



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 31, 2016

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

### PRELUDE

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)  
Rev. Ryo (11:00)

### CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3

One: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
those he redeemed from trouble  
and gathered in from the lands,**

One: from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

\* **HYMN 643**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord our God, in the name of Christ, cast out our sin  
and cleanse our minds of wrongful thoughts.

**All: Have mercy upon us and forgive us in our failures.**

One: Then, fill our lives with your love.

**All: Help us to be moved by a sense of purpose as we serve to  
make the earth a better place in which to live; a world where  
we live clothed in compassion, kindness, and patience.**

One: We pray that in this summer season, your Holy Spirit will dwell  
in our hearts, filling our lives with love.

**All: Before you, O God, our lives are exposed and all our needs  
are known. Be at work in our lives to shape and mold us into  
the likeness of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

### 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."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!  
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Strodman (8:00)

Paul Goodman (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 107:1-3, 10-16

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

\* HYMN 653 *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

MORNING SONG

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON

*Clothe Ourselves in Compassion*

Rev. Dr. Monnett

 Responding 

\* HYMN 39

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

WELCOME

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

\* 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)

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## 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 546**     *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

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\* 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**. 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 today are Nancy Pflasterer and Linda Upton. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Elsa Stuber. **Greeters** are Jerry and Lorna Prescott, Val and John Yodhes, Sara Vander Voort, and Marge Higley. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m. and Bill Austin (head) and Cindy Address at 11:00 a.m.

**After the service a minister or prayer team member is available at the Communion Table for prayer.** Prayer team members are Lynn Lande and Gail Grady. "Here is my prayer for the day: May I live this day with thanksgiving in my soul, compassion in my heart, creativity in my mind, kindness in my words, and diligence in my work." – Paul Wong

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. outside (weather permitting). **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web ([www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com)).

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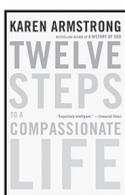
**Join us for Coffee Hour** outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Kim Gernant, Linda Lampman, and Marge Higley.

**Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **A combined Sunday School class** is offered for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

**ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the French Room/Library.** This is a time of sharing, learning, and conversation together in community around God's Word.

**T2A2** meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. If you're in your 20s or 30s, meet Rev. Ryo in the Welcome Center right after the 11:00 a.m. service to walk to lunch. Please join us.



**Question of the week:** Mindfulness helps us know ourselves, and action helps us make the world better in service to others. What “little, nameless, unremembered thing” (K. Armstrong, p. 112) can we do to make tangible the positive expression of the Golden Rule: “Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chancel Choir** begins its new year with rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday, August 4, in Monteith Hall. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, contact Tom Granum. During August the Chancel Choir will sing for the 9:30 service. Beginning September 11, singers choose between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. In addition to Sunday-morning repertoire, the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will present the Mozart *Requiem*, selections from Part I of *Messiah*, and the Rutter *Gloria* this fall/Christmas.

**A big thank you to the entire congregation, especially 11:00 a.m. worshippers for parking in the Forest Street Garage and helping the youth raise \$8,045.63 for Youth Mission during Art Fair.** Thank you to all the youth, parents, and parishioners who helped during the 42 hours we sold parking.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, August 5, 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

**Did you know we have a prayer chain?** If you are a praying person, are willing to pray for special requests, or are considering ways to have a more compassionate faith, you can receive prayer requests by email. Contact Rev. Rogers to participate. Prayer requests come from church members and friends about once a week and those on the prayer chain commit to holding these needs in the light of God's grace in their personal prayers.

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**Struggling with mental illness in your family?** First Pres staff and members facilitate a support group called Restore Hope for family members who have loved ones coping with mental illness. The group meets twice per month. We have parents, siblings, children, and extended family members of those with mental illness attending for mutual support, encouragement, and a safe place to talk. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

**Are you in your 40s or 50s? Join the Immature Ministries group on Thursday, August 11, for "Thirsty Thursdays."** We will carpool to the Sandhill Crane Vineyard near Jackson, arriving around 6:00 p.m. for wine-tasting, food, live music, and conversation. Sandhill's entrance fee is \$5. Sign up with Rev. Rogers, Sandy Talbott, or the Church Office.

**The Cass Coordinating Team** meets in the French Room/Library at noon next Sunday, August 7 to discuss upcoming events. Volunteers are needed for the Cass Work Day Saturday, October 22, and for the Detroit Dinner Day Sunday, November 13. Contact Rev. Sanderford or Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) for more information.

**Contact the Church Office for the following:**

- 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
- Purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home

**Summer Building Hours: May 23 – September 5**

- Mondays – Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sundays 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

*Please note:* The Sanctuary Circle Terrace Door will be open during worship services and other events taking place in the Sanctuary. It will otherwise be locked. Everyone is asked to use the side entrance doors to the building during the weekday.

**First Pres Kids Read!**

*Wangari's Trees of Peace*  
by Jeannette Winter



Summary:

As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something – and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. Wangari saw a need and worked to create a solution that began small and grew. It took patience, persistence, compassion, and commitment. How can these values serve as an inspiration in our lives?
2. Wangari began her work alone but soon got others involved in solving the problem of deforestation in her village by asking them to join her in planting seedlings. What are the needs in our own community?

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## **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

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

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Reverend Angela Ryo

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Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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