

The First Presbyterian Church  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 27, 2009  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Bible 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](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 Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547 J. S. Bach

INTROIT Let Us Go to the House of the Lord Benjamin Hutto  
*Alleluia. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself. To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord. For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers. For my brethren and companions' sake, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good." Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.* Psalm 122

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 Wednesday 2:42

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Autumn comes, the days shorten,

**All: But always the Lord is God.**

One: The earth turns from the sun,

**All: And still we are warmed by God's nearness.**

One: The slanting light of day turns golden,

**All: And ever we behold the goodness of God.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN 455 All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst Uns Erfreuen***  
*Please sing verses 1, 2, 3, and 6.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The season of harvest enfolds us, O God, and our thoughts turn to the harvest we have brought forth with the gifts you have bestowed upon us. We have sometimes been much too taken with our labor and forgotten that you seek to work through and with us. We have sometimes refused to offer our gifts to the work you would have us do and then wondered why we are not satisfied. Too often we have forgotten we live by your grace and thereby failed to balance labor with sabbath rest. Have mercy upon us, and by your Spirit, work in us to bring forth a harvest of justice, compassion and meaning. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE (#195 in the Hymnal)**

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 "hands 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**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 126 (O.T., p. 572-73)

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

(8:00) James 5:13-20 (N.T., pp. 231-32)  
(9:30/11:00) Luke 9:51-62(N.T., pp. 70-71)

**Leader:** The word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

**(9:30) PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES**

*Children and parents, please come forward to receive your Bible as your name is called, and stand on the chancel steps for the litany. The names of the children receiving Bibles today are:*

Gabriel Dean Arrak  
Zoe Adele Arrak  
Matthew L. Chang  
Allison Elizabeth Vaughan Dabrowski

Jack Michelmore DiMarzo  
Elizabeth Griggs Engel  
Nicole Lee France  
Greta Marie Hoffman

Katherine Diane Knibbs  
Emily Nicole Lancaster  
Benjamin Steven Meyers  
Thomas Justin Morrison  
Claudia Jordan Morville  
Davis Scott Moyer  
Aedan Sherman Mulcrone  
Michael Barnes Pelosi

Vincent Miller Pelosi  
Justin Nicholas Pomo  
Alex Jeffrey Pynnonen  
James Washington Retzer  
Charles McDaniel Rogers  
Helen Leslie Ross  
Lydia Grace Schaafsma  
Amelie Jane Terrible Spoor

## LITANY FOR PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Leader: Boys and girls, we give each of you a Bible inscribed with your own name. Will you read it and study it so you learn the ways God spoke to people in the past and so you will know Jesus as your most important friend?

**Children: I will read and study the Bible so I grow in knowing God and Jesus.**

Leader: Parents, God has given you the primary responsibility for your children's education in faith. Will you read the Bible with your children as a means of helping them to know Jesus Christ as Friend and Lord, to understand ways that Christian faith guides decisions in daily life, and as a means of sharing your faith with them?

**Parents: We will read the Bible and share our faith with our children.**

Leader: People of the church, at the baptism of children we promise to tell them of God's love, to help them understand Christ's commands, and to strengthen family ties within the household of God. Are we willing to renew this promise?

**Congregation: We renew our promise to children and their families to tell them the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God.**

**Everyone in prayer: God of love and care, thank you for your word in the Bible and actively lived in human lives through ages past and in the world today. Through reading and studying the Bible, through prayer and worshipping, help us to know you and to know what we are to do to be your faithful people, following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN 560      **We Plow the Fields and Scatter**  
*Please stand if you are able.*

*Nyland*

SERMON            (8:00) Anyone Can Pray  
                         (9:30/11:00) Ready to Build

## RESPONDING

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30/11:00) ANTHEM      My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*arr. Mack Wilberg*

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; my cup with blessing overflows, thine*

*oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come; no more a stranger nor a guest; but like a child at home.*

**\*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) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*See Communion Liturgy Card*

**(11:00) THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Daryl and Heather Hentschel Coupe are presenting their daughter, Hadley Kristina Coupe, born May 7, 2009, for baptism. Jessica and Peter Girz are presenting their son, Jackson Albert Girz, born March 3, 2009, and their daughter, Isabelle Rose Perkins, born November 11, 2004, for baptism.*

