
Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Callie Feyen

EPISTLE READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

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

ANTHEM

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou Source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, all things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15:21-28

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Concerto in D minor for Two Violins

J. S. Bach

Largo, ma non tanto

* 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 280** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

* **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 Peggy Jensen and Judy Landau. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Al and Sheryl Powell, Pilhwa Lee, and Juhyung Kim at 9:30 a.m., and Sandy Herold and George and Carole Hendrickson at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Jim Cameron, and Lynn Hamilton at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head) and Cyndy Colton at 11:00 a.m. **Musical leadership** includes Martha Froseth and Laura Stahl, violins, and Chancel Choir at 9:30 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds 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 Tom Brandt and Carol Gottliebsen (9:30), and Michele Derr at (11:00). “No learning can make up for the failure to pray. No earnestness, no diligence, no study, no gifts will supply its lack.” – E. M. Bounds

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Lt. Commander Michael Patrick McCarthy, USN, and Sarah Beatrice Thomas by Ozora McCarthy.

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).

Today we welcome our new cohort of Resident Ministers. Blair Buckley, Eric Reinke-Koenig, and Dorothy Parks-Piatt will be introduced at all services. Please look for an opportunity today or in the next few weeks to introduce yourself and to extend a warm welcome to them.

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** include Beth Caldwell. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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

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 this Tuesday, August 22, at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Jill and Brian Baumhover, 1137 Fair Oaks Parkway, Ann Arbor. Parents, this event also includes you! Come meet new youth leaders and other parents. 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, and their parents 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 a great meal at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, August 25, 5:30 p.m., at Knight's Steakhouse, 2324 Dexter Avenue.

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks is Sunday, September 3. The children of our congregation are invited to bring their school backpack with them to church and worship. "A Time With Young Disciples" will focus on the children starting back to school. We will offer a blessing and prayers for children as they make the transition to new classes. As part of this year's backpack event we ask that children also bring a new school supply to support the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Education Project for Homeless Youth. A list of requested supplies is available online, in the current newsletter, and in the Church Office.

Join us for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 3! At 10:30 a.m., during Coffee Hour, enjoy Washtenaw Dairy ice cream and lots of toppings. Celebrate the end of our summer break and the beginning of the new school year with Vanilla, Triple-Chocolate Overload, Superman, and Rainbow Sherbet. Want to help set up, serve, or clean-up? Contact Karla Olson-Bellfi (karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com).

The Men's Study Group meets the first and third Fridays from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. Join us beginning Friday, September 1 and continuing until May. Leadership alternates among capable leaders and the discussion is always robust. The fall book is Martin Thielen's, *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian? A Guide to What Matters Most*. Books are available in the Church Office for \$12.00. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford. All are welcome!

Singers are invited to join the Chancel Choir, which rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Contact Tom Granum for more information.

Mature Ministries Kick-Off Event is Tuesday, September 5. Join us in the Social Hall at 11:00 a.m. to hear two featured speakers, to enjoy a gourmet lunch (just \$5) at noon by Chef Christine, to learn about our presentations and trips for 2017–18, and to meet our new Resident Ministers Blair, Dorothy, and Eric. Holocaust survivor Martin Lowenberg will share his experiences with us at 11:00 a.m. Award-winning UM Professor and First Pres member Jane Dutton presents "Unlocking Compassion in the World Around Us" at 12:45 p.m. **Please register for this Kick-Off Event by September 1** by contacting the Church Office (662-4466), by signing up online (www.firstpresbyterian.org), or by contacting Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org). Let us know you are coming. Friends and community members are welcome!

First Pres Kids Read!

Tawny Scrawny Lion by Kathryn Jackson

Summary: Once there was a tawny scrawny lion who chased monkeys on Monday – kangaroos on Tuesday – zebras on Wednesday – bears on Thursday – camels on Friday – and on Saturday, elephants!" So begins the classic story of a family of ten fat rabbits that teach the hungry lion to eat carrot stew – so that he doesn't eat them.



Questions for parents and kids:

1. Rabbit was very brave. What did Rabbit do to become friends with Lion?
2. Did Lion change? Why?
3. God wants us to be fair, be kind, and walk everyday with God. Do you think Rabbit and Lion can help us understand Micah 6:8?

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.

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