



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MAY 8, 2016
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

The Journey (9:30/11:00)

Louise Frier

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (11:00)

Anna Laura Page

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Daniel Ervin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 97:1

One: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

All: Let the coastlands be glad!

One: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

All: and all people come to worship God.

* HYMN 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Creator and Judge of all, you create us to enjoy fellowship, with you and with one another. We are created to live together in unity, yet we rebel against your authority and turn against one another. In mercy, forgive us. Spare us the judgment we are due. Fill us again with your Spirit, so that we manifest your rule of righteousness, peace, and joy. Enable us to walk with you and in loving unity with one another, fulfilling your good and holy purposes for us.

adapted from *Call to Worship*

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**

**To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,
Hence evermore! Thy Sovereign Majesty
May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)
Al Powell (9:30)
Gail Grady (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 97

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Glorious Everlasting* M. Thomas Cousins

Glorious everlasting! I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto Thee among the nations. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens. Let Thy glory be above all the earth.

adapted from Psalm 57: 11, 14

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 16:16-34

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

SERMON

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

 **Responding** 

HYMN

Steal Away

STEAL AWAY

Please remain seated and sing the refrain when indicated:

**Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home; I ain't got long to stay here.**

WELCOME

Rev. Ryo

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

COMMISSIONING OF IONA MISSIONERS (11:00)

Those being commissioned are Greg Czarnecki, Sue Dempsey, Daniel Ervin, Joyce Ervin, Merry Muilenberg, Sallie Parker and Jean White.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Rejoice, the Lord Is King (9:30)

Anna Laura Page

Steal Away (11:00)

arr. Howard Helvey

* 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)

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 355

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

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* POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Improvisation

* 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 are Betty Halliday and Judy Stuart. **Church Office volunteers** are Pat and Bill Fuerstenau. **Greeters** are Deb and Mike Lisull and Elsa and Dick Stuber for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Carol Fletcher and Judy Landau for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Chris Queen, Jennifer Wilson, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, Bill Parker and Katie Parker at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Karen Cox, Joe Cox, Jeanette Swartz, and Barry Swartz 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 Marita Servais, Elsa Stuber, and Sharon Dort following the 9:30 a.m. service and Marolin Bellefleur 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. "Heaven is full of answers to prayer for which no one bothered to ask." – Billy Graham

Musical leadership is provided by Ronald Perkins, soloist; Luke Panning, violin (11:00); Sanctus Rings Handbell Choir, and the Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of:

Mignonette Cheng by Richard, Renee, Alicia, and their families

Stuart A. and Beth L. Reading by their children, Carl C. and Ann E. Reading

Camilla Savarino and Ludmila (Lucy) Lusic by Maya Savarino

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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Carol Downton, Marcia Andress, and Diane Hockett.

Iona Pilgrims are commissioned at the 11:00 a.m. service. Led by Resident Minister Daniel Ervin, the group will be in residence on Iona for a week of worship, reflection, study and exploration. Iona is one of Scotland's historic, holy places, and is often described as one of the world's "thin places," in which the material realm is only thinly separated from the holy. The Iona community is an ecumenical Christian community committed to seeking creative ways of living the Gospel in today's world.

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. Mids and Keystones youth groups do not meet this evening.

Adult Education Opportunities:

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

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Today's discussion centers on the "Wired Word." Using stories from the headlines, the group will discuss current events from a biblical viewpoint.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore the topic "Who Is My Neighbor?" George Lambrides of the Interfaith Roundtable will guide us through some important questions about our neighbors, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Christian, and the Nones.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "Light and Darkness: Examining Ideas of Faith." Carol Gottlieb, presenter, will guide the discussion on themes of light and darkness using *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, and *My Name is Lucy Barton*, by Elizabeth Strout.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost is next Sunday, May 15. Wear red to worship to help us celebrate the birthday of the church. Next Sunday is also **Confirmation Sunday**. Join us at the 9:30 service as we welcome into membership the ten members of the Confirmation Class.

The Pentecost Special Offering will be received next Sunday, May 15. This annual offering helps PCUSA address the needs of at-risk children, and support Young Adult Volunteers and Ministries with Youth. Sixty percent of the offering will be sent to PCUSA for that purpose while forty percent will be used locally to support mental health services provided by the Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti. The Corner provides integrated health services making it easier to optimize personnel and remove the stigma and barriers frequently associated with seeking mental health care. Please give generously.

