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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Ryo (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of the prophets, call to us today.

All: Call us into your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

One: God of the poets, remind us again how much you love us.

All: Sing to us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow you.

All: Teach us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

One: God of all creation, help us to know your ways.

All: We gather to hear your call, to sing your praise, to teach and learn from one other, and to pray and worship as the body of Christ.

* HYMN 477 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all nations and creator of us all, where you bless us with diversity, we see differences that divide us. Where you call us to unite, we fracture and divide. You model patience; we flare with impetuosity. Halt us in our tracks of willfulness. Restore among us a spirit of love and mutual concern. Open us to receiving your light and sharing it with others in the gentle and merciful fashion you use to guide and direct us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came that we might all be one.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**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 FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Strodman (8:00)

Paul Smith (9:30)

Anne Colvin (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-10

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

George N. Allen
arr. Roy Ringwald

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light.
I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring Thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past:
I have dreamed a great dream
That Thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take Thy child unto Thee,
With my dream of a world that is free
For that day when all flesh
Joins the glory Thou hast planned,
Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

Text by Joyce Merman

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 15:58

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

✿ Responding ✿

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; and that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and do all these things.

* **HYMN 386**

O for a World

AZMON

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Ervin (11:00)

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *We Shall Overcome* American freedom song
arr. Tom Trenney

We shall overcome someday.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe. . . .
We'll walk hand in hand someday. . . .
We shall live in peace. . . .
We are not afraid. . . .
God will see us through. . . .

* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

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; and 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 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices (in the Sanctuary) and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Nancy Fox and Ellen Johnson.

We welcome Tom Trenney as our guest organist and music director this morning. Tom is a pastoral musician serving as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church (UCC) in Lincoln, Nebraska. At First-Plymouth, he conducts four adult choirs, serves as organist for worship, and sometimes preaches. Tom conducts the chamber choir *sounding* light which will present a concert here this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. **Additional worship leadership** is provided by Sam Eschliman, percussion; and Chancel Choir.

The Church Office is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nick Gardner will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Cynthia Wilbanks.

Greeters are Ben Carlisle, Catherine Kendall, Clem and Margo Gill, and George and Carol Hendrickson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Ross Anderson and Marolin Bellefleur after the 9:30 service, and Carol Downton after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The chancel flowers are given by Angie Miller in loving memory of her husband Richard Miller who passed away January 4, 2014; and in loving memory of Olga Staudt by her daughter Karen Barks and family – John, Amanda, and Rebecca.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Gary Oliver, Linda Lampman, Marge Higley, and Carly Groves. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

All are invited to “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory,” a concert of beloved gospel and spiritual songs by *sounding light*, today at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. In memory and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *sounding light* rings in the New Year with a concert including stirring arrangements by Moses Hogan, André Thomas, Stacey Gibbs, Craig Hella Johnson, and Tom Trenney. Remember the legacy of Martin Luther King as the powerful and expressive voices of *sounding light* breathe new life into a timeless message of hope and peace.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Children’s Choir is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Amazing Stuff: God’s Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, is at 11:00 a.m. in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room at the same time.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room.

Sunday School classes meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Costa Rica Mission Trip information meeting for parents and high schoolers is today at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Come learn about the trip, see pictures and get all your questions answered.

Mids youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

Keystones youth group meets tonight at 5:30 p.m. at Giardino’s Sandwiches & Pizza, 5060 Jackson Road, before seeing *Hidden Figures*

at Goodrich Quality 16 at 6:50 p.m. Bring \$8.50 for the movie ticket and money toward pizza. Pickup is at the theater at 9:15 p.m.

College Ministry Opportunities:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service today (meet in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 4, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. **The Belize Mission Trip** (\$800 plus airfare) is February 24 – March 3. This trip is open to all college-age adults and will be led by Peer Minister Lex Allum and Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Transitional College Pastor.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library to study the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to join in conversation with our Resident Ministers. Hear their faith stories and learn about the transforming power of our Residency Program to train and place strong, resilient pastors in important leadership positions in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. to explore the theme of human flourishing. Today's discussion centers on Christ as the key to Christian flourishing. Facilitators include Rev. Sanderford, Rev. Ervin, Rev. Ryo, and Chuck Monsma.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, please contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deposit deadline for "Poets, Priests, and Prophets," a trip to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland led by Rev. Dr. Fair, is this Thursday, January 19. The trip is May 18 – 27. For more information, contact Dr. Fair or Mary Jones in the Church Office.

Hilltoppers welcomes Herb Deromedi, the winningest football coach in the Mid-American Conference and Central Michigan University history and a member of the BCS selection committee, this Thursday, January 19, at noon, in the Social Hall. Lunch (\$5) is at noon and the presentation begins at 12:40 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service January 29, in order to hear committee reports and a presentation on the budget. There will not be an 11:00 a.m. worship service that day.

Everyone is invited to the All-Church Luncheon following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation January 29. A delicious lunch prepared by Chef Christine will be held in the Social Hall for \$7 per person with a \$28 maximum per nuclear family. Reservations are encouraged. Please sign up on the church website or call the Church Office.

2017 pledge envelopes are available for pickup outside the Church Office.

The Men's Friday Morning Study Group meets January 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, January 20, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome.

All women are invited to attend "Who Is Jesus According to Paul?," the Horizons Bible study program for Presbyterian Women, this Wednesday, January 18, in the Lewis Room at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is followed at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, by "Mission Reimagined," a presentation by Carol Smith, chair of the First Pres' Mission Committee.

Register your child at Triangle Preschool. The preschool is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year olds for the 2017– 2018 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. To receive an application, call 761-7688 or visit www.trianglecoop.org.

Please contact the Church Office for the following:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home

Did you know there's no need to call or visit the church to request a room for a meeting space or to submit a work order at First Pres? Check out the user-friendly online form under "Signups/Forms" on our website.

T2A2 meets next Sunday, January 22, at 12:15 p.m., in the Founders Room. All in their twenties and thirties are invited to this planning meeting. We need your voice and input as we build community together! A light lunch will be served.

The Jahng Shin Concert Choir of the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea, will present a free concert Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., in our Sanctuary. They will present varied repertoire including Bach and spirituals.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry/Transitional Campus Minister

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Lex Allum, Peer Minister

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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