**QUESTIONS OF COMMITMENT, RENUNCIATION, AND AFFIRMATION**

**\*THE APOSTLE'S CREED (ECUMENICAL)**

*Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 14*

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND 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.**

**BLESSING AND HYMN OF WELCOME**

*As Hadley Kristina, Jackson Albert, and Isabelle Rose are welcomed, the congregation is invited to sing verses 1 and 2 of hymn 498, Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (please remain seated).*

**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**

**(8:00) \*HYMN 280** **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

*Amazing Grace*

**(9:30/11:00) \*HYMN 308** **O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**

*Kingsfold*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** Amen

*Dresden*

**(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY** **Creatures of Our God and King** *Improvisation*

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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 a.m. worship service is the Reverend Jim Monnett. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship service is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris. The preacher at the 5:45 p.m. worship service is the Reverend Matthew Nickel.

**PARTICIPATING** in the worship services are Resident Minister Jenny McDivitt at 8:00 a.m., Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries and the Reverends Matthew Nickle and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Matthew Nickel and Melissa Anne Rogers at 11:00 a.m., and Resident Minister Jenny McDivitt 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 INSTRUMENTALISTS** are Ellen Sudia, oboe; and Patricia Farris, flute.

**THE READERS** are Ruth Barnard at 8:00 a.m.; Kay Erdman at 9:30 a.m.; and Sharon Rothwell at 5:45 p.m.

**THE GREETERS** at 9:30 a.m. are Jerry and Mary Kay Gray and Karl Charlson. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. Sean, Melissa, and Daniel Kesterson and Peggy Jensen.

**THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS** are Kay Erdman and Nancy Fox.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of James Pilcher by his wife Jane, their sons Jim, Jack, John, and Jerry, and their daughter, Jane Chronis.

**THE FLOWERS IN MONTEITH HALL** are given in loving memory of Richard Platte, Sr. from his 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.

**A RECEPTION FOR JON OPHOFF WILL BE HELD TODAY** after the 8:00 a.m. worship service, in the foyer of Monteith Hall. Today will be the last Sunday for our 8:00 a.m. worship pianist, Jon Ophoff. He is retiring because of increased professional responsibilities.

**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:** 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. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room,** Robert Wallin, Deputy Assistant Dean for Student Academic Affairs, UM College of Literature, Science and Arts, begins the two part series, "John Calvin at 500."

**FIRST COUPLES** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room and will watch and discuss "In the Beginning" from the DVD *Books of the Bible* series.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING FIRST PRES?** The latest series of new member/inquirer classes begins today at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. If you are interested in participating, contact Rev. Budge Gere at 662-4466, ext. 53.

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

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR WEDNESDAY 2:42:** Wednesday 2:42, our inter-generational midweek evening program at First Pres, returns Wednesday, September 30, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for includes dinner, children's choir rehearsals, MIDS, children and adult education programs, fellowship,

prayer groups, new member and baptism classes and more. Sign up at the Wednesday 2:42 table in the Social Hall during coffee hour.

**JOIN US FOR SATURDAY SUPPERS ON OCTOBER 3.** The deadline to sign up is today, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12) or Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@sbcglobal.net).

**FIRST SINGLES** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room today for a potluck and planning meeting for November and December.

**FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCK STARTS TODAY** after the 11:00 service, in the Social Hall. Please join us, simply bring a stress-free side dish. Different committees in the church will “adopt” a Sunday and provide the main meat and vegetarian dish. Today’s potluck will be sponsored by the Children’s Education and Family Ministry Committee (CEFMC). For more information, contact Mallory at am\_traxler@yahoo.com.

**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.

**PROMISES**, our group for developmentally disabled adults, meets this evening for worship at 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall and dinner following at the apartment of Megan Carlisle.

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

**The Congregational Self-Study Committee has scheduled a series of meetings to gather input from the congregation. Who God is calling our church to become? What God is calling our church to do? It is important that your voice be heard. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.**

**Sunday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, Nov. 1, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

## *Announcements*

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

**HILLTOPPERS MEETS FOR MOVIE MORNING TOMORROW** at 10:00 a.m. to watch and discuss the movie, “Religulous.” Bring a sack lunch. Sign up in the Church Office today.

