



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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FEBRUARY 11, 2018
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Change Ring Prelude on
Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held
Fred Gramann

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 34:1-3

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

All: let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: and let us exalt God's name together.

* HYMN 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Wash us from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know that we have transgressed against you and done what is evil in your sight. You desire truth in our inward being; therefore, teach us wisdom in our secret heart. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. O Lord, help us declare praise to you in word and deed.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Gottliebson (8:00)
Sharon Sheldon (9:30)
Ed Koster (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (8:00)

Psalms 19:1-6 (9:30/11:00)

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Hope for Resolution*

Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He.
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

Thula sizwe, ungabokhala,
uJehovah wakho uzokumqobela.
Inkululeko, sizoyithola,
uJehovah wakho uzokunqobela.

*Nations, do not cry.
Jehovah will protect us.
We will attain freedom.
Jehovah will protect us.*

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 20:7-12 (8:00)

Mark 9:2-8 (9:30/11:00)

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SERMON

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

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices 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 Karen Walter and Mary Ann Pierce. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are John and Betsy Hammond (9:30), and Marilyn Gibson and Jane Hayes (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, Chris Queen, Dick Stuber, and Elsa Stuber at 9:30; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry Swartz, Jeanette Swartz, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox at 11:00. **Sound system operators** are Roger Hsiao (9:30), and Barry Leonard (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Pat Gilbreath (9:30), and Ralph Winter and Deborah Campbell (11:00). "I have lived to thank God that not all my prayers have been answered." — Jean Ingelow

Musical leadership includes Laura Schipper, flute; Jeffrey Siegfried, soprano saxophone; William Lewis, percussion; Joshua Marzan, piano; Sanctus Ringers; and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband, Keith Molin.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Diane Knibbs, Margie Van Tuyl, and Eleonora Charlson. 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:

All-Youth Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.
Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin at 9:30 a.m.
Mids and Keys meet for dinner in the Social Hall at 5:30 p.m. and Human Foosball from 6:00 to 7:00.

Adult Education Opportunities:

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

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *What's the Least I Can Believe to Still Be a Christian?* by Martin Thielen. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. All are welcome.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to further explore "Creation Groans: A Series on Environmental Justice."

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites 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. We also invite you to attend "Wednesdays @ 8:00," a weekly gathering in the French Room/Library, for fellowship and faithful conversation. For more information, contact Rev. McGowan.

Join us and feel the love! The love, warmth, faith and gratitude of the Filipino people is overwhelming. Join the Philippine Mission Team today at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library to learn more about the work of and mission with our Filipino partners. For more information about the PMT contact Hank McQueen (hmcqueen7@yoschools.us).

All are invited to a hymn festival today at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Washington Street, Ypsilanti. This festival for Transfiguration Sunday is entitled, "This Is My Beloved Son: A Festival of Hymns." Several singers from our Chancel Choir will join with Dr. Michael Burkhardt, the choir of First Presbyterian Church, Ypsilanti, and other choirs.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to continue a discussion of Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to bring your questions and insights as we build community. For more information about all opportunities for twenties and thirties, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation, "Advance Care Planning," tomorrow, Monday, February 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Dr. Sheryl Kurz, a board-certified hospice and palliative-care physician with 25 years of experience in primary and end-of-life care, advocates for conversation-based advance care planning. Come learn about how to plan for these difficult situations that every family faces.

Restore Hope is a support group for families coping with mental illness. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the church's lower level. Join us anytime you feel the need to talk with others who understand the unique challenges of caring for someone in your family who is struggling with chronic concerns. The next meeting is this Tuesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 16, at Panda House, 229 Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, February 18, we will celebrate those members of First Presbyterian Church who have contributed to the vital life and mission of our congregation for over 30 continuous years. If you have received a letter by mail, stop in the Social Hall on February 18 before the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service to receive a boutonniere so that you can easily be identified in worship. Come to the special Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall and see the members and friends you have known and shared with in faith and service. We are grateful for you and your faithful connection to the family of First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, and we look forward to your presence with us next Sunday.

“Tell Me More About This Church” is next Sunday, February 18, at 12:15 p.m., in the Vance Room. Rev. Dr. Fair hosts a one-hour conversation with lunch included. All prospective members and interested non-members are invited to ask anything you wish about our theology, worship, polity, history, and mission. Please sign up by contacting the Church Office or Rev. Rogers.

“Story, Song and Playtime” for parents and children ages 0 to 6 is next Saturday, February 17, 11:00 a.m. to noon, in Room 301. We will read stories and sing songs, and end with fun play and a healthy snack. Come with your children, have fun and meet other families. RSVP to Rev. Buckley or Debbie MacVey.

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