Memorial Notices by email are now available. If you would like to receive notices related to deaths of First Pres members and upcoming memorial services, send your name and email address to Rev. Rogers.

Everyone already “belongs” at First Pres – but maybe you are ready to make it official. Come to our new member class next Sunday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and join at the new member breakfast May 22. If you are a prospective new member and want to learn more, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or 662-4466). Lunch and child care (with your advanced reservation) are provided.

A Grief and Loss Support Group at First Pres Starts May 19. Many in our congregation have lost a loved one in the last few months and are coping with a new reality of grief and transition. The group, facilitated by Rev. Rogers, will meet for four sessions on Thursday evenings, May 19 and 26 and June 2 and 9, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the Vance Room. This is open to our church and community. If you know of someone who would benefit from this, please encourage them to attend. There is no charge to participate. Sign up with the Church Office or contact Rev. Rogers if you would like to attend.

J2A2: A Journey from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor is nearing its end. As we continue our travels, check our progress on the maps in the building and on our website. Please turn in your miles at Coffee Hour or email Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org). We hope to be back in Ann Arbor to celebrate on Pentecost, next Sunday, May 15.

College Graduates will be recognized in the June edition of our newsletter. Please let us know by May 20 if you have a college graduate in your family – a child or grandchild. Names may be submitted online or by contacting the Church Office. **High School graduates will be recognized** in worship June 12, at 9:30 a.m. Please email your or your graduate’s name, high school, and future plans to RJ (jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

Summer youth intern positions are available. Present high schoolers are eligible to apply for a youth ministry summer internship at the church working with RJ and Lex. We are hiring 1-3 students for 20-30 hours a week beginning June 30. Applications are available on the table outside RJ’s office.

At the April Session meeting the banner “One Human Family: We support refugees and our Muslim neighbors” was unanimously approved for display on church grounds. This initiative is sponsored by the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) and the Interfaith Round Table (IRT) as part of a campaign to counter anti-Muslim and anti-refugee rhetoric in our society at present.

Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity House of Faith construction by contacting Lois Nissly (lnissly@comcast.net) or Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com). This is an opportunity to share our blessings, to show God’s love and grace, to enjoy fellowship, and most importantly, to make a significant difference in the lives of our partner family.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 N. Maple Road. All are welcome.

Our annual Spring Planting Day at Cass Community Social Services (CCSS) in Detroit is next Saturday, May 14. CCSS is a place of hope in Detroit, working in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing, and jobs. Please contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) or sign up online to help plant the vegetable gardens and flower beds. While there, participants are invited to join the **Cass Corridor Prayer Walk** led by Rev. Sanderford. Those volunteering at CCSS will walk the area with stops along the way to pray for our partners and friends in Detroit. Remember to report the steps you take on the walk as part of our J2A2: A Journey from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor.

If you are unable to attend morning worship one Sunday, please listen to the worship service on your radio or computer. To use your computer, go online to www.waamradio.com a few minutes before 11:00 a.m. On the top right corner click on the orange box *LISTEN LIVE*. You might also open another computer window to firstpresbyterian.org. Scroll down and to the left, under *Worship This Week, Bulletins & Announcements*, and open the link to the 9:30 a.m. bulletin. You will then be able to follow the service on your screen. This combination allows for an improved listening quality and worship experience.

Mature Ministries invites everyone age 60 and up to Hilltoppers this Thursday, May 12, at noon in the Social Hall. Lunch (\$5) prepared by Chef Christine will be followed by "Light from the Cage," a presentation by Judy Wenzel, author, social activist, and teacher, and First Pres member Elsa Stuber. They will share experiences from their prison classrooms in the only high school completion program in the nationwide federal system. Contact the Church Office or Rev. Rogers to sign up.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- 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; and
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home.

Summer worship schedule changes:	
• 11:00 a.m. service is in Monteith Hall	June 19 – September 4
• 9:30 a.m. service is outdoors	July 3 – 31
Mark your calendars for these summer opportunities:	
• Israel Palestine Mission Team Retreat	Saturday, June 4
• Guest Preacher Rev. John Buchanan	Sunday, June 5
• All-Church Picnic	Sunday, June 12
• Vacation Bible School	June 21 – 23
• Montreat Youth Music Conference	June 25 – July 2
• Camp Westminster (2 nd – 8 th graders)	July 31 – August 6
• First Pres' 190 th Anniversary Celebration	Sunday, August 21
Go online or contact the Church Office for more information and to register for these events.	

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

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