
*** 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 always," 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

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)

Anne Gere (9:30)

John Knapp (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51:1-12

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

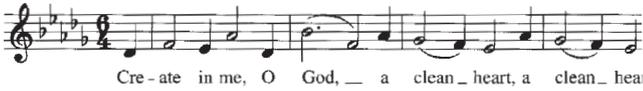
ANTHEM

Psalm 51: Create in Me (9:30)

Jane Marshall

Children's Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Congregation:



Children's Choir: Put a new and right spirit within me.

Congregation:



Children's Choir: Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Congregation:



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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (11:00)

Paul Langford

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Was there ever kinder shepherd, half so gentle, half so sweet,
as the Savior who would have us come and gather at his feet?
If our love were but more simple, we could take him at his word;
and our lives would be more loving in the likeness of the Lord.

(Frederick W. Faber, 1814-63)

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Revs. Rogers and Ryo

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 7:1-5

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

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

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

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 303**

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Excerpt: Motet from Psalm 51 (9:30) Johannes Brahms

orch. Gerry Leckrone

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within
me. O cast me not away from Thy countenance, and take not Thy holy
spirit from me.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (11:00) Emma Lou Diemer

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, O leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

(John Bacchus Dykes, 1823-1876)

* **Doxology**

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**

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 366** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

* **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**

* 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 Barb Brewster and Nancy Rugani. **Church Office** volunteers are Nick Gardner, 9:00 – 10:45 a.m., and Jane Bartman, 10:45 a.m. – noon.

Greeters are Sharon Sheldon and Jim Dickinson, Gail Grady, and John and Dawn Pankopf. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Brian Rubel at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Dean Gilchrist, Kay Fuller, Kate Silbert, Beth Sanderford, Spaulding Clark, Anna Cooke, and Len Rezmierski at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Meg Brown and Mary Kay Gray after the 9:30 service, and Victor Rotberg after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Prayer strikes the winning blow; service is simply picking up the pieces.” – S. D. Gordon

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Rev. David E. Krehbiel, with great appreciation for his pastoring and mentoring of so many First Pres Deacons through the years. “Once a Deacon, Always a Deacon”; and from Triangle Preschool as a thank you for sharing our space with us and for our continued partnership.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Michael Dennis Lisull, born March 1, 2017, son of Evan and Courtney Lisull. Grandparents are Mike and Debra Lisull.

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 Linda Tubbs, John and Dawn Pankopf, Karen Wisniewski, and Barb Carlisle. 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.

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

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Youth Choir** rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. **Mids** youth group meets 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Humane Society of Huron Valley. **Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

College Ministry 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 4, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library to study Luke and Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for “Our Artists Are Our Prophets: Stations of the Cross.” Artist Carole Pawloski will present.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. We invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, please contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tell Me More About This Church! All visitors and prospective members interested in knowing more about First Pres are invited to join Dr. Fair next Sunday, March 19, at noon, in the Vance Room for a conversation over lunch. Reservations are required and childcare can be arranged upon request. Contact Rev. Rogers or the Church Office to sign up.

Thank you, thank you, First Pres! At the Annual Meeting the Session came to us to raise – during the month of February – \$150,000 for emergency repairs to our sanctuary trusses. \$156,760 has been received! Your generous support also will fund the approximately \$9,000 in engineering studies. Many thanks to the over 300 families who made an above and beyond gift for this critical need.

Olivier Latry, Titular Organist of the Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris, France, and Professor of Organ, Paris Conservatory, will give an organ master class in our sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. this Friday, March 17. There is no admission charge to hear students work with one of the world's finest organists in this masterclass sponsored by the Ann Arbor and Detroit Chapters of the American Guild of Organists and the University of Michigan Organ Department.

Are you receiving our Lenten Email Devotionals? If not, you may sign up online or by contacting the Church Office.

Have you joined a small group for Lenten study? It's not too late to join a group and engage in a study of *Forgiveness* by Marjorie J. Thompson. Sign up online or by contacting the Church Office.

Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills is Tuesdays through April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills. Join us for Bible study, discussion, and fellowship as we journey through Lent together.

March is the month for our Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services Center in Detroit. Laundry detergent and paper towels may be dropped off in the Welcome Center or outside the Church Office. Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) if you have questions.

During Coffee Hour on March 26 the Russia Mission Team invites you to sample Russian baked goods. Orders may be placed then or online and picked up at Coffee Hour on April 9. Proceeds from the sale support a camp for children with disabilities in Davydovo, Russia.

Tax deductible donations of gently used percussion, brass, and wind instruments will be collected in March to help create a youth band in one of the poorest villages in Peru. Call Jeff Taggart (358-4353) or Ginny Rezmierski (971-6221) for a drop-off or pick-up appointment.

A local mission opportunity is available at Alpha House March 27 – 31. Those who would like to support children and families who are experiencing homelessness can sign up at Coffee Hour today or online.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday worship is April 9, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. There will be a Palm Parade at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. service. Children will meet Debbie MacVey in the Social Hall ten minutes before the service. The 9:30 a.m. service will include special musical leadership by the children and youth.

Maundy Thursday worship is April 13, at 10:00 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others.

Good Friday worship is April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a reflective service conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ. The Chancel Choir will present Dale Wood's "Service of Darkness," seven choral meditations on the last words of Christ, directed by guest conductor Dr. Jerry Blackstone.

Easter Sunday worship is April 16 with five services.

Lent is over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

A sunrise service led by Rev. Ervin is at 6:30 a.m. on the Circle Terrace. If the weather is unfavorable for outdoor worship, the service will be in Monteith Hall.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach and special music will be presented by the Chancel Choir, brass quintet, percussion, and organ.

A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall will be led by Rev. Ryo. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

Easter morning fellowship is in the Lounge on the 200 level before and after the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for pastries, fruit, and beverages.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

Easter lilies will grace the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website **by Friday, April 7, at noon**, to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or homebound.

Help Save Lives! Give blood on March 30, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate at the Deacons' Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour the next three Sundays or online (www.redcrossblood.org). If you are unable to give blood there are other ways to participate. Volunteers are needed the day of the event as well as cookie bakers. Please contact Barb Brewster (646-5571 or dexter4brews@aol.com).

Quad D families and friends are invited to our annual potluck brunch in the Social Hall next Sunday, March 19, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Quad D includes south and west Ann Arbor, plus outlying areas. Please come to spend time in fellowship with your deacons and fellow chapel members, and to enjoy a delicious meal. Contact Quad D leader Nancy Pflasterer (njpflasterer@comcast.net) if you have questions.

The Peeps & Pizza Fair – A Lenten Event for All Ages is Saturday, March 25. Make a reservation for pizza (\$5) by contacting the Church Office or Debbie MacVey.

Presbyterian Women meets this Wednesday, March 15 for Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. At 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, Sarah Thornberg, Executive Director of Friends-in-Deed, will speak about "Assisting Families Out of Poverty." All women are invited to attend and to join us for lunch (\$7) in the Social Hall following the presentation. Sign up in the Church Office.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation tomorrow, March 13, in Monteith Hall, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Julie Frick, LMSW, will discuss, "The Confusing Maze of Depression." Participants will learn about biochemical aspects of this condition.

The Men's Friday Morning Study Group meets this Friday, March 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation centered around *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 17, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 N. Maple Road. All Are welcome.

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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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