participants are not required to attend the entire series, but attendance at the first session is helpful. If you have had a loss in the last few years, this unique community may be helpful to you. For more information, or to sign up, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 12.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) SCHEDULE is changing. The ESL tutoring program will meet on Tuesdays, starting September 22, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., rather than last year's later hour, to accommodate the commitments for some tutors.

GET INVOLVED WITH TNT (TWENTIES AND THIRTIES)! A study of the Book of Ephesians continues Wednesday, September 23, at 7:15 p.m. in the Vance Room. Want to find out more? Contact Marc Buchanan at mdbuchanan75@gmail.com.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DAVID AUSTIN, the son of Ron and Annamarie Austin, will be held September 27 at 1:00 p.m. David grew up in our church, and died in Madison, Wisconsin on August 28. A reception will be held following the service for the family and friends. Our prayers continue for the Austin family and for David's large community of family and friends in Madison.

RECEPTION FOR JON OPHOFF ON SEPTEMBER 27: September 27 will be the last Sunday for our 8:00 a.m. worship pianist, Jon Ophoff. He is retiring because of increased professional responsibilities. There will be a reception for Jon following the service in the foyer of Monteith Hall.

YOUTH NEWS:

Sixth through Eighth Graders - MIDS, (middle school youth group) meets each Wednesday in the youth room from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come for Bible Study, great games, and lots of fun! Remember, **Wednesday 242** dinners return on September 30. Friends are welcome with a signed Consent Release form (required). A **Confirmation information meeting** will be held Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. for parents and eighth grade students. The **Confirmation Retreat** will be October 9-11.

Keystones (high schoolers) **meets weekly on Sunday nights** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. starting tonight. Next Sunday, September 27, **Keys at Play** meets at the Monnett's home, 3102 Kilburn Park Circle, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., for lunch and Capture the Flag. RSVP to Rev. Jim Monnett. A signed Consent Release form is required. Get ready for our **Fall Bake Sale**, on Sunday, September 27, during coffee hour! Bring your baked goods marked with your name, price, and a listing of any nut ingredients to church by 9:00 a.m. Pick up a "How To" flyer outside of RJ's office. Questions? Contact RJ, Rev. Jim Monnett, at jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

PICK UP A TREAT AT THE KEYS BAKE SALE next Sunday at coffee hour. Come with cash and support high school mission trips!

INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRES? Join us on Sundays, September 27, October 4, 11 and 18 for the latest series of new member / inquirer classes. Those who wish to join the church may do so at the 9:30 a.m. worship service on October 25 (we treat you to breakfast before the service). If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53, or bgere@firstpresbyterian.org.

BIBLE SUNDAY is Sunday, September 27, when the third graders in our congregation will be presented with their own Bibles. Children will attend church with their families, who are asked to sit near the front of the church. At the time of the children's sermon, the names of children receiving Bibles will be read, and the children will come forward to receive their Bibles.

FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK STARTS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: The Potluck Deluxe after the summer 5:45 @ 11 worship service was a great success! We will continue to gather for a potluck lunch every fourth Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service, in the Social Hall. The "Fourth Sunday Potluck" needs you to join us! Simply bring a stress-free side dish. Different committees in the church will each "adopt" a Sunday and provide the main meat and vegetarian dish. On September 27, the Children's Education and Family Ministry Committee (CEFMC) will be the sponsor. If you've come and enjoyed this event during the summer, plan on coming again, and inviting others. Thanks, too, to Mallory and Alan Traxler for helping us keep it organized. For more information, contact Mallory at am_traxler@yahoo.com. We hope to see you for our first Fourth Sunday Potluck on September 27.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING EDUCATION SERIES resumes on Monday, September 28. The congregation is invited to attend the presentation, "What it Means to Be a Whole Person," by Fernando Colon, from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room.

WITH THE CLOSING OF THE ANN ARBOR NEWS, obituaries posted locally are easy to miss without regularly logging on to the internet and www.AnnArbor.com. To help keep communication timely, our church has an email group through the pastoral care office to inform our members and friends of deaths in our church family and give specific details on funeral and memorial service times and locations. To join this email group, send your email address to Melissa Anne Rogers, Director of Pastoral Care,

at mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org.

INTERESTED IN MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES at First Pres? Please join us and become a part of our musical community. A list of choirs and instrumental ensembles, one for every age and ability, is available at the Welcome Center.

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION who donated plastic tubs for use during Summer Vacation Bible School. No more donations are needed at this time, the children's education department has all that they need.

THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (ITC) is looking for volunteers to produce the weekly sermon podcast. Basic audio editing skills, FTP uploading experience, and the ability to modify templated test files are required. If interested, contact Jon Ophoff at jophoff@umich.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY 2:42: The new Wednesday 2:42 semester begins on September 30. Our wonderful cook, Christine Miller, will be back in the kitchen creating more culinary delights for the 2:42 dinners, but she can't do it alone. We've had fantastic teams of kitchen volunteers in the past, and are looking to put together another team now. If you're interested in working with a fun group of people (just once or several times) and making tummies happy on a Wednesday night, contact Jennifer Sansbury at jsansbury@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466, ext. 16.

NEW FELLOWSHIP GROUPS ARE FORMING! Do you have a desire to know and grow into a deeper relationship with God? Do you long to know some First Pres folks in a more meaningful way? Fellowship groups are the perfect means to do both in an encouraging setting. A "fellowship group" consists of six to twelve people who meet about twice a month in homes or at church to study the Bible together, pray for one another, and share their lives, ideas, concerns, laughter, and occasionally food! Currently First Pres has several fellowship groups meeting on various days of the week. We hope to form more groups this fall, and will be offering a study of the Lord's Prayer this fall. If you would like to be a part of a group, or would like more information, contact Rhonda Sizemore (971-3408, rlsizemore@sbcglobal.net).

CAMPUS MINISTRY'S MID-WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE is held Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. at the Michigan League in the Kessler Room in September and at the Michigan Union in the Anderson Room starting in October. Join us as we partner with YoungLife College to hold a weekly, on-campus gathering that includes teaching from scripture, singing, fellowship, humor, and outreach. For more information, contact Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministry (jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 14).

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 at any time.

Calendar for September 21 - 26

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room

Triangle Nursery Begins, Parent Coffee, 9:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.,
Room 204

Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall

Glacier Gathering, 2:00 p.m., away

Grief Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Lewis Room

Stewardship and Endowment Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101

Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall

Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
 OSHER Class: Understanding the Generations, 10:00 a.m.,
 Curtis/Founders Rooms
 ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104
 Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
 Worship Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
 Confirmation Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Monteith Hall
 Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
 Campus Ministry Mid-week Worship, 9:00 p.m., Michigan League

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
 Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
 MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
 Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room
 Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m., Room 404
 TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
 Triangle General Meeting and Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m.,
 Rooms 200/201

FRIDAY:

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
 Moms' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Founders Room

SATURDAY:

UM vs Indiana, Home Game, Visit Booth 38!



*A Stephen Ministry
 Congregation*

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