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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* Douglas Wagner
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need V. W. Stephenson

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Ervin (8:00)
Rev. Ryo (9:30)
Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Lenten Small Groups Lynne Lande (8:00)
Marita Servais (9:30)
Olivier Jolliet (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gather, friends. Gather to worship the God
who strengthens and sustains us.

**All: We gather to worship the God who forgives us,
who sets us back on the right path when we fail.**

One: We pray with one another for wisdom to discern the will of God.

**All: We pray for grace to carry out God's will in times of clarity
and through difficult days.**

One: We come to worship the God who welcomes us all!

* **HYMN 464** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, from the beginning you have blessed our need to live
in relationship with others. You have given us family and neighbors
and charged us to treat one another with justice and mercy. You
have forgiven us time and time again, and taught us to forgive one
another. Instead we have been quick to vindicate our feelings and
slow to empathize with others. We have found fault rather than
seeking understanding. We have assigned blame rather than
looking for solutions. Surely we try your patience. Not of our
deserving but from your deep reservoir of grace, forgive us once
again. Give us new resolve to follow you by showing love to one
another.**

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

Margie Perrett (8:00)
Eldon Beery (9:30)
Downs Herold (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Ovid Young

Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them: in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers; your Protector never slumbers.
At the will of your Defender ev'ry foe must surrender.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh:
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:38-48

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

SERMON

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

🌿 Responding 🌿

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say. The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best. The Lord's care for us is not always what we want. God comes to us on his own terms and is able to do far more than we ask or think. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand. His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. Jesus' love for the very people who reject him is God's love. This one true and living God is who we worship, serve, and love.

* **HYMN 309** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin (9:30/11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Hope for Resolution*

Paul Caldwell and Sean Ivory

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala,
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.
Inkululeko, sizoyithola,
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.

*Nations, do not cry.
Jehovah will protect us.
We will attain freedom.
Jehovah will protect us.*

* **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 536** *Lord, Make Us More Holy*
The soloist will sing the first phrase. Please join on the second phrase.

* 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 Sara VanderVoort and Lynne Lande. **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 Sarah Krein.

Greeters are Kim Byers-Granito, Harry Granito, Carolyn Schultz, Marilyn Gibson, and John and Dawn Pankopf. **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, and Bob Larson at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox at 11:00 a.m.

Music leadership at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. includes Laura Schipper, flute; Jeff Siegfried, soprano saxophone; Yazid Gray, soloist; Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir; and Chancel Choir.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Anne Kloack and Pam Rinker after the 9:30 service, and Gail Grady and Jill Binkley after the 11:00

service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say.”

– Alice Walker

The chancel flowers are given by Molly Dobson in loving memory of her parents, Laurin R. and Delia S. Hunter.

The pink rosebuds honor the births of Padgett Vera Hoskins, born February 11, 2017, to Sean and Shanna Hoskins; and Anna Barbara Holden, born February 13, 2017, to Steve and Kasia Holden.

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 Margie Van Tuyl, Beth Caldwell, Paula Doering, and Karen Wisniewski. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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.

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.

Keystones youth group meets at 1:30 p.m. at Crisler Arena to attend “Crash Crisler UM vs. MSU.” See RJ for more information.

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

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. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. to continue the series “Flourishing Together: I Am Because We Are.”

You are invited to the Lenten Creative Project informational meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the Lewis Room. Learn more about the Stations of the Cross and how your art work can pave the way as the congregation journeys to the cross during Holy Week.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. 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

During the month of February everyone in the congregation is asked to make a one-time, above-and-beyond gift to fund critical repairs to our Sanctuary trusses. The church has signed a not-to-exceed contract of \$150,000. Fabrication of materials will begin immediately with installation scheduled for the summer. Please donate online or make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church noting "Building Fund" on the memo line. Donations of \$84,530 have been received to date. More information is available on our website.

