



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MARCH 17, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *Meditation on the Irish Tune "Slane"* Eric H. Thiman

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. McGowan (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)
Rev. Piatt (11:00)

One: Gathered together in the square, young and old, men and women, children and students, certain and seeking, slave and free.

All: Gathered together in the square, they opened the book, read and listened, talked and prayed.

One: They opened the book.

All: They gathered together in the square and heard the Word of God.

One: Let us now gather together in the square

All: to open the book and hear the Word of God.

* **HYMN 339**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed,

All: but we are intent on changing others.

One: Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed,

All: but we are focused on conforming to our culture.

One: Your words are spoken to lead us into new life,

All: but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

One: Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.

All: Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Please sing first in Greek and then in English.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** 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**

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilynn Simpson (8:00)

Keith Molin (9:30)

Ginny Rezmierski (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1–10 (8:00)

1 Kings 1:1–15 (9:30/11:00)

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30) Rev. Buckley

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 3:14–17

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

SERMON

Messy Bible, Living Word

Rev. Piatt (8:00)

Messy Bible: Living with Contradiction Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Confession of 1967*

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures. The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. As God has spoken [God's] word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that [God] will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture. God's word is spoken to [God's] church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction.

*** HYMN 327**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Buckley (11:00)

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

Rev. Piatt

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

Shuyu Long, joining with this new member class, comes for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

Karla Olson-Bellfi

Joining the church today are Haley Brown, Kristine Chandler, Ingrid Charlson, Nancy Cole, Brian Eidelman, Charlie Eidelman, Mark Fisher, Kuenok Lee, Shuyu Long, Velma Martin, Scott Murray, Matt Parker, Jen Peters, Tim Peters, Jennifer Rhodes, and Matt Rhodes.

Hymn of Welcome *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Prelude on "Slane" (8:00)

Ronald Arnatt

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake (9:30/11:00)

Richard Farrant

* 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)

See Communion Card.

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 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

* POSTLUDE

Postlude alla marcia

Eric H. Thiman

* 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 and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Call to Worship is adapted from materials created by Katherine Hawker and posted on *Liturgy Outside the Box* (<https://liturgyoutside.net>). **The Confession** is adapted from material written by Tom Shuman in *Lectioary Liturgies*.

Musical leadership is provided by Chancel Choir, Max Trombley, guest conductor (9:30/11:00). **Crucifer** is Felicity Williams (9:30).

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 Jean Song and Rob Bauman. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew.

Greeters are Lorna Prescott and Sara VanderVoort (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Pat Liljestrand (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Jean Song (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Ken Westfall (captain), Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, Kate Silbert, Spaulding Clark, Len Rezmierski, Holly, Chloe, and Aidan Majorprice, Ron David, and Lynn Milroy (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jeannette Middleton (captain), the Pakela family, Sandy Herold, Cindy Lambrides, and Jim Douglass (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Roger Hsaio (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 Pam Ehrhart and Marolin Bellefleur (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Carol Downton (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Rejoice always, pray constantly, and in all circumstances give thanks." —The Desert Fathers

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Larry and Magdaline Ouimet by Mark Ouimet, and in loving memory of Harriett Johnson Mack by her twin brother Henry Johnson.

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 Lynn Millward, Ginny Horan, and Julie Rupp. 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 11:00 a.m. worship.

Children's Choir rehearses at 10:30 a.m., in Room 300.

A Communion Workshop for elementary school age children and their families is at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall. This workshop helps children and parents understand the Sacrament of Communion and how this meal is celebrated in worship. Beca Torres-Davenport, Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke, and Essie Koenig-Reinke will lead the workshop. All families are welcome.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All youth grades 6–12 are invited to join us for our scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome!

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the Lower Level. **Sunday School and Confirmation classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.

If you are a middle school or high school student who loves music, and want to share your gifts and talents with your church family, contact Simon Suboski (ssuboski@firstpresbyterian.org) about youth music opportunities. We hope you'll join us!

All-Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. **Youth Group** is 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. This year's theme is "The Bible Speaks to You about the Important Ideas." All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. Today's discussion centers on *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics* by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome to attend.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore our Lenten theme "Abide: Blessed in the Mess." All are welcome to attend.

College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry Opportunities

We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life! Contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at campus@firstpresbyterian.org. All are welcome!

Enjoy lunch with us on Sundays at noon. Meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service. It's free!

Take a study break with the Coffee Crew on Tuesday afternoons, 3:00–5:00 p.m., in Room 2 of the League. Our treat!

Have faithful conversations at our Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services in Detroit is this month. Please drop off paper towels and laundry detergent, items always in demand at Cass, during the month of March in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center and outside the Church Office. Questions? Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com).

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 22, at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Register now to attend the All-Church Gathering at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island from Friday, May 3, to Sunday, May 5. More information is available on our website.



2019 Lenten Series—*ABIDE: Blessed in the Mess*

Bless this Mess: Our Real Lives Photo Challenge, March 1–April 10

Lenten Contemplation on Wednesdays, 9:00–9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall, through Wednesday, April 17.

Lenten Small Groups are exploring *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton, alongside our Lenten theme of “Abide: Blessed in the Mess.” Books (\$15) are available in the Church Office. In life, in death, and even in the mess, Jesus’ words were powerful and meaningful.

Messy Movie Nights are Wednesdays, March 20, April 3, and April 10, 5:30–8:00 p.m. Explore faith with family and friends as we eat, watch a movie, and discuss how Christ is present in mess. Dinner is \$5 per person. A baked potato bar is offered this week.

Our annual Peeps and Pizza Fair is Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Team up with family and friends, enjoy a pizza lunch (\$5/person), and create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using Peeps.

Donate an Easter Lily to decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one. Each lily costs \$17. Orders may be placed online or by contacting the Church Office. The deadline is Monday, April 15, at noon. Please remember that our Deacons will deliver all the Easter Lilies, following worship, to those who are grieving, ill, recovering, or shut-in.

Contact the Church Office for more information on these and other Lenten opportunities. Sign up for events online or in the Church Office.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to the next gathering this Wednesday, March 20, beginning with Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., in the Lewis Room. A brief business meeting and lunch (\$7) follow. At 11:30 a.m. all will depart for a tour of the Michigan Prisoners’ Creative Art Project at the Duderstadt Center on the UM North Campus. Reservations may be made in the Church Office.

Join us for Saturday Suppers, a winter tradition, on April 6. Bring food to share and settle in for an evening of fun and fellowship with old friends and first-time guests. Details about the evening are in the March edition of *First Press* and on our website. Sign up online or in the Church Office through next Sunday, March 24. Contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Our first Mature Ministries (age 60 and up) “On the Road” adventure of the year is Thursday, April 25. Join us for a special “behind the scenes” tour of the hidden treasures of the Henry Ford Museum. We will enjoy exclusive access to these treasures on a one-hour guided tour. Paired with the tour will be a 3D Imax theater film called “America’s Musical Journey.” Lunch will follow at Dearborn’s La Shish restaurant. Transportation by bus is included. This outing is limited to the first 60 people to sign up. April 11 is the deadline for registration and payment (\$45). Friends are welcome! Email Rev. Rogers or call the Church Office to make your reservation.

Volunteer for our Alpha House ministry to children and families experiencing homelessness. Our next host week is March 25–29. You may sign up either online or at Coffee Hour. If you have questions, contact Gail Einhaus, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere.

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