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MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

A Lenten Prelude

Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

Rev. Ryo (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is a great God. The Lord is above all gods.

All: **We come to worship the Lord. We come to bow humbly
before the Lord, our maker.**

One: We are God's people. We are the sheep of God's hand.

All: **O God, we hear your voice. Help us follow where you lead.**

* **HYMN 83** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* DEO GRACIAS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always faithful and you give us so much more than we deserve. We confess that too often we take your grace and providential care for granted. Rather than putting you first, we offer you our leftovers of time, energy, and resources. Re-order our priorities. Align our will with yours. Bless us with a renewed commitment to serve and adore you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

* **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 always," and respond, "And also with you."

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)
Steve McKenny (9:30)
Cindy Lambrides (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 106:1-6

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

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

arr. John Ferguson

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died heaven's gate to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
He calls children to his side, saying, "Come with me abide."

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 22:1-14

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 357**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Ervin (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* Johann Crüger
Setting by G. F. Handel

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,	Jesu, joy beyond all measure,
Dwell no more in gloom and sadness,	Truest friend, thou priceless treasure;
Jesu, Bread of life, most holy,	Gentle One, who here invites me,
Bows to dwell with thee, most lowly.	Who as God with God unites me.
Hasten now, my soul, to meet him;	Here I humbly kneel before thee,
Here with loving rev'rence greet him	My Salvation, I adore thee.
Who with words of life immortal,	Worthy, let me now receive thee,
Stands before thy spirit's portal.	Steadfast, let me never leave thee.

* **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**

INSTALLATION OF DEACON SUE RIGTERINK (8:00)

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept Sue as a ruling deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

One: Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Declaration of Installation

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.
Andrew and Lindsley Paine present their son, Webster James Paine, born August 13, 2016, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

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** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

* **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 Sue Riggerink and Brad Taylor. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Greeters are Barb and Dick Carlisle, Pat and Diane Tamblyn, Lynne Lande, and Paul and Georgia Goodman. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Brian Rubel at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Dean Gilchrist, Lee Roberts, Kay Fuller, Richard Lord, Carol Smith and Anna Cooke at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, and Cindy Lambrides at 11:00 a.m.

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 Nancy Fox and Mary Kay Gray after the 9:30 service; and Victor Rotberg and Gale Redding after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Certain thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees." – Victor Hugo

Musical leadership includes Laura Schipper, flute; chamber ensemble; and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of James F. and Margaret P. Brinkerhoff by the Brinkerhoff-Sample family.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of James Bennett Washabaugh, February 16, 2017, son of Bennett and Grace Washabaugh. First-time grandparents are Leigh and Ed Washabaugh.

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 Beth Caldwell, Eleonora Charlson, and Karen Gardstrom. 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.

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

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

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.

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. The current study, *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right*, by Lisa Sharon Harper, is available in the Church Office for \$15.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "Our Artists Are Our Prophets: Stations of the Cross." Artist Angie Nagle Miller will present.

Tell Me More About This Church! All visitors and prospective members interested in knowing more about First Pres are invited to join Dr. Fair for conversation at noon in the Vance Room.

Quad D families and friends are invited to our annual potluck brunch in the Social Hall today immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Quad D includes south and west Ann Arbor, plus outlying areas. Please come to spend time in fellowship with your deacons and fellow chapel members, and to enjoy a delicious meal.

All interested persons are invited to join the First Pres Local Mission Team at 12:15 p.m. in the Curtis Room for a conversation with Rev. Kathy Angi, Coordinator for the Welcome Refugees Network of the Synod of the Covenant.

T2A2, our 20s and 30s group, is having a brunch hosted by Sue Jeffers and Richard Lord at 12:45 pm. If you would like to carpool, be in the Welcome Center by 12:15.

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, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to a special presentation hosted by noted James Joyce scholar and UM Professor John Whittier Ferguson tomorrow, March 20, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room. He will discuss Irish elements in two of Joyce's short stories from *Dubliners*, "The Dead" and "Ivy Day in the Committee Room."

The Peeps & Pizza Fair – A Lenten Event for All Ages is next Saturday, March 25, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Get your creative ideas flowing and have fun recreating your favorite Bible story in a shoe box diorama using Peeps. Make a reservation for pizza (\$5 per person) by contacting the Church Office or Debbie MacVey.

Are you receiving our Lenten Email Devotionals? If not, you may sign up online or by contacting the Church Office.

Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills is Tuesdays through April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills. Join us for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship as we journey through Lent together.

"Families at First: Wholehearted Parenting" is next Sunday, March 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. If you are a parent of school-aged children, please join us as we learn about creating meaningful family dynamics and share about living as faithful parents in the 21st century.

T2A2 Planning Meeting is in the Founders Room next Sunday, March 26, at 12:15 p.m. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please come help us plan for the upcoming months. A light lunch will be served. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday worship is April 9, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. There will be a Palm Parade at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. service. Children will meet Debbie MacVey in the Social Hall ten minutes before the service. The 9:30 a.m. service will include special musical leadership by the children and youth.

Maundy Thursday worship is April 13, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others.

Good Friday worship is April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a reflective service conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ. The Chancel Choir will present Dale Wood's *Service of Darkness*, seven choral meditations on the last words of Christ, directed by guest conductor Dr. Jerry Blackstone.

Easter Sunday worship is April 16 with five services.

Lent is over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

A sunrise service led by Rev. Ervin is at 6:30 a.m. on the Circle Terrace. If the weather is unfavorable for outdoor worship, the service will be in Monteith Hall.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach and special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, brass quintet, percussion, and organ.

A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall will be led by Rev. Ryo. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

Easter morning fellowship is in the Lounge on the 200 level before and after the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for pastries, fruit, and beverages.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

Easter lilies will grace the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website **by Friday, April 7, at noon**, to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or homebound.

This is the last call for donations of gently used wind, brass, and percussion instruments to help create a youth 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.

Help Save Lives! Give blood on March 30, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. If you are unable to give blood there are other ways to participate. Volunteers are needed the day of the event as well as cookie bakers. Please contact Barb Brewster (646-5571 or dexter4brews@aol.com).

A local mission opportunity is available at Alpha House March 27 – 31. Those who would like to support children and families who are experiencing homelessness can sign up at Coffee Hour today or online.

Mature Singles meets this Friday, March 24, 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

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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

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