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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Rev. Béghin (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION *Mature Ministries* Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Beth Caldwell (9:30)
Downs Herold (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION *Annual Giving Campaign* Bill Wood

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to celebrate our living Lord.

All: **God's love is abundant; God's love is for all.**

One: Great is God's faithfulness; great is God's goodness.

All: **We worship our Mighty God, gracious and glorious,
tender and strong.**

* HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we often have skewed values. We set our sights on goals of prestige rather than integrity and on acquiring more than we need instead of modeling generosity. We place value on achieving what we want instead of helping others have basic necessities. Open our eyes to the poverty of poor decision making. Help us accept the challenge of living for others so that our lives proclaim your grace. We pray in the name and for the sake of Jesus the Christ, who gave himself for us all.

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

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)
Mary Lynn Thomson (9:30)
Martha Froseth (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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SERMON

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

Responding

* HYMN 477 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

HANOVER

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

Marita Servais

New members joining the church today are Ruthie Ackenhusen, Susan Froelich, Chris Haddlesey, Richard Ingram, Mara Kent, Tom Kent, Kevin Pipe, Joe Ruggenberg, Lisa Ruggenberg, Kathleen Sienko, James Thomson, Ashley Wood, and Dan Wood.

Hymn of Welcome *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *O How Amiable* Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be always praising thee.

The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:

prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.

O prosper thou our handywork.

O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast,

And our eternal home.

Texts from Psalms 84 and 90 and Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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 210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,

The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

* **POSTLUDE**

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

* 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.

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 John Yodhes and Martine Blogin.

The Church Office is open this morning 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rev. Ryo will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Meg and Paul Brown, Jerry and Lorna Prescott, Gail Grady, and George and Carole Hendrickson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Dick and Jinx Cooke, Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Len Rezmierski, Kay Fuller, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson-Bellfi, and Kate Silbert; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, and Jeannette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Carolyn Schultz and Diane Hockett following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Linda Lampman and Marolin Bellefleur following the 11:00 a.m. service. “Prayer is the inheritance we receive and the legacy we leave.” – Mark Batterson

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Bob and Mary Doerr, parents of Katie Parker.

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).

Stewardship 2017: GRACE & GRATITUDE

Today marks the beginning of Stewardship 2017, which will culminate in Commitment Sunday, October 23. During this season we have the opportunity to express our gratitude in response to God’s amazing grace. Please prayerfully consider, and act on, the many ways you can help our church fulfill our ministries.

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace (weather permitting) or in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Cookie bakers are Lisa Shultz, Karen Gardstrom, and Ozora McCarthy. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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:

Please note the new room numbering system now in place.

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| Crib | Room 103 | First Grade..... | Room 302 |
| Toddler | Room 104 | Second & Third Grade.. | Room 303 |
| 2’s..... | Room 101 | Fourth Grade | Room 305 |
| 3’s & Young 4’s | Room 100 | Fifth Grade | Room 304 |
| 4’s /Kindergarten | Room 102 | | |

Children’s Choir is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School is a great place to meet new people, learn about God, and discover something new about yourself. We begin at 9:20 a.m. with **Munch & Mingle** in the lower level hallway for Washtenaw Dairy Donuts and fellowship followed by **classes** which meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

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| Sixth & Seventh Grades..... | Room LL-4 |
| Eighth Grade Confirmation..... | Curtis Room |
| High School..... | Youth Room |

Mids Family Corn Maze Event, for all middle schoolers and their families, is today, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Meet at Wiard’s Orchard. Cost is \$17 per person. Contact Rev. Béghin for more information.

Youth Choir rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room (level 300).

Keystones Bonfire for all high schoolers tonight, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Lex’s/Parkers’ house. Contact Rev. Dr. Monnett for more information.

First Pres College Opportunities:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 2, Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

If you are a college student not already plugged into First Pres College, please introduce yourself to Rev. Jim Monnett, Transitional Campus Minister, or to Peer Ministers Lex Allum and Jenna Harms today. If you don’t connect today, please email Jim at jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room for Bible exploration centered on the Gospel of Luke. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to explore *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr.