**A NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** meets Mondays, through November 9, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room. It is open to all and there is no fee. For more information, or to sign up, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers at 662-4466, ext. 12.

**YOUTH NEWS: 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. A **MIDS Corn Maze trip** will be held next Sunday, October 4 at noon. The cost is \$10 and parent drivers are needed. Please RSVP to RJ by October 2. Friends are welcome with a signed Consent Release form (required). The **Confirmation Retreat** will be October 9-11. **KEYSTONES** (high schoolers): Today, **Keys at Play** meets at the Monnett 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. **Keystones meets weekly on Sunday nights** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Questions? Contact RJ, Rev. Jim Monnett, at 662-4466, ext. 20.

**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 Colón, from 7:05 to 7:45 p.m., in the Youth Room.

**THE CARD MAKING MINISTRY RETURNS** on Friday, October 2, at 9:30 a.m., in the French Room to make cards for deacons and others to deliver to our shut-ins.

**JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** in Monteith Hall on October 3, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

**ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**, congregations across our denomination will receive the 2009 Peacemaking Offering. This offering supports peacemaking ministries across the church and is crucial to the ongoing success of the Peacemaking Program. Of the total offering, 25% goes to presbyteries and synods, 50% goes to the General Assembly's Peacemaking program, and 25% is kept by our congregation. Please give as generously as you can. If you are mailing in a check, please make it out to First Presbyterian Church with "Peacemaking Offering" in the memo line.

**HAITI MEDICAL MISSION TASK FORCE** will be making and selling pies in October. To order a delicious apple or rhubarb pie, stop by the Haiti Medical Mission Task Force table at coffee hour on October 4 and 11. Frozen pies will be available for pick up on Sunday, October, 18. For more information, contact Margie Van Meter at 971-6376.

**The Task Force travels to Haiti regularly to provide much needed medical assistance.** Their next trip will be October 24 -31. Donations of medical supplies and other items are needed and greatly appreciated. Please place any donated items in the collection box by the Church Office. Items needed include pain relievers, gastrointestinal medications, vitamins, canes/ folding walkers, antibacterial soap and hygiene items, washcloths, dressing supplies, protein food sources. Call Lisa Johnson (665-8299) with questions about donations and watch for full list of needed supplies in *First Press*.

**A TWO-SESSION BAPTISM WORKSHOP** will be held during Wednesday 2:42, on October 7 and 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Founders Room for parents who are considering having a child baptized at First Presbyterian, or those interested in the topic of baptism. **These classes are a requirement for parents before children are baptized.** To register, call Jennifer Sansbury, 662-4466, ext. 16.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY'S EVENTS: Mid-week worship** is held Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. at the Michigan League in the Koessler Room in September. **A Service of Healing and Wholness** will beheld for Andrea Bierema, a UM sophomore awaiting a heart transplant, on Thursday, October 1, at 8:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Please joins is to pray with and support our students. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks at 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 28 - October 3*

### **MONDAY:**

- Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
- Hilltoppers Monday Movie Morning, 10:00 a.m., Lewis Room
- 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
- Technology Committee, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
- 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  
Worship Team Practice, 8:00 p.m., Monteith Hall

**TUESDAY:**

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room  
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104  
Peru Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Founders Room  
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library  
Campus Ministry Mid-week Worship, 9:00 p.m., Michigan League

**WEDNESDAY:**

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

**Wednesday 2:42:**

5:00 p.m. - MIDS, Praying the Psalms, Hosanna Choir,  
Alleluia Choir  
5:45 p.m. - Gathering in the Social Hall  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner in the Social Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Preschool Childcare, Kindergarten - 5th Grade  
Class, Youth Choir, TnT Bible Study, Adult  
Education Classes

Core Group Meeting (Carol Gottliebsen), 8:00 p.m., Vance Room

**THURSDAY:**

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room  
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room  
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room  
Service of Healing and Wholeness, 8:30 p.m., Monteith Hall

**FRIDAY:**

Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away  
Card Making, 9:30 p.m., French Room/Library  
Men's Lunch, noon, Founders Room  
Campus Fall Retreat, away

**SATURDAY:**

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall  
Communion Set Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room  
Taiwanese Concert Rehearsal, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary  
Saturday Suppers, 6:00 p.m., away



A Stephen Ministry  
Congregation

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