

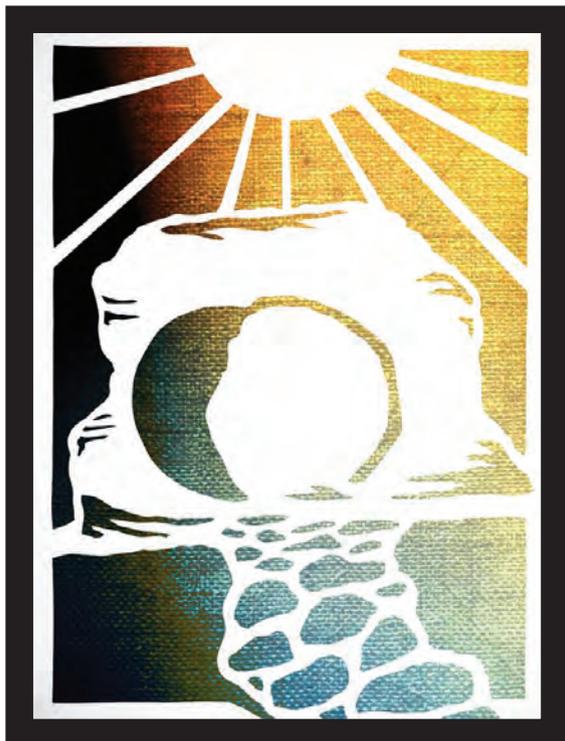


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

APRIL 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY

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



🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals
Saraband (For the Morning of Easter)
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Herbert Howells
G. F. Handel

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: but we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: but we see him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: but we are called to bring healing to the scarred of the world. Let us worship the risen Lord! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. McGowan (9:30)

Rev. Piatt (11:00)

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's rolled away, forgive us. When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see, forgive us. When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us. When fear in our lives prevents us from achieving our full potential, forgive us, and draw us close. Open our eyes to the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts to the wonder of the Cross and our hands to the service of your kingdom where you have placed us, that your name might be glorified through our lives.

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LIVING PRESENCE

* SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

As Easter people, all are invited to greet one another with the joyful proclamation of the day. Please turn to one another and share the Good News, saying, "Christ is risen!" and responding, "He is risen indeed!"

* 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.**

This is Hymn 248.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilynn Simpson (8:00)

Katie Cowen (9:30)

Bob Wallin (11:00)

FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

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

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise (8:00)

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

O, Clap Your Hands (9:30/11:00) Ralph Vaughan Williams
O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible, He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

Beca Torres-Davenport

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING

Luke 24:1–12 (8:00)

Matthew 28:1–10 (9:30/11:00)

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

SERMON

Making Sense of Nonsense

Rev. McGowan (8:00)

Messy Life

Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in

resurrection

We awaken to

the one who walked our earth

and whose God-light shone through

God's only son

the one whose life came from the very life of God

our Lord

our guide, our teacher, our friend

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

whose life was an intent of God's creative imagination

born of the Virgin Mary

who sang love's song at his beginning

suffered under Pontius Pilate

rejected by the powers of the world

was crucified

executed by those same powers

died

sharing the same death of us all

and was buried

love had been killed

he descended to the dead

they thought this the end

but on the third day

nothing could bind the life Jesus began

he rose again

the story continues, is lived and proclaimed

renewal, transformation and life again.

We awaken to

the love of Jesus

We live in

the light of resurrection

* HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)

Rev. Buckley (9:30/11:00)

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Easter Anthem

William Billings

Hallelujah! The Lord is ris'n indeed! Hallelujah! Now Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. And did he rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead! He rose, He Rose, He burst the bars of death, He burst the bars of death and triumphed o'er the grave. Then, then, then I rose, Then first Humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light, and seized Eternal Youth. Man all immortal hail, hail. Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man. Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

* **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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

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 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

* **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

When the hungry are fed

it is resurrection

When weapons are beaten to ploughshares

it is resurrection

When the stranger is welcomed in community

it is resurrection

When the lonely are restored to relationship

it is resurrection

Friends, when we take the good news to the world

it is resurrection!

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Please join in singing! At the end of the service, return the Hallelujah! insert to one of the baskets provided at the doors of the Sanctuary.

Hallelujah! from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world

is become the Kingdom of our Lord

and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

* **POSTLUDE**

Toccata on Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Michael Burkhardt

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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

The Call to Worship was written by Thom M. Shuman. **The Prayer of Confession** was written by John Birch. **The Affirmation of Faith** is adapted from New Kilpatrick Parish Church. **The Benediction Response** was adapted from Roddy Hamilton. All can be found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>. **Bulletin graphics** are used with permission of the artist, Heather Thum-Gerber.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including newcomers and visitors, 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 are Barbara Mueller and Gail Grady. **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Pat Gilbreath, John and Val Yodhes, and Omer and Karla Bellfi. **Parking volunteers** are Michele Madden, Judy Landau, Jesse Feyen, Doug Gottliebsen, Nancy Fox, Richard and Elsa Stuber, and Nancy Oliver. **Sound system operators** are Rol Kibler (8:00), Bryan Magnuson (9:30), and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Beth Sanderford, Marty Reineman, Brian Rubel, Omer and Karla Bellfi, and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindell, Keith and Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist; Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Cyndy Colton, Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Jeanette and Roland Kibler, and Bill and Katie Parker (11:00).

Please use a Prayer Card in the pew if you have a prayer request. A pastor will call you.

Musical leadership includes Simon Suboski, baritone; Heidi Hess-Williams, alto; Lorna Young Hildebrandt, soprano; Max Trombley, tenor; Ben DeGroot, baritone; David Magumba, tenor; Alex Wilson, trumpet; Jon Fontan, trumpet; Lorenzo Robb, French horn; Joseph McInchak, trombone; Martha Farmer, bass trombone; Chancel Choir; Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir; and Charlie Eidelman, organ.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00, 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). **Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day.** Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available at 9:30 and 11:00. Worship totes are available for children attending worship.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering is received today. OGHS makes the love of Christ real for those who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. Projects through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People are underway in more than 100 countries. Please give generously using the special envelope in the pew, by texting OGHS and the amount to 734-441-6148, through the GivePlus mobile app, on our web page, or by marking your check OGHS.

Adult, Youth, and Children's Education classes do not meet today. Full programming will resume next Sunday, April 28.

T2A2 Easter Potluck is at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Chris Wahl. All in their twenties and thirties are invited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In observance of Easter Monday, the building will be closed tomorrow.

College Students: It's time for Michigan Meltdown! Join us for a FREE Ice Cream Sundae Social on the last day of classes, Tuesday, April 23, 4:00–6:00 p.m. here at First Pres. Dairy-free options are available. Bring your friends!

Mature Singles meet this Friday, April 26, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3600 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

A Grief and Loss Support Group will be held on Thursday evenings in May, 6:30–7:45 p.m., at First Pres. Led by Rev. Rogers, we will provide a safe space to grieve, to mourn, to learn about grief, and to work through issues that accompany the loss of a loved one. If you've come through it, are in it, or are about to begin the journey, there is help for you. Come learn, share, and support one another. Community members and friends are welcome! Register with the Church Office or with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

Would you like 24 hours away from the stresses of life to be alone with God in silence? The next Silent Retreat at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, in 43 acres of woods is May 17–18. The carpool will leave the church at 2:30 p.m. Friday and return at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Email Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for details. Space is limited.

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