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FEBRUARY 5, 2017
FAMILY WORSHIP

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

The Celestial Banquet

Olivier Messiaen

"Whoever eats of my flesh and drinks of my blood lives in me, and I in them."

- from the Gospel of St. John

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Béghin (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

One: God hears our prayers; I will call on God as long as I live.

All: God is gracious and righteous; our God is merciful.

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

One: Come, let us worship God with heart and soul.

* HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reconciling God, you create us in love and to live in relationship with one another. Throughout history we see ourselves instead breaking apart, fragmenting, dividing rather than uniting. The church is no exception. We say we love you yet do not love those around us. We cluster with people of like mind and are quick to question the motivations of those who think differently. Open our eyes to our own short-comings. Stop us from jumping to conclusions. Give us patience with one another, the desire to understand another's perspective, and a yearning for the common good.

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

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)
Owen Day (9:30)
Bob Crawford (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 133

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30) Rev. Ervin

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:21-24

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

SERMON

First Things First

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

WELCOME

Rev. Ryo (9:30)
Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

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John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offering? Shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you, O mortal. God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:6-8

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

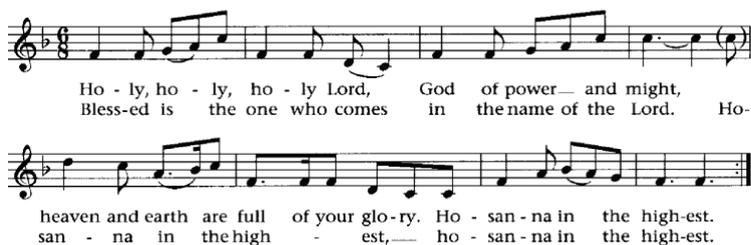
All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. At 9:30 a.m. the elements are passed. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. At 11:00 a.m. please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front center serving station. Those unable to come forward will be served in their places.

Communion Music *Blest Are They*

David Haas

Please sing the refrain:

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

arr. John Ferguson

Choir:

Rise, O Church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days.

Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded,
whole; broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal.

Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture, Spirit-ed then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live.

4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Prayer After Communion

 **Sending** 

* **HYMN 507** *I Come with Joy* **DOVE OF PEACE**
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* **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** *Prelude in E minor* **J. S. Bach**

* 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 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 Carol Mohrlock and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Volunteers are Nick Gardner and Cynthia Wilbanks.

Greeters are Barb and Dick Carlisle, Anne Kloack, and Linda Lampman.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Beth Sanderford, Dean Gilchrist, Karla Olson-Belfi, Dick Stuber, and Elsa Stuber at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Barry Swartz, Jeanette Swartz, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox 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 Katie Parker and Nancy Fox after the 9:30 service and Meg Brown after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Pray and let God worry.” – Martin Luther

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Donald Cameron Smith by his wife, Jean M. Smith, and sons Frazer, Scot, and Ian Smith.

The red rosebuds celebrate the births of Evan Arthur Meade and Isaac Michael Meade, sons of Betsy and Brian Meade, born January 17, 2017.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. 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).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Washtenaw Community College Food Bank is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations.

Welcome to Presbyville: A Family Sunday Activity for children (fourth grade and above), youth, and adults ages 9 – 99 is today, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in Room 300. Walk a mile in the shoes of the poor by participating in this intergenerational poverty simulation with work, a school, a shop (with snacks), and a clinic. The 11:00 a.m. Adult Education classes will participate in this event. Childcare with activities will be provided for children through third grade.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Carol and David Downton, Cindy Crawford, Karla Olson-Bellfi, and Kim Byers-Granito. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. 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.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Keystones' Super Bowl Party begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Kings' home. See RJ for the address and what to bring.

College Ministry Opportunities:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (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**, open to all college-age adults, is February 24 – March 3. Contact Peer Minister Lex Allum or Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Transitional College Minister, if you are interested in participating.

Adult Education Opportunities:

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

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to explore "Wired Word: Pastor Moves in with Refugees."

T2A2 Superbowl Party is at 6:00 p.m. at Cassee Stem's house. If you are in your 20s or 30s, come join the fun! For more information, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hilltoppers meets this Thursday, February 9, at noon in the Social Hall. Lunch (\$5) is followed by a presentation by Jim Toy, co-founder of the UM Spectrum Center. He will speak on "Sexuality in our Modern World."

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 10, 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 North Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

Support our Sanctuary – literally! After 81 years, the heavy wooden beam trusses in our Sanctuary are stressed and out of line. The Sanctuary is safe at present, but remedial action must be taken. The session has contracted with Cashero Raycraft LLC of Detroit to do the work at a not-to-exceed cost of \$150,000 and has issued an urgent appeal to the congregation to fund this critical, one-time need. Please contribute an above-and-beyond gift by the end of February. Contact Adrian Prundeanu with engineering questions and Lucie Audette or Dr. Fair with other questions.

Families with children up to age 6 are invited to a Family Valentine Story Song and Play Time Saturday, February 11, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. in Room 301. Come and enjoy stories, songs, play time, and snacks. If you have any questions, please contact either Debbie MacVey or Rev. Ryo.

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. Over 50 youth will provide our spoken and musical worship leadership for the 9:30 a.m. service. Support our youth and their ministries with your attendance and your prayers. Share their exuberance at 9:30! The Reverend Emily Béghin will preach for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Quad C Brunch is next Sunday, February 12. Members of Quad C (folks who live in zip code 48103) and their families and friends are invited to attend the annual potluck brunch. The festivities begin at noon in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us to meet your fellow Chapel members, get to know your deacon and to share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal. For more information contact your deacon or Quad C Leader Polly Pan (ppan3650@sbcglobal.net).

The Men's Friday Morning Study Group meets February 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for conversation and coffee. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

All women are invited to join Presbyterian Women for Bible study Wednesday, February 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room, followed by Jeanette Kibler's presentation, "Finding Peace in Christian Meditation," in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. You are invited for all or any part of the morning as well as for a light lunch in the Social Hall. Contact the Church Office for reservations.

Calling all artists, musicians, and dancers of all abilities for a creative Lenten project and exhibition. You can participate individually, as groups, or as a family in this artistic Lenten journey to the cross. Everyone's work will culminate in an exhibition in the Social Hall from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. If you are interested in learning about or participating in this enriching and creative journey to the cross, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin by Friday, February 17, and come to the informational meeting Sunday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room.

Families Matter! All parents of children ages 7 – 12 are invited to "Families Matter," an event sponsored by Children, Youth and Adult Ed on February 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Come and meet other parents as we discuss ways to support one another as faithful parents. If you have any questions, contact either Debbie MacVey or Angela Ryo.

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