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

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for a dialogue on “The Church Down Under” led by Revs. Kevin and Isabel Dobson from Australia. Isabel is the Associate General Secretary of the Uniting Church Synod in Australia. Kevin is pastor of the Forest Hill and Vermont Uniting Churches. The Dobsons became friends with Rev. Rogers and other First Pres pilgrims in Iona, Scotland.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for “Race (Still) Matters: Racism in America – Are We Colorblind?” with Rev. Ryo and Chuck Monsma.

T2A2, the young adult group for people in their twenties and thirties, have a planning meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the Founders Room. A light lunch will be served. **T2A2 Small Group** meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite you to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, please contact Rev. Ryo.

Orchestra rehearses at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is something for everyone at Wednesday@First! Join us this Wednesday, September 28. For the best value, make your dinner reservation today. If you pay today (or by noon tomorrow) the cost is \$7. Price at the door is \$9. This week’s menu features roasted pork loin, homemade applesauce, and mashed redskin potatoes.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, September 30, 5:30 p.m., at Knight’s Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue. All are welcome.

The Mature Ministries Kick-Off welcomes UM Women’s Gymnastics Coach Bev Plocki as our kick-off speaker at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 6, in the Social Hall. After lunch (\$10), we welcome Dr. Richard Nisbett, Theodore M. Newcomb Distinguished Professor of social psychology and co-director of the UM Culture and Cognition Program, and the person best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell has said is “the person who has most shaped my thinking.” His presentation is “Getting Smarter.” Reservations are strongly encouraged. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website.

Are you in your 40s or 50s? Single or couple? It’s time for an Immature Ministries Party! Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy and Bob Crawford. Bring friends! Sign up with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firspresbyterian.org) or in the Church Office. We have a “locally-grown foods” theme for this meal.

Saturday Suppers will be served Saturday, October 15, in the homes of First Pres families who welcome small groups to our first potluck of the season. Everyone cooks a little, talks a lot, rekindles old friendships, and makes new friends. We hope to welcome new members and regular visitors who would like to know us better. Sign up online before October 2, or during Coffee Hour Sunday, October 2. If you have questions, contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com or 662-5350).

World Communion Sunday, October 2, celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Come, let us share the feast!

Each of our services next Sunday is unique. Our 8:00 a.m. service will have a more meditative approach to World Communion. At the 9:30 a.m. service, children and youth will provide much of the choral and instrumental leadership with music from around the world. The Chancel Choir will provide musical leadership for the 11:00 a.m. service. Dr. Fair will use the same scripture readings and preach the sermon at all three services.

We invite you to **“A World Communion, Family Sunday Happening”** – a multi-generational event for all ages in the Social Hall following the 9:30 a.m. service. Try breads from around the world, learn about and pray for our mission co-workers, discover world hymns, and much more in this time of worship and learning.

We have the opportunity to support the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**, which will be used for global peacemaking ministries and locally to resettle young adult refugees in our Ann Arbor community.

As we do for all designated Communion Sundays, we will “share the feast” beyond our walls by bringing canned food and monetary donations. **Our October food offering** will be collected by Presbyterian Women for the Detroit Hunger Ministry.

Additional Opportunities on Sunday, October 2:

We welcome Dr. Reggie L. Williams for two presentations in the series, “Race (Still) Matters.” Dr. Williams is an Assistant Professor of Christian ethics at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He will speak first at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall on “Moving Toward the Beloved Community” and then in the Curtis Room, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., on “Seeing Whiteness.” He will explore how whiteness functions as a social norm and affects today’s racially diverse society and faith communities. A pizza and salad lunch (\$7) will be served. Reservations may be made by contacting the Church Office or Rev. Ryo.

Join us for the “Blessing of the Animals,” 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., on the front steps. All creatures that walk, swim, hop, slither, and fly are welcome. “For every wild animal of the forest belongs to God, the cattle on a thousand hills. God knows all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is God’s.” Psalm 50:10-11

First Pres hosts the University of Michigan’s Organ Improvisation Competition in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Three finalists from around the country will compete; they are given two musical themes on which they improvise for 20 minutes. There is no admission fee.

The fall meeting of College of Elders is Saturday, October 15, 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 October 10.

Save the date! The annual Philippines Dinner is Saturday, October 29, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person with a family maximum of \$35.00.

Worship with us on All Saints' Day, November 6 when we remember members of our congregation, family, and friends who have died in the past year. Names for the bulletin may be submitted online or in the Church Office until October 24.

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

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Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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