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APRIL 15, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Peal con brio

Karen Thompson

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00/9:30)

Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Mission and Vision Task Force

Brian Schneidewind

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all.

**All: If we walk in the light as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another.**

One: Come, let us join in worshipping our living Lord!

* **HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. You know the times we have hurt one another carelessly or intentionally. You know the times we have tried to push the responsibility for a cruel act on to another and have neglected to stand up for one who is being bullied. Give us the courage and the faith to face our wrongdoing and the humility to confess before you and one another. Heal us, for we admit we cannot heal ourselves.

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 God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert, all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

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 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Fox (8:00)
Andrew Martin (9:30)
Jan Stephens (11:00)

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Grant Us Thy Peace* Felix Mendelssohn
Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord,
Thou Source of ev'ry blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,
All things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

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

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Peace in Our Time* Felix Mendelssohn
arr. John Behnke

* **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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

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

Bryan and Sarah Stroh present their daughter, Juliet Jane Stroh, born October 21, 2017, 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*

KINGDOM

Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

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 118**

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

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*** POSTLUDE**

Christ Is Alive!

Wilbur Held

Christ Is Alive! honors the 50th anniversary of the text. Hymn-poet Brian Wren (b. 1936) wrote the text (Hymn No. 108) to be used on Easter 1968, the week after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as he felt none of the existing Easter hymns seemed to speak to the needs of his congregation in Hockley, Essex, United Kingdom. Stanza 4 is especially appropriate:

*“In every insult, rift, and war,
Where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.”*

* Please rise in body or spirit.

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 Kay Erdman and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Doug and Carol Gottlieb (9:30), and Marilyn Gibson and Virginia Rezmierski (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith and Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Sandy Herold, Linda Lampman, and Paul and Georgia Goodman (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs and Elsa Stuber (9:30), and Pam Rinker and Gail Grady (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Time spent in prayer is never wasted.” – Francis Fenelon

Musical leadership includes Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir, String/Wind Ensemble, and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family; and in celebration of the baptism of Juliet Jane Stroh, daughter of Bryan and Sarah Colton Stroh, by her grandparents Cyndy and Jeff Colton and Mimi and Fred Stroh of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Claire Eloise Dickinson, born April 5, 2018, daughter of Ben and Emily Dickinson. Grandfather is Jim Dickinson (Sharon Sheldon). Great-Grandmother is Margaret Johnston.

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 Nancy Fox, Sara VanderVoort, and Pam Wood.

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.
Youth Leadership Crew meets in the Youth Room, 10:30 a.m. – noon.
Keys and Mids youth groups meet at Planet Rock at 2:00 p.m.

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.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to view and discuss the DVD *Acts: The Acts of the Apostles*. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "Celebrating Our Differences: Gender and Identity in the Book of Acts." Rev. Annette Fraser leads the discussion.

Families at First - Wholehearted Parenting meets at 11:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room. We welcome back Jan MacKenzie, MA in School Guidance and Counseling, to help facilitate a Family Social Media Contract workshop. We'll look at examples of contracts that families have implemented and learn from parents who have "walked the walk." Come join us for this timely discussion. While the adults meet there will be activities provided for our elementary and younger middle school age children.

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service so we can treat you to lunch. Our final event of the year, "Michigan Meltdown," is here on Tuesday, April 17, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Free ice cream for all students! For more information or to volunteer to scoop, contact Revs. McGowan or Buckley.

Join us for First Forum: “The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence” in the Curtis and Founders Rooms at 12:15 p.m. First Forum is an opportunity for open dialogue and faithful disagreement about social issues. We will watch the documentary *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* from the Presbyterian Church (USA). This award-winning documentary, which explores the impact of gun violence on communities, will address whether gun violence is a public health issue. Join our discussion on how faith informs this issue and what we can do about it. Lunch is \$5.

The Ann Arbor Muslim Community Association invites all to a Mosque Open House today, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., at 2301 Plymouth Road. Come to learn about Islam, tour the mosque, enjoy face painting and henna drawings on your hands, try on beautiful scarves, meet Muslim neighbors, have your name written in Arabic, and taste delicious food from around the world.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Do Not Be Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* by Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells. For more information about all opportunities for twenties and thirties, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make it official! The last new member class before fall will be held May 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2 :00 p.m. (note change in date) in the Curtis Room (lunch and childcare provided) with joining to take place on Sunday, June 3, at the 9:30 a.m. service. We want all our guests and regular attenders to join First Pres and unite with this wonderful church family. Contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) to make your reservation, or call the Church Office.

Youth (grade 8 and older) and adults of all skill levels are invited to participate in our youth/adult “Side-by-Side Orchestra,” combining youth and adults, on Sunday morning, April 29, for the 9:30 a.m. service. The group will rehearse at 8:15 before playing for the 9:30 service. Please contact Tom Granum to get music ahead of time and to let him know of your interest. It's called “side-by-side” as youth and adults are paired and are sitting side-by-side.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, April 20, at Panda House Restaurant, 229 North Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women is offering scholarships for the 2018 – 2019 school year to current seminary students or those who will begin seminary and who have a connection to First Presbyterian Church. Those interested should fill out the application found in the PW section of the church website. Completed applications should be sent to Joan Bentz (jdbentz@comcast.net) or Virginia Bell (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) by May 1. Recipients of the 2017 – 2018 scholarships were Andy Spaulding and Lex Alum.

“Lunches with Love,” the 5th Grader-led mission, is collecting donations to make grab-and-go lunches for Food Gatherers. Drop off donations during the month of April in baskets at the Welcome Center, Narthex or the Lounge outside the Sanctuary. The donation item list and information about making monetary donations are online. Questions? Contact Jean Song (jean.chung@stanfordalumni.org).

“Spring Park Playtime” for families that include children under age six is Saturday, April 28, 11:00 a.m. to noon at Wurster Park (W. Madison between Third and Turner Park Ct.). This is a fun opportunity to gather with the many church families with young children – kids can play together while parents connect and mingle, too! We will meet by the playground equipment near the Mosley and Third entrance. There is easy parking on the south side of Madison. For families that can spare the time, we suggest you bring a picnic lunch. Afterwards we can walk to Washtenaw Dairy for dessert. RSVPs are helpful but not required. Questions? Contact Debbie MacVey or Rev. Buckley.

The Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County presents a unique interfaith music event - “Voices of Children: Be the Change” next Sunday, April 22, at 4:00 p.m., at Genesis, 2309 Packard Street. Your attendance would be a beautiful way to show your support for diversity, gratitude and inclusion. This year’s four children’s choirs are from the Hindu Chinmaya Mission, Temple Beth Emeth, St. Clare’s Episcopal Church, and The First Unitarian Universalist Congregation. There will be an opportunity to donate to the work of the IRT. For more information, call 734-424-1535 or email gbrides@umich.edu.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home

On Sunday, May 27, the First Pres veterans group will host Coffee Hour in memory of veterans who have died. A slide show honoring veterans who are former members of our church, friends or relatives of church members will be shown. If you wish someone to be honored in the slide show, please send two photographs of the veteran, one current and one in military uniform, as well as a description of military involvement to Gary Stahl (stahl.gary@sbcglobal.net). All are invited to a remembrance ceremony led by Rev. Eldon Beery in the Memorial Garden at 12:15 p.m. The names of the veterans and other church members who have passed in the last year will be read. Contact Ralph Winter (429-3743) if you have any questions or need photographs scanned for the slide show. All originals will be returned.

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