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\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

This response is Hymn 572.

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Linda Strodman (8:00)

Daniel Washington (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

**EPISTLE READING**      Romans 10:8b-13

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

**ANTHEM**

*Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray*

C. H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray,  
Ever in Thy heart to stay:  
Let me evermore abide  
Hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,  
Or the world a tempting snare,  
I am safe, when I abide  
In Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,  
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill  
Naught I fear when I abide  
In Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;  
Jesu, cast me not from Thee:  
Dying let me still abide  
In Thy heart and wounded side.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)**

*Children through grade five are invited forward to meet with a pastor.*

**GOSPEL READING**      Luke 4:1-13

From the river to the desert, forty days that give no rest;  
Fast and pray and wait and wrestle, face the Adversary's test:  
Prince of Peace and Prince of Darkness meet in lonely wilderness

If you are the one God chooses, you can turn these stones to bread.  
See, the children yearn and hunger, by your deeds the poor are fed.  
"Don't you know that it is written: No one lives by bread alone."

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If you are the one God offers, leap into the angels' hands.  
Show your power and your glory, then belief will sweep the land.  
“Don't you know that it is written: Do not tempt the Lord your God?”

If you are the one God promised, you could still bow down to me.  
Look at all the wealth of nations, I will give you all you see.  
“Don't you know that it is written: Worship God and God alone.”

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

SERMON

Daniel Ervin (8:00)  
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:30/11:00)

**Since we are the ones you gather,  
And from sin and death have freed,  
Jesus, knowing all our weakness,  
Now at God's high altar plead.  
For we know that it is written  
That your grace is all we need.**

## Responding

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was  
crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life  
for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SONG *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

*Please sing the refrain when indicated:*

**And he will raise you up on eagles' wings;  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord, “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!” *Refrain*

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The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

## WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

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

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Charles Callahan

### \* **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**

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON (8:00)

Deacon Ron Gulbranson will be ordained and installed.

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

*See Communion 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; 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 81** (stanzas 1-3) *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,  
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!**

\* **POSTLUDE**     *A Lamb Goes Forth, Our Sins to Bear*     Marcel Dupré

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\* Please stand 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 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there are Marita Servais and Chris Wahl. **Church Office volunteers** are Bill and Pat Fuerstenau. **Greeters** are Steve, Bryon, and Ayden Thelen-Perry and Catherine Kendall at 9:30 a.m.; and Barbara Mueller and Peggy Jensen at 11:00 a.m.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Bill Parker, Katie Parker, Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Jennifer Wilson, Dean Gilchrist, Karla Olson-Belffi, and Chris Queen 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 Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Paul Kirton, Cary Tripp, and Terri Tripp following the 9:30 a.m. service; and Ralph Winter and Linda Lampman following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer is where the action is." – John Wesley

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**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband Keith.

**The pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Mary Paige Bowen, daughter of Alyson Sanderford Bowen and Daniel Bowen of Ocala, Florida, born January 9, 2016. Mary Paige is the granddaughter of Beth and Jay Sanderford.

## **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 service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, [www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Karla Olson-Belffi, Karen Gardstrom, Betsy DiMaggio, and Mary Ann Pierce. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Coffee Hour is sponsored today** by the Haiti Medical Mission Team. Come say hello and enjoy some fresh fruit.

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### **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.

### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Munch & Mingle** is at 9:20 a.m. in the 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. No evening youth ministry activities are scheduled. Youth Choir, Dinner, Mids, and Keystones return next Sunday, February 21.

### **College Ministry Opportunities:**

**Lunch** immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Koster.

**First Couples** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to watch and discuss *Five Broken Cameras*, a documentary about a Palestinian farmer's nonviolent resistance to the actions of the Israeli army.

**Common Ground** meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. Join member and financial advisor Luke Panning and Daniel Ervin in a series on matters of faith and financial wellness. Christian perspectives on money, creating household budgets, holding family conversations about money, and more are slated for our conversation. Come and bring your questions!

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for the concluding session of the series "God's Good Creation." Today Olivier Jolliet, UM Professor in the School of Public Health, presents "Cosmetic, Consumer Products and Healthy Living."

**T2A2 Does Bible** meets in the Founders Room at noon. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us.

**Tell Me More!** Rev. Dr. Fair will lead an open one-hour conversation with anyone interested in knowing more about First Pres – our history, theology, practices, governance, who we are as a staff, our vision, and more – in the Founders Room at 12:15 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **There's something for everyone at *Wednesday@First!***

- 5:20 p.m.      *Story Song* Preschool Story Time
- 6:00 p.m.      Dinner and fellowship
- 7:00 p.m.      Worship in Monteith Hall

All are invited to this multi-generational program on Wednesdays through March 16. Dinner is at 6:00 in the Social Hall. The cost is \$7 per meal if payment is received by Monday each week or \$9 per person at the door. Children five and under eat free. Register on the church website or by contacting the Church Office. Rev. Dr. Fair leads worship this week on the lesser-known Biblical character Hiram, introduced in 1 Kings 5:1-12.

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**You are invited to support "Suds and Sheets," a Cass Community mission project.** Donations of laundry detergent and paper towels will be accepted until the end of February. Look for the donation basket in the Welcome Center.

**Presbyterian Women** meet this Wednesday, February 17. All women are invited to gather for Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. A program featuring guest speaker Diane Agnew, Hunger Action Coordinator for the Presbytery of Detroit, is in Monteith Hall at 10:45 a.m., and lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

**Mature Ministries Trivia Night** is this Saturday, February 20, at Mary Smith's house at 5:00 p.m. Bring either a dessert or a salad. Register before February 17 by contacting either Rev. Rogers or the Church Office.

**Presbyterian Women Reading Group** meets Wednesday, February 24, at 1:00 p.m., at Paesano's Restaurant.

**Members of Chapels 40, 41, 43, 44, and 46 are invited to attend a Deacon Appreciation Breakfast** next Sunday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m., in the Founders Room. Bring a dish to share if you can. This is to celebrate the service of outgoing deacons Nancy Pflasterer, Peggy Fisher, Kristi Lin, Sheila Deskins, and Martha Froseth, and to welcome 2016 deacons Nicole Jolliet, Doris Granum, Margie Perrett, Gail Einhaus, Mary Ann Pierce, and Ross Anderson.

**It's not too soon to donate items for the Spring Rummage Sale** sponsored by the Philippines Mission Team. Contact Joe Schmidt (jschmidt@reinhardtrealtors.com or 417-4921) for more information.

**Join us for *A Change of Heart* Sunday, February 28.**

Keynote speaker is Jeanne Bishop, an attorney in the Cooke County (Illinois) Public Defenders' Office, author, and activist. Jeanne is the author of *Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer*, the story of murder, loss, and forgiveness.

*Schedule:*

9:30 a.m. Jeanne Bishop conversation with high school youth

3:00 p.m. Book signing in the Welcome Center. Books are available for purchase in the Church Office and on our website for \$12.00.

4:00 p.m. *Change of Heart* presentation in Monteith Hall

5:30 p.m. Worship Service: Service of Healing and Hope in Monteith Hall; Rev. Dr. Fair preaching

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Daniel Ervin

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