



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

All: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

All: We seek the Lord and rejoice in God's strength and presence.

* HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and God of grace, we come before you aware of how timidly we claim your blessings and how often we ignore your presence with us. Seeking to assert our independence, we ignore your steady assistance and blunder forward in ways that fail to help us or to glorify you. Humble us, that we might admit our need of your direction in our lives and openly claim your guidance and strength. We ask it in Christ's name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share 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

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Silbert

EPISTLE READING Romans 10:5-15

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

ANTHEM *How Lovely Are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14:22-33

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

SERMON

Daring Discipleship

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* **HYMN 361**

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin

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

COMMISSIONING OF YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER

Member Carson Smith will serve in El Tres, Colombia for twelve months.

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**

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 404**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.**

* **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 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 Vander Voort and Sandy Herbertson. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz and Kim and Harry Granito at 9:30 a.m., and Marilyn Gibson and Pat Gilbreath at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Omer Bellfi (captain), Karla Olson-Bellfi, Angela Yang, Chris Wahl, and Lynn Hamilton at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head) and Cyndy Colton at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services a minister or prayer team member is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Carolyn Schultz and Judy Slade (9:30), and Marolin Bellefleur and Brad Taylor at (11:00). "Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do." – Andrew Murray

Chancel flowers are given by Tom McKarns, in honor of Betty and William McKarns, who have been a wonderful influence on his life and that of his family; and by Jeff and Cyndy Colton in honor of the June marriage of their son Skip (Jeffrey) Colton II to Jessica Wong, and with much gratitude for Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers who performed the ceremony in Healdsburg, California.

The **red rosebud** celebrates the August 2, 2017 birth of Sebastian Joseph Torres-Davenport, son of Rebeca and Daniel Torres-Davenport.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 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 outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service as we say a fond farewell to Resident Minister Daniel Ervin. We will celebrate his two-year ministry among us and wish him well as he follows God's call to his next place of ministry. **Cookie bakers** are Kim Byers-Granito, Nancy Fox, and Sara Vander Voort. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

T2A2 Canoe Trip is today following Coffee Hour. If you are in your twenties or thirties we invite you to meet us in the Welcome Center at 11:00 a.m. to carpool to the Argo Canoe Livery.

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.

Adult Ministry Opportunities:

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Along with the day's scripture readings, our summer reads around justice, mercy, and humility will be the foundation for this time of casual conversation and reflection. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, August 18, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 N. Maple Rd. All are welcome.

We invite you to take part in the "Adventures of Flat Jesus" this summer. Complete instructions are available on our website.

Our "First Pres Summer Reads" series includes three remarkable books which reflect the themes of mercy, justice, and humility. Our August book, available for purchase in the Church Office for \$10, is *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen.

Keeping in step with our summer theme of "Walking With Jesus," we invite you to pick one of four historic walks and organize with others to pool your miles. Learn the reasons behind a selected walk, and ponder where you might find Jesus along the road. If you have completed a walk, please stop by the table at Coffee Hour for your prize.

Please 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 for use at home

Youth Ministry Opportunities: All that we do in Youth Ministry at First Pres flows from the grace of God!

Sixth Grade Young Disciples Gather for Food and Fun as they join our Mids youth group! Sixth graders are gathering for fun, food, and friends on Tuesday, August 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jill and Brian Baumhover, 1137 Fair Oaks Parkway, Ann Arbor. Call Jill for more information at (512) 241-0926.

Young people gather! Mids and Keys youth groups launch a new year! All young people, grades six through twelve, are invited to a kickoff cookout on Sunday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Tom and Doris Granum, 1478 Fieldstone Court, Ann Arbor. Come for fun and games and stay for great meal at 5:30 p.m.

First Pres Kids Read!

The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell



Summary:

Mooch wants to give his friend, Earl, a special gift. But what do you get someone who has everything?

Questions for parents and kids:

1. What are some of the special gifts you remember receiving?
Why are these gifts special?
2. Some of the best gifts we receive are not gifts of things, but gifts of time spent with those we love. We hold these gifts in our hearts and memories. What are some wonderful memories that have become gifts of the heart for you?

A copy of this book is available for you to see at First Pres. Please contact Debbie MacVey for more information.

“Be fair, be kind and walk with God” is our children’s summer reading theme from Micah 6:8.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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