



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 28, 2016

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE (9:30) *Andante in G Major* William H. Harris

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Béghin (8:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Alpha House Nicole Jolliet

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3

One: Worship the God who made all the world,
God of heaven and earth.

All: **Bless our God, O people. Let the sound of God's praise
be heard. God holds us securely and keeps our feet
from slipping.**

One: God has brought us to this holy place.

All: **God hears our prayers and surrounds us with holy love.**

* HYMN 267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who cares for us more than we can imagine, we pause to confess our wrongdoings. We withhold our love, hoard our belongings, and give up hope. We are not honest with you and with each other. In the quietness of our worship, remind us again of your constant love for each one of us: the weak, the strong, the poor, the rich, the young, the old. Remind us of your call to share your love with one another. We pray in the name of Jesus.

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

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Kate Silbert (9:30)

Bruce Thomson (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 3:26-29

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Following the Conversation with Young Disciples, children grades K-5 will meet in Room 404 for a combined Sunday School class.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 18:1-15

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

SERMON

Heirs to the Promise

Rev. Dr. Monnett

 Responding 

* **HYMN 439**

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

WELCOME

Rev. Ryo (9:30)

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

COMMISSIONING OF PHILIPPINES MISSION TEAM (11:00)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30)

Praise

Alec Rowley

To the Master of Music and loveliness:

Praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Lord of the Word of Creation

be praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Maker of movement, color and light:

Praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Builder, Designer, Creator,

be praise, power, dominion for ever.

To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love:

To the Artist of Life, To the Greatest and Least:

Praise, power, dominion for ever.

For He is the greatest upon His high throne,
And He was the least as the child of a maiden:
Praise then, praise then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary.
And praise now to Christ Who is God in the midst of us.

Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee:
Give us Thyself both in Time and Eternity.
Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee,
Offering all that we are or can hope to be.
Praise, power, dominion for ever.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

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 272

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

* 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 (9:30)

Crown Imperial

William Walton

* 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 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 Prue Heikkinen and Judy Landau. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Carol Carter. **Greeters** are Jerry and Lorna Prescott and George and Carole Hendrickson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Dick Cooke, Joe Schmidt, Lee Roberts, and Beth Sanderford at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Cindy Address, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Meg Brown, Martin Swindle, Ralph Winter, and Gail Grady. “Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.” – H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

The chancel flowers are given by their son Rob in loving memory of Howard and Dorothy Parker, who were married August 26, 1939.

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. **Cookie bakers** are Linda Tubbs, Stacey Pakela, and Barb Carlisle.

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 in Room 404 for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the French Room/Library and are centered around today's scripture reading, worship, and sermon.

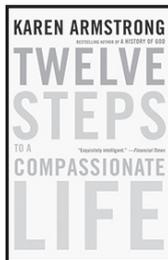
Today at the 11:00 a.m. service we commission a team of six missionaries for a week of service and Christian witness in Dumaguete, Philippines, September 1 – 10. Please be in prayer for team leaders Bob Wallin and Rev. Gary Oliver, and participants Romy Aquino, Hank McQueen, Liina Wallin, and Elizabeth Weil. The team will meet long-standing mission partners at iHomes (Habitat for Humanity) and Silliman University and visit our active mission sites at a local prison, a dental clinic, and a community center. The group will make a report to First Pres in October.

T2A2 meets for lunch at 12:15 p.m. If you're in your 20s or 30s, join Rev. Ryo in the Welcome Center right after the 11:00 a.m. service to walk to a restaurant of our choice. Please join us and get to know some really cool young adults at First Pres!

The Aeolian Chorale under the direction of Marshall Dicks, and including First Pres member Tom Brandt, will present a summer concert in our sanctuary today at 4:00 p.m. There is no charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be received to defray the chorale's expenses.

Question of the week:

Our steps this week are Knowledge and Recognition. What does it take for Christians to stop seeing "us" and "them"? Can we genuinely agree that "different" is "good"? Is it possible for us to seek to find the human and the valuable in other people? What is required to do this when it is with people with whom we have disagreement; or people we've never met; or people who live in distant lands?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for an Ice Cream Social on the Circle Terrace next Sunday, September 4, at 10:30 a.m.

The church building will be closed Monday, September 5, in observation of Labor Day.