March is the month for our Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services Center in Detroit. Please drop off laundry detergent and paper towels, items always in demand at Cass, in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center. Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) if you have questions.

Do you have a wind, brass or percussion instrument that is still playable but no longer being used? Please consider donating it to a young person who needs an instrument to help create a band in one of the poorest villages in Peru. Call Jeff Taggart (358-4353) or Ginny Rezmierski (971-6221) for a drop-off or pick-up appointment. Instruments will be collected until March 31. Donations are tax deductible.

Scout Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, February 26. Troop 7, chartered by First Pres, will participate in both the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The troop would like to invite all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in the congregation to sit with us for the service. Please wear your full uniform and join us in the Nave before the service starts. If you have questions, contact Scott Strodtman (scott.strodtman@comcast.net).

Saturday Suppers return Saturday, March 18. Groups of eight or ten meet in First Pres family homes for a potluck supper prepared by all the diners. New church members and frequent visitors find this a great way to meet new people and learn more about our church family. The rest of us have been enjoying these suppers for over 20 years and know we'll always find fellowship and good food there. Sign up online through Sunday, March 5, or in person during Coffee Hour March 5. For more information contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com).

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 24, 5:30 p.m., at TGI Fridays, 3015 Lohr Road. All are welcome.

All are invited to join Women's Bible Study which begins a new series Tuesday, March 7, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room. Join us for an eight-week study of the book of James by Beth Moore. Workbooks (\$20) are available for purchase at the first class. For more information contact Lois Nissly (761-2925), Anne Kloack (973-2826), or Mary Kay Gray (971-7079).

LENT 2017: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Join us Ash Wednesday, March 1, as we begin our Lenten journey.

Family Worship is in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. This service is especially designed to include the whole family and will include the imposition of ashes, communion, and the musical leadership of the Children's Choir.

Ash Wednesday Dinner is in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Share a meal after **Family Worship** or before **Taizé Worship** for \$7/person (\$28 for a nuclear family of 4 or more) if paid ahead of time, or \$9/person at the door. Please register on our website or with the Church Office by Monday, February 27.

Ecumenical Taizé Worship is in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. This service includes scripture, silent reflection, imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and music from the ecumenical community of Taizé, France. Childcare is provided.

Receive Lenten Email Devotionals written by members of our church family. Sign up online or by contacting the Church Office.

Participate in a Lenten small group using *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, by Marjorie Thompson, available for purchase in the Church Office for \$10. Sign up online or in the Church Office for the group in your quad that works best for you.

Quad A (north-east) Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 8
Hosts: Sandy Talbott and Mark Lindley Leader: Olivier Jolliet

Quad A (north-east) Sundays at 4:00 p.m. beginning March 12
Hosts: Dianne and Peter Santinga Leaders: David and Carol Downton

Quad B (center-east) Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 7
Hosts: Harris and Margaret McClamroch Leader: Meg Brown

Quad B (center-south) Sundays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 12
Hosts and Leaders: Doug and Carol Gottliebse

Quad C (center-west) Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 7
Hosts: Lucie Audette and Bob Bauman Leader: Kathy Wirstrom

Quad C (center-west) Sundays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 12
Hosts: Bill Brinkerhoff and Kathy Sample Leader: Alice Holderby

Quad D (south-west) Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 8
Hosts: Roland and Jeanette Kibler Leaders: Pat Liljestrang and Jeanette Kibler

Quad D (west) Sundays at 4:00 p.m. beginning March 12
Hosts: Mary Lynn and Jim Thomson Leaders: Gus and Donna Nussdorfer

T2A2 (20s, 30s) Sundays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 12
Host: Chris Wahl Various leaders

Church Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning March 9
Host: Church Leaders: staff

Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills begins March 7. Join us Tuesdays through April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills for a Bible study, discussion, and fellowship as we journey through Lent together. Our study is based on *Creed* by Adam Hamilton.

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

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Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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