



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 4, 2015  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
FAMILY WORSHIP

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**                      *Andante in G Major*                      William H. Harris

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**                      Daniel Ervin (8:00)  
Rev. Sanderford (9:30)  
Rev. Ryo (11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**    Stewardship – Mission Ministries

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** We gather as brothers and sisters to celebrate God's gifts.

**All:** **We will share the bread and the cup,  
symbols of God's power and love.**

**One:** Let us open our hearts to receive these gifts  
and to walk in God's way.

**All:** **Let us celebrate being one with Jesus Christ  
and with one another.**

\* **HYMN 423**                      *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*                      DUKE STREET

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we confess our brokenness and the many ways  
we contribute to division among your people. We confess our  
self-centeredness, our blindness to the needs of those around us,  
and our deafness to cries for help. We are quick to fall into fear  
when we face differences and reluctant to speak up when  
discrimination and prejudice rage. Forgive our cowardice.  
Deepen our trust in you so that our lives will mirror your love and  
the harmony you desire for all people will become our reality.**

### 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."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

 Proclaiming 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Jerry Prescott (8:00)  
Molly Schneidewind (9:30)  
Kate Monnett (11:00)

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 10:13-16

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

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*Children through grade five are invited forward.* Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

**EPISTLE READING** Ephesians 2:11-22

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

**SERMON**

*Housekeeping*

Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

\* **HYMN 514**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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**WELCOME**

Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
Emily Béghin (11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *The Lord's My Shepherd* arr. Carl Mueller

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.  
My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.  
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.  
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

- Text from *Scottish Psalter*, 1650

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

**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.**

### Words of Institution

#### Communion of the People

*All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.*

#### Communion Music *You Are Holy*

Per Harling

You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always, always more  
than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,  
you are wholeness;  
you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to our God!

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For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair. . . .

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong. . . .

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free. . . .

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### **Prayer After Communion**



## Sending



### \* HYMN 416      *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.  
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and  
placed in the baskets.*

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (9:30/11:00)

**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      Improvisation on *Westminster Abbey*

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

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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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Mary Ann Pierce and Dale Leslie. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Eldon and Katie Beery and Marlene and Victor Stoeffler for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Jan Stephens, Bob Donofrio, and Marilyn Gibson for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Carol Seneff, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Jeanette Middleton, Cyndy Colton, and Linda Lampman at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs, Marolin Bellefleur, and Michele Derr following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Lynne Lande and Mary McKeever following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “God answers first the prayers we should have prayed.” – Robert Brault

**Music leadership** is provided by Grace VanRenterghem, flute; Miriam Eckelhofer, violoncello; Youth Choir ensemble; Chancel Choir, and a choral ensemble, and Stacie Barrett is our liturgical dancer.

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of C. James Pilcher by Jane, their five children and many grandchildren.

**The pink rosebuds** celebrate the births of:

Everleigh Autumn West, born September 23, 2015, to Brady and Laura West; and Milana Sandra Robakiewicz, born September 30, 2015, to Katelyn and Kamil Robakiewicz. Mila’s grandparents are Sandy Talbott and Mark Lindley.

## **TODAY’S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM’s website, [www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**The Peace and Global Witness special offering**, which promotes peace, justice, and reconciliation locally as well as globally, is received today. The Mission Committee has allocated 25% of this offering to support ongoing efforts by Michael and Rachel Ludwig in Niger, Africa. In addition to your monetary support, we ask you to hold the Ludwig family in your prayers.

**Communion Food Offering** is today. As we come to the Lord’s Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. The Detroit Hunger Ministry is the recipient of today’s financial contributions and food donations.

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**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Kathy Wirstrom, Nancy Fox, Karen Gardstrom, and John and Dawn Pankopf. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Regular, decaf, whole bean, and a variety of blends are available. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Worship Sunday. Childcare** is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Youth Choir**, for youth in sixth through twelfth grades, rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 400 Level.

**Youth Dinner** is in the Founders/Curtis Rooms 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner is \$5 or free if your family provides one dinner per semester.

**Keystones, our high school youth group**, meet for the Keystone family potluck at 12:15 p.m., at the home of the Chronis family.

**Mids, our sixth – eighth grade youth group**, meet 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

**The high school mission weekend to the Pittsburgh Project** to rehab houses is November 6 – 8. Cost is \$150 and scholarships are available. This trip often sells out. Email Rev. Dr. Monnett to sign up.

### **First Pres College Opportunities:**

All college students are invited to our **free College Dinner** Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Vance and Lewis Rooms on the 300 level. **Club** meets Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union.

