

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Making God's Love Visible

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

With the passing of the Feasts of Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, the liturgical color for paraments, stoles and the cover of this worship bulletin shifts from white to green—a color that might call to mind life, hope, anticipation. Tradition refers to the weeks from mid-January until the beginning of Lent as “Ordinary Time” —a season focused on the three years of Jesus’ public ministry. (Another long season of Ordinary Time begins after Pentecost and stretches all the way through the summer and fall to Advent.)

Both the **Prayer of Confession** and the **Assurance** following are meant to be assurances of the grace of God. We are not trying to convince ourselves of our sinfulness, but to proclaim the mighty works of God—especially in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. As people of faith, through the lens of that faith, we see our own inadequacy and are brought to repentance and confession.

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Partita on “Foundation”* Alfred V. Fedak
As the opening voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

* CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 27

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: Though an army encamp against me,

All: my heart shall not fear;

One: One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:

**All: to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

One: to behold the beauty of the Lord,

All: and to inquire in God’s temple.

One: ‘Come,’ my heart says, ‘seek his face!’

All: Your face, Lord, do I seek.

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God – In Jesus You have endeavored to teach us
to trust in the power of forgiveness to make all things new.**

So we bring before You now those things

which have wounded our trust or caged our hope:

memories of our failures, and the failures of others;

**scars of unresolved anger and unhealed hurt; fear of being vulnerable;
doubt or despair that living without these burdens will ever be possible.**

These are not the most beautiful gifts we have to offer You;

but we know that until we lay them in the arms of Jesus,

we will never grasp the full scope of Your forgiving love.

So take from us, O God, the burdens we carry, alone and together;

And fill us with the love that will make us new

and mark us as followers of Your Son Jesus Christ . . .

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us—saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.**

This is Stanza 1 of Hymn 515, *I Come with Joy* (DOVE OF PEACE).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Brinkerhoff

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 4:12–23

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Sanderford

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

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

SERMON

To Savor and to Inquire

Rev. Dr. Spalding

RESPONDING

* HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

WELCOME

Andrew Frazier

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation

John Rutter

Chancel Choir and Elliott Ross, Clarinet

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid:
and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have desired of the Lord, which I will require;
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle:
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me,
and set me up upon a rock of stone.
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness:
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee:
have mercy upon me and hear me.

Prayer for Illumination

is a prayer that is offered before the scriptures are read, and before a sermon is preached. This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear, but understand and believe.

During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew. If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at First Presbyterian.

My heart hath talked of thee,
Seek ye my face: thy face, Lord, will I seek.
O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me,
O God of my salvation.
When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up.
Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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**

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 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

* **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHELTER IN PLACE DRILL AND CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND MEETING**

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

This is Stanza 5 of Hymn 515, I Come with Joy (DOVE OF PEACE).

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the Welcome Center, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today is Chris Queen.

Musical leadership is provided by Chancel Choir and Elliott Ross, Clarinet. **Acolytes** are Aidan and Chloe Majorprice.

Chancel flowers are given by Sandra McDonald to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of David VanderMeer and Brent Ivey's wedding.

The Church Office is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Carol Gottlieb, Virginia Rezmierski, and Pat Gilbreath. **Sound system volunteer** is Rol Kibler. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); and Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith and Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30).

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 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).

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation follows the 9:30 a.m. service of worship for the purpose of hearing the Annual Report of the church (during which we will hear about the ministries, programs, and financial health of the church) and voting on changes to the installed pastors' terms of call. Guests are welcome but only members have vote and voice.

An All-Church Luncheon is part of the program of the Annual Meeting in the Social Hall. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5–12, and free for children under the age of 5. **College students are invited to be our guests.** Join Rev. McGowan at a reserved table in the Social Hall. **Childcare for ages crib through second grade** is available following lunch in the Nursery Wing on the first level.

Children's Opportunities:

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

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor—invites the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey. Contact us at T2A2@firstpresbyterian.org for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

Welcome College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service, to coffee breaks during the week, and to other fellowship opportunities. Today all college students are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon where we will sit together. Follow us on [Instagram@UKirkUMich](https://www.instagram.com/UKirkUMich) for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, January 31, at Panda House, 229 N. Maple Road. All are welcome.

