



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
UNIVERSITY SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

FAITH IN ACTION Campus Ministries

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**All: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.**

One: God leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

All: The paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

* HYMN 425 *Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining* ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of wonder and God of truth, we confess to personal
arrogance. We admit to inflating our own understanding of
situations both simple and complex. We rush to judgment and
jump to conclusions. Slow our tendency to assume we are right, to
diminish the input of others, and to discount your counsel for us
all. Give us the grace to walk humbly with you and one another.
We ask it in Christ's name.**

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Sheldon (8:00)

Al Powell (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 1:1-7

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00)

O Holy Jesus

Jonathan Willcocks

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, may I know Thee more clearly, love
Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:41-52

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

SERMON

Eric Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

The Head and the Heart

Dr. Alger (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 324**

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Blair Buckley (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Teach Me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

* **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)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

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 435

We All Are One in Mission

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

* 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 (in the Sanctuary) and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Today is University Sunday. For our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Jonathan Alger, president of James Madison University. Dr. Alger is, in his words, “a recovering lawyer,” having worked previously in the legal offices at UM and Rutgers. While at UM, he was a member and ruling elder at First Pres.

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 Chris Queen and Heidi Dodson. **Greeters** are Debra Lisull and Sharon Sheldon at 9:30 a.m. and Ellen Johnson and Marge Higley at 10:30 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Lee Roberts, Dean Gilchrist, Jinx Cooke, Dick Cooke, Kay Fuller, Ron David, and Len Rezmierski at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Marita Servais and Nancy Fox at 9:30 a.m. and Catherine Kendall and Deborah Campbell at

11:00 a.m. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Be not forgetful of prayer. Every time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education.” – Fyodor Dostoyevsky

The **chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her family and friends.

TODAY’S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 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).

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.

9:30 a.m. Classroom Assignments:

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| Crib | Room 103 | First Grade..... | Room 302 |
| Toddler | Room 104 | Second & Third Grades.. | Room 303 |
| Two Year Olds | Room 101 | Fourth Grade..... | Room 305 |
| Three Year Olds | Room 100 | Fifth Grade | Room 304 |
| Fours/Young Fives/
Kindergarten | Room 102 | | |

11:00 a.m. Classroom Assignments:

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| Crib | Room 103 |
| Toddler & Two | Room 104 |
| Three Year Olds – Kindergarten | Room 101 |

Children’s Choir rehearses 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300. Children’s Choir will rehearse every Sunday when Sunday School is scheduled. There will be no rehearsals on Family Sundays. The children will first sing for the 9:30 World Communion Sunday service on October 1.

Sunday School Open House is today in our education wing. Families with children from crib room through fifth grade are invited to join us for a fellowship gathering between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All 6th-12th grade students and their Sunday School teachers are invited to a fun morning of donuts and community building during the 9:30 Sunday school hour. We will meet in the Youth Room on the lower level. Everyone is welcome. We hope you’ll join us!

Youth (grades 6-12) and their families are invited to the Youth Kickoff Cookout this afternoon at the home of Doris and Tom Granum, 1478 Fieldstone Court, near the intersection of Textile and Lohr Roads. Gather at 4:30 p.m. and eat at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 begins a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Couples begins a study of *A Life of Meaning* by Bob Abernathy, drawing from PBS's Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly series. Explore how we make meaning out of the ups and downs of life today in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "The Reformation: Then and Now." Today's session, "Martin Luther: Then and Now", is presented by Dr. Carrie Euler, Professor of History at Central Michigan University. A skilled historian and widely published author, Dr. Euler will ground us in Martin Luther's life and thought and trace his impact as it spread from Europe to the world and church.

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. **Cookie bakers** are David and Carol Downton, Kim Byers-Granito, and Paula Doering. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes the First Pres commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee.