If you are a college student visiting First Pres for the first time or a regular attender not already plugged into First Pres College, please introduce yourself to Rev. Jim Monnett, Transitional Campus Minister, or to Peer Ministers Alexis Allum and Andy Spaulding today. They look forward to meeting you and telling you more about First Pres College. If you don't connect today please email Jim at [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and discussion centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Koster.

**First Couples** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support. Today meet our new Resident Ministers, Emily Béghin, Daniel Ervin, and Angela Ryo, and hear their stories of faith and calling. This class is for individuals as well as couples.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to continue a series centered on the book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Today we explore "What is a Death Café?" with Meryllyne Rush.

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**A New Member Class** is today at 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room for all prospective members. New members will join October 18.

**Tonight you are invited to attend the University of Michigan Organ Improvisation Competition in our sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.** Five finalists from across the United States have been chosen to compete this evening. Each organist will be given a hymn tune and newly composed melody upon which to improvise for 15 minutes. The event is free and open to the public. You have the option of attending just a portion of the event as long as you don't enter when a competitor is playing.

**The Mission Committee presentation, *The Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ*,** is adapted from *Reaching for Rainbows*, Ann Weems, Westminster Press, (Philadelphia 1980), p.77.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us this week for Wednesday@First.** The evening begins at 5:15 p.m. with Children's Choir followed by dinner and fellowship in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Worship is in Monteith Hall at 7:00 p.m. Pay \$6 today during Coffee Hour or in the Church Office. Pay Wednesday and the cost is \$9. This week's menu is chips and salsa, beef tacos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit, and homemade cream puffs. This week's worship theme presented by Rev. Ryo is "the apple of his eye" (Deuteronomy 32:10 and Zechariah 2:8).

**Mature Ministries invites you to the Hilltoppers Kick-Off this Thursday, October 8.** Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Coach Ron Warhurst and sports writer John U. Bacon. Lunch (\$10) is at noon. Please reserve your spot by contacting Rev. Rogers or the Church Office.

**The CROP Hunger Walk is next Sunday, October 11.** The CROP Walk raises money to help alleviate hunger around the world, largely through self-help development initiatives. 25% of the funds raised will go to nine local organizations. Please consider participating either by walking or by sponsoring a walker. To register and join *Team First Presbyterian Ann Arbor*, contact Jim Schaafsma, at jschaafs@umich.edu.

**International speaker Dr. Tony Campolo will preach** on the topic "College and Church: Why We Are Better Together" at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, October 25. He will lead a college-directed forum on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the entire college community. Please invite the college students in your life to attend. Monday, October 26, Dr. Campolo will speak at a college ministry fundraising breakfast sponsored by the Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation Board at the Ann Arbor City Club. Tickets are \$125. Contact Meg Brown (623-4323 or Imegbrown@gmail.com) for more information or to purchase tickets.

**Cass Community Social Services Fall Work Day is Saturday, October 17.** Cass, a Detroit-based agency that works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty to provide programs for food, health, housing, and jobs, has expanded its physical plant by purchasing a building located near its current campus. This is a tremendous opportunity to expand its services for the homeless and disadvantaged populations. Volunteer work is needed to adapt the building to the needs of Cass. Sign up on the church website or by contacting Sue Jeffers at sjeffers1@me.com.

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**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, October 9, at 5:30 p.m., at Big Boy, 497 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

**Restore Hope Support Group welcomes you.** Do you have a mentally ill family member whom you care about? Perhaps you could use some support yourself. At our meetings, we help one another cope with the difficult issues related to loving and caring for/about a family member with serious mental illness. You'll find accepting and caring people who understand what you are experiencing. Fall meetings are October 13 and 27, November 10 and 24, and December 8 and 22. We meet on the 100 level at First Pres. For more information, contact Linda Koopmann at [writingresource@comcast.net](mailto:writingresource@comcast.net), or Rev. Rogers.

**Apple pies and rum cakes are back.** Enjoy homemade pastry and support mission in Haiti at the same time. The Haiti Medical Mission Team is making frozen apple pies for purchase (\$12) that can be picked up after all of the worship services on Sunday, October 25. We give you instructions for baking the pie from freezer to oven. You can also buy a fresh baked Haitian Rum Cake that day. The rum cakes are wonderful and moist when they are freshly baked or you can pop them in the freezer for later use. Large rum cakes are \$30, small are \$8, and slices sell for \$3. Reserve your pies and cakes on our website, in the Church Office, or by contacting Rosemarie Rowney, [rrowney@comcast.net](mailto:rrowney@comcast.net).

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