The 2020 Men of Faith Breakfast is this Saturday, February 1, at 9:00 a.m., in the Social Hall. Our speaker is the Rev. Matthew Nickel, Pastor of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit and former First Pres Resident Minister. Sign up online or by contacting the Church Office. Cost is \$10.

Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday and **Communion Food Collection** is during all three services. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations and/or financial contributions for Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

Middle School and High School Youth Group meets next Sunday, February 2, for a special SOUP-ER-Bowl lunch in the Social Hall, from 12:15–2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make God's Love Visible Stewardship Update: As of January 21, 485 pledges totaling \$1,536,552 have been received. This represents 85.4% of our \$1,800,000 goal. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, First Pres still needs your help. Thank you for all you do to *Make God's Love Visible* through the ministries of First Pres!

Thinking ahead to Valentine's Day? Are you looking for something special for that certain someone and a gift that also supports a good cause? We have the ever-popular Love Buzz coffee, the most popular of our Fair Trade coffees, in a special gift package for Valentine's Day. And to celebrate the season we also have dark and milk chocolate packaged for giving. The sale of Fair Trade items has been extended to two Sundays in February, the 2nd and the 9th, so you have plenty of time to stock up on gifts for all the Valentines in your life! Look for us during Coffee Hour or stop by the Church Office during the week.

Triangle Cooperative Preschool hosts an Open House on Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The school is now enrolling for classes for the 2020–21 school year. All interested families are invited to learn more about the nurturing community, exceptional teachers, and new on-site sibling care!

A Men's Study Group meets the first and third Friday mornings until May from 8:00–9:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room, for coffee, study, and conversation. The winter book is *Short Stories by Jesus*, written by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome! Books are available in the Church Office for \$15.00. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford.

Upcoming Opportunities to Join First Pres! We hope that you feel moved to become a member of our church family. Everyone belongs! Attend a class on March 15 (with joining on March 22) or on May 3 (with joining on May 17). Contact Rev. Rogers (355-2351 or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Tell Me More! Thinking about joining First Pres? Want to know more? Join Revs. Jay Sanderford and Mel Rogers for an hour of beer, good food, and great conversation about what it is to be a member, what "Presbyterian" is, who we are and what we are about as a congregation, and anything else you want to know. It all happens Sunday evening, February 9, at 5:00 p.m., at the Session Room, 3685 Jackson Road. Register with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

"Good Reads," a monthly book discussion group, meets the third Friday of the month, in the French Room, at 10:30 a.m., to discuss *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. The book is available for purchase in the Church Office for \$15.00. Contact Rev. Sanderford if you have questions.

Join the New Handbell Choir for inexperienced ringers. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays in the Handbell Room at 2:00 p.m.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style
- request a baptism
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- support our Fair Trade mission project by purchasing a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$50.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.
- purchase books for groups and classes
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information. You may also update your contact information online (<https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/update-contact-information>) where you will find a new, easy-to-use form.

SAVE THE DATE! More information will be available soon.

Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m.—Taizé Prayer Service

There is a new worship opportunity in 2020. On the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall, there is a monthly Taizé Prayer Service. This service includes songs, scripture, silence, meditation, and candles. A simple supper of soup and bread will be served in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Monday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. — Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Session

All are invited to a presentation on “Helping Seniors Remain Living at Home.” Speaker is Chiara Clayton, Communications and Outreach Specialist for the Area Agency on Aging 1B.

Saturday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. — Nessa Concert

Enjoy the eclectic sounds of Nessa, known for its Celtic inspired world music, in concert. The concert is free, but a love offering will be taken for Ozone House, a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, safe space, transitional housing, and counseling for homeless youth, LGBT runaway teens, and families in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Wednesday, February 19 — Presbyterian Women Gathering

Programming will include a presentation by Jordan Backstrom, M.Div., Psy.D., on “The Opioid Crisis and Chronic Pain Care.”

February 21–23 — High School Winter Retreat

Youth travel with Rev. Mares to Ewart, Michigan, where they will participate with youth from all over the state in high energy worship, small group discussions, and a wide-range of fellowship activities.

Wednesday, February 26 — Ash Wednesday

- 12:15 p.m. Imposition of Ashes
- 5:30 p.m. Family Friendly Worship Service
- 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Ecumenical Taizé Service

Saturday, March 7—Women of Faith Brunch

Our speaker is the Rev. Grace Lindvall, Associate Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Grace grew up here at First Pres!

Friday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. — Harvard Glee Club Concert

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