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OCTOBER 11, 2015
BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Trio in G minor

Josef Rheinberger

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Stewardship – Our Church Home

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus calls us to be his brothers and sisters.

**All: As brothers and sisters, we approach God with boldness
because, through Christ, we know God's grace.**

One: From God we receive mercy
and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Trusting in God, we gather to worship. We sing God's praise!

* **HYMN 446** *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you create us in love, bless us with all we have and are, and are patient with us well beyond our deserving. We confess that we take your blessings for granted and think of our successes as self-made. We rely on our talents, forgetting that they, too, are your gifts to us. We look to human devices and plans to secure our future, rather than acknowledging that our future is secure in you. We pile up treasures on earth rather than sharing with those who have little. Strengthen our trust in you, O God, that our lives may reflect our faith in your goodness and love. We ask this 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

**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 Linda Strodtman (8:00)
Harry Bowen (9:30)
Jim Mulcrone (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 3:1-12
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 10:17-31
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Daniel Ervin (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 251** *Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure* WINCHESTER NEW

WELCOME Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Sanderford (11:00)
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00) *See Communion Card*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30/11:00)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

(9:30)

Ben and Amanda Carlisle present their daughter, Georgia Becker Carlisle, born September 20, 2014, for baptism.

Daniel and Ashley Wood present their son, Charles Bean Wood, born October 28, 2014, for baptism.

(11:00)

Darin and Kerry Tharp present their daughter, Clare Avery Tharp, born February 9, 2015, for baptism.

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

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 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

* 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** *Andante Religioso (Organ Sonata IV)*

Felix Mendelssohn

* 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 Sara Vander Voort and Barbara Mueller. **Church Office volunteers** are Pat and Bill Fuerstenau. **Greeters** are Sue and Bob Peterson and Beth and Jack Caldwell at 9:30 a.m., and Pat Gilbreath and Marian West at 11:00 a.m.

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, and Cyndy Colton 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 Kay Erdman and Judy Slade following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Pam Rinker following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." – Martin Luther

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Glenn Hoff by his family.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Annika Ruth Plantinga, born October 1, 2015, daughter of Jeff and Kara Plantinga and granddaughter of Don and Evonne Plantinga.

Musical leadership is provided by Chancel Choir and Paolo Debuque, guest director.

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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for Fair Trade Coffee and homemade cookies. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, Kim Byers-Granito, Beth Caldwell, and Ginny Horan. 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.

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 100-level hallway for Washtenaw Dairy Donuts and fellowship followed by **classes** which meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir does not rehearse today.

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.

Mids, our sixth – eighth grade youth group, meet 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones, our high school youth group**, meet 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth 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. See Rev. Dr. Monnett to sign up to attend the **Montreat College Conference** January 2 – 5, and the **Jamaica Mission Trip** February 26 – March 4.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and conversation on the Gospel of John. Today's presenter is Rev. Ryo.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support. Today's class is a discussion on the knowledge acquired from the *Being Mortal* class. This class is for individuals as well as couples.

Exploring the Faith and Common Ground meet 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 "Home Funeral and Green Burial." Join Rev. Rogers and local expert Merilynne Rush from the A2 Green Burial Network to explore simple home burials after the death of a loved one. Explore the traditions and practices of faith that have been in place for communities around the world for centuries.

The Fall Photo Show opens today in the Social Hall and runs through November 1. This show features the work of church members or associates. Contact Rev. Rogers if you are interested in participating in future shows.

The Nicaragua Mission Team meets at noon in the Founders Room.

The Philippines Mission Team meets at noon in the French Room.

The CROP Hunger Walk is today. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is next Sunday, October 18.

There will be a commitment dedication during all worship services. An "All Church Member Canvass" will take place that afternoon with volunteers making phone calls to all members who have not responded to the stewardship campaign. We would love to cross your name off our list. Your Stewardship Committee greatly appreciates your prompt response.

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 it is \$9. This week's menu is Mediterranean chicken, roasted rosemary potatoes, spinach salad, focaccia, fruit, and dessert. Our worship theme presented by Rev. Dr. Monnett is "skin of my teeth" (Job 19:13-27).

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.

Worship with us on All Saints' Day, November 1. Names of members and family and friends of members **who have died in the last year** may be submitted on our website or in the Church Office by October 26. These names will be included in the bulletin.

The Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra will present *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest and *Requiem* by Giacomo Puccini Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. All are invited.

Christian Life Academy 2015 is November 15 – 16. Save the date so you do not miss this exciting opportunity for interactive learning. Well-known keynote speaker, author, and preacher Rev. Judy Fletcher will present "A Living Theology for Today: Love, Justice, and Sin." More information is available on the church website.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

Cass Community Social Services Fall Work Day is next 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.

The Deacons' Blood Drive is Monday, October 19, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Please help save lives of those in critical need. Sign up to donate blood, either online at www.redcrossblood.org, or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. Questions? Contact John Yodhes (jjodhes@gmail.com, or 677-4036).

T2A2, our twenties and thirties group, will host a potluck brunch on Sunday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m., at 2388 Nixon Road. Bring your friends, family, and anyone who may be interested in connecting with this young and vibrant group. Expect great food, interesting conversations, and a good amount of laughter. RSVP to Chris Wahl at cgwahl@gmail.com to let him know you are coming and what dish you will bring!

Presbyterian Women invite all church women to attend PW Bible study this Wednesday, October 21, at 9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall. A program on racism, law, and justice is at 11:00 in the Social Hall. Guest speaker is Scott Ellsworth, historian and First Pres member. Lunch (\$7) follows at noon.

The Women's Reading Group meets Wednesday, October 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the home of Sue Dempsey. The book selection is *The Road to Character* by David Brooks.

Quad A Potluck Brunch is Sunday, October 25, at noon in the Social Hall. Quad A includes Chapels 10 – 17 in the northeast section of Ann Arbor. Bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share. Come see old friends, meet new neighbors, and enjoy a bountiful feast. If you have questions, contact your deacon or Quad A leader Lynne Lande (lynnelande@me.com).

Apple pies and rum cakes are back. 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. Large 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.

And Jesus said, "You feed them." Each Wednesday volunteer teams from First Pres prepare and serve a meal for hungry people at the Foodgatherers' Community Kitchen in the Delonis Center. Volunteer and join a cooking team (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.) or a serving team (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.). Volunteer every week or occasionally. Work in a fully equipped commercial kitchen with professional supervision. Share fellowship with a community of volunteers and Delonis Center clients. For more information, contact Barb Ladewski (ladewski@umich.edu; cell: 734-646-9385) and/or Jane Hayes (hayesdf@comcast.net).

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