First Pres College Ministries is excited to kick off a new school year. We invite all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday so we can treat you to lunch. Starting September 13, we will also meet for "Wednesdays at 8:00," a weekly gathering for fellowship, snacks and faithful conversation. Location TBD. Please contact Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Not a Trivial Pursuit at all – join Mature Ministries friends today at 5:00 p.m. for a Back-to-Fall "Trivia Night" at Mary Smith's home (A2 Westside). Bring a salad or dessert, and Mary will provide the main dish. See Rev. Rogers if you have questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for next Sunday, September 17, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2020 and for the 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee.

Make First Pres your church home! Join us as members by attending the New Member Class on October 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child-care are provided. The New Member Breakfast is on October 15 at 8:00 a.m. (childcare provided), and new members are introduced in worship that morning. We would love to welcome you to formal membership as a full or affiliate member! Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351).

The Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir will rehearse tomorrow, Monday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m.

Full youth programming begins next Sunday, September 17. All sixth - twelfth graders are invited. We hope you'll join us next week for these opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor.

All-Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Mids, our middle school youth group, meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. **Keys, our high school youth group,** meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Chancel Choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tom Granum.

You are invited to our hymn festival, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past - Our Hope for Years to Come," led by guest organist and director Dr. Michael Burkhardt on Sunday, September 24, 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. In addition to congregational singing and Dr. Burkhardt playing organ, participants include Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir, brass quartet and percussion.

Let your love show. We who are First Pres let God's love show daily in ways large and small. Your fellow church members who make up the Annual Giving work group want to provide daily inspiration for "Letting Love Show" and they need your help. Take pictures of people letting love show. Add a scripture or a very short prayer and submit them to photos@firstpresbyterian.org. Beginning September 24, your pictures will become visual devotionals emailed to members who request them and will be placed on the Church's Facebook page, Instagram account, and website.

Mature Ministries Book Discussion is Sunday, October 8, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Smith (A2 Westside). We will discuss *Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg. Drinks and snacks are provided. Books are on sale (\$15) in the Church Office. Sign up with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351) or in the Church Office. If you need a ride, let us know.

First Pres volunteers will be supporting guests at Alpha House, a shelter for families experiencing homelessness, this week. If you would like to join them, please sign up today at Coffee Hour or online. If you have questions, Nicole Jolliet, Lucie Audette, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere will be happy to answer them.

Knit Night is the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. New knitters are welcome! Our circle of friends gathers to knit prayer shawls, baby blankets, and other small projects. Join us! Contact Prue Heikkinen (pheikkinen@att.net) for more information.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, September 15, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 Maple Road.

The fall meeting of College of Elders is Saturday, September 30, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are a PCUSA teaching or ruling elder, please RSVP to the Church Office by September 25.

A Chancel Flower Coordinator is needed. We enjoy the lovely chancel flowers, given by members in memory or honor of loved ones, that beautify our worship each week. A volunteer is needed to coordinate this process which involves fielding and confirming requests. Contact Rev. Rogers if you are interested in working with us.

You are invited to be part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) response to Hurricane Harvey. The high water from Hurricane/ Tropical Storm Harvey may have subsided, but the threat in Texas remains and recovery efforts are underway. An untold number of homes have been damaged. More than 18 Presbyterian Churches were damaged, some severely. PDA assessment teams are on the ground, assessing damage and planning for the recovery efforts. Volunteer rebuilding teams will be needed in the near future; contact Rev. Sanderford if you are interested. To support recovery efforts after Harvey, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA: Harvey" in the memo line. You may also donate directly to PDA online, through our First Pres web site.

Join us in feeding our neighbors. First Presbyterian Church rescues food from the UM Stadium and Crisler Arena with the support of the Sodexo organization. This food is made available to us after the football and basketball games and First Pres members save the food for later distribution to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, both in Detroit. Volunteer online on our First Pres website or contact Rev. Sanderford.

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

There is no need to call or visit the church to request a room for a meeting space or to submit a work order at First Pres. Check out the user-friendly form under "Signups/Forms" on our website.

Please make note of our increased hours of operation for fall.

These times indicate when the doors are unlocked and the alarm turned off in the morning and when the doors are locked and the alarm system activated in the evening.

Sunday	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

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