Our mature ministries program invites members and friends of all ages to attend a one-hour presentation, "Phone, Mail & E-Scams," presented by Justine Bykowski of Michigan's Consumer Education program. Join us this Thursday, September 1, 10:45 a.m., in the Lewis Room to learn how to protect yourself. Sign up in the Church Office.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, September 2, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road. Newcomers are always welcome. **The Mature Singles annual Labor Day picnic** is at Lillie Park, 4365 Platt Road, at 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 5. Bring a table service, beverage, a dish to pass, and a folding chair, if possible. Call Marcy (995-2519) if you have questions.

Sign up online for our Big House Mission. Volunteers are needed to work at all home football games to raise money for Youth Mission as well as other First Pres missions. The first home game is September 3.

Your help is needed for the Feeding Our Neighbors project to collect food after UM home football games. This annual project recovers almost 8,000 pounds of food which is delivered to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Detroit. Sign up during Coffee Hour or on the church website. For more information contact Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com).

Learn how to put faith and compassion into action next Sunday at 12:15 p.m. in the Lewis Room. Find out how you can be part of helping refugee families settle in Washtenaw County.

T2A2 Goes to the Renaissance Festival. Huzzah! Join our young adult group on a journey back in time to the Michigan Renaissance Festival Monday, September 5. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the First Pres parking lot to carpool. Contact Rev. Béghin if you have questions. Tickets may be purchased at <http://www.michrenfestnew.michrenfest.com>.

Volunteer for Alpha House, a local shelter for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness. First Pres will provide meals, childcare, and overnight support for children and families the week of September 12-18. Sign up to help on the First Pres website or at Coffee Hour today. If you have questions Lucie Audette, Anne Gere, or Nicole Jolliet will be happy to answer them.

Wednesday@First begins September 14. Read the September edition of our newsletter *First Press* for more information. This year's opportunities include *Story Song* for preschoolers led by Debbie MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries, *Awesome Adventures* for elementary students led by Rev. Béghin, Talking with the Text led by Rev. Dr. Fair and other pastors, and a prayer group offered by Rev. Rogers starting at 5:15 p.m. Join us for dinner, devotions, music, and prayer at 6:00 p.m. If you did not receive the newsletter and would like to be added to the email list, please contact the Church Office.

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.

We are pleased to serve Fair Trade coffee at Coffee Hour. Your purchase of Fair Trade coffee in the Church Office during business hours supports fair wages for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serving Fair Trade coffee at all events at First Pres.

First Pres Kids Read! *God's Dream*

Written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams with illustrations by LeUyen Pham



Summary:

Archbishop Desmond Tutu has a vision of God's dream. It involves people who hold one another's hands, but sometimes get angry and hurt one another – then say they're sorry and forgive. It's a wish that everyone will see that they are brothers and sisters, no matter their way of speaking to God, no matter the size of their nose, or the shade of their skin.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. What makes all of us - no matter how different we look, sound, or live - brothers and sisters?
2. Remember a time when you felt angry or sad. What made you feel better?
3. What are some things that you think God would dream about?

Fall Start-Up is around the corner!

Join us for these opportunities to worship, serve, learn, meet new friends, and join in Christian fellowship. Contact the Church Office for more information.



September 2 **Men's Study Group Kick-Off**

September 4 **Ice Cream Social at Coffee Hour**

September 11 **Kick-Off Sunday**

University Sunday - Dr. Robert Bruner preaches at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30**

First Couples

11:00 a.m. **Common Ground**

Exploring the Faith

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders

10:30 a.m. **Sunday School Open House & Children's Choir Rehearsal**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for preschoolers

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:20 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the lower level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School** (a great place to meet new people, learn about God, and discover something new about yourself)

4:30 p.m. **Youth Choir** (grades 6-12)

5:30 p.m. **Youth Dinner**

6:00 p.m. **Mids and Keystones Youth Groups**

First Pres College Opportunities:

12:15 p.m. **Free Undergrad Lunch**

September 13 **Women's Bible Study Kick-Off**

September 14 **Wednesday@First Kick-Off**
First Pres College at the Michigan League Kick-Off

September 18 **New Member Class**
T2A2 Small Group Kick-Off

September 21 **Presbyterian Women Gathering on gun violence**

October 6 **Mature Ministries Kick-Off**

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