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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann

PROCESSION OF THE ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP (9:30)

Please remain seated and sing many times:

Holy Spirit, come to us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

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

One: The peace of God is with us.

All: Christ Jesus stands among us.

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: we have seen the risen Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious, holy and loving God, in baptism you call us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ, but we stray from his ways and do not listen to your call. In baptism you join us to Christ in his death, that we might be raised with Christ in new life, but we prize old ways and fail to embrace the new life of righteousness, justice, and love. In baptism you call us to unity, but we create division in the church and allow hostility and hatred to grow among us, pitting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. In baptism you send us out to serve with compassion all your children, but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed, the plight of the poor, and the cries of the hungry. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our sinful ways, and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michele Derr (8:00)

Carol Detmer (9:30)

Cindy Lambrides (11:00)

FIRST READING John 20:19-31

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

PSALM

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say. Your presence
follows me day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to
run away? If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there. Search me, O God,
and know me. Try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in
me, and lead me in the path everlasting. Amen.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Matthew 19:13-15

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford (8:00/11:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair and Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

🌿 Responding 🌿

* **HYMN 525** (8:00/11:00) *Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (9:30)

Rev. Béghin

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

Presentation

Those being confirmed today are Russell Austin Endicott, Isabelle Joann German, Katherine Masterson German, Shannon Claire Hoy, Matthew Joseph Kozma, Aidan Eugene Majorprice, Katherine Rankin Maugh, Jack Andrew Mikhail, Heath Jacob Monsma, Luke Miller Rogers, Lauren Elise Sansbury, and Calvin Forrest Shaw. The class was led by Charlotte Anderson, Carol Detmer, and Rev. Emily Béghin.

Questions

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Do you trust him? **I do.**

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love? **I do.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? **I will.**

Do we, members of this congregation, promise to support, nurture, and sustain these newest members in the Christian journey? **We do.**

* **Profession of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God, the Creator?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer for Confirmation (*in unison*)

Charlotte Anderson

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself, and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them. Amen.

The Rite of Confirmation

While the congregation remains seated and sings, the confirmands and their parents will come forward for anointing and prayer by one of the ministers.

Hymn 525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

*** 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," and respond, "And also with you."

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

With Songs of Rejoicing

J. S. Bach
arr. Hal Hopson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord;
For He has done marvelous things!
Break forth into joy.
His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.
The floods clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.
The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.

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 555** (stanzas 1-2) *Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.**

**The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

* **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 is Marti Wendler. **Church Office volunteer** is Cynthia Wilbanks. **Greeters** are Amanda and Ben Carlisle for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Carole and George Hendrickson and Dawn and John Pankopf for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Jeanette Middleton 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 Nancy Fox and Linda Upton following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Pam Rinker and Angela Noble following the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them." – Vincent de Paul

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Phil Dalley, by his daughter Leah Dalley, in commemoration of his birthday.

Musical leadership at 9:30 a.m. comprises Clayton Farmer, organist for the prelude, and an ensemble of older children, youth, and adults.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Diane Knibbs, Barb Carlisle, Linda Lampman, and Melissa Anne Rogers.

"PovertyLab: A Welfare Simulation" is today, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. A light lunch will be offered for participants (\$8 per person) from 11:45 a.m. to noon.

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:

Mids youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 in the Curtis Room. **Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and discussion on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Today's discussion centers on *Uppity Women of the Bible*, a DVD series featuring Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to conclude the "Our Artists as Prophets" series by talking about the resurrection text for the season of Easter. What does the power of resurrection hold for our refugee brothers and sisters? And how might we communicate this artistically? Come join as we explore the intersection of Easter, art, and the refugee crisis.

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, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Member Class is in the Curtis and Founders Rooms, next Sunday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child care are provided. Please join us if it's time to make First Pres your official church home. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

High School graduates will be recognized in worship Sunday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. Please submit graduate's name, parents' name(s), high school, and future plans via email to publications@firstpresbyterian.org or to the Church Office by Wednesday, May 10.

Young people, parents, families and others interested in the future shape of Youth Ministry and faith formation at First Pres are invited for a presentation on the **Youth Ministries Overview Report** led by Chris Dahl and other members of the task force this Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00, in the Curtis Room. Members of the task force will share the recommendations and provide an open opportunity for discussion and questions. Copies of the report may be picked up in the Church Office.

College graduates will be recognized in the June edition of our newsletter. Please let us know by Wednesday, May 10, if you, your child or your grandchild completed college or graduate school this year. Please submit graduate's name, degree, and institution to the Church Office.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet for dinner this Friday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m., at TGI Friday's, 3015 Lohr Road. All are welcome.

On Sunday, May 28, the First Pres veterans group will host Coffee Hour in memory of those veterans who have died. A slide show honoring veterans who were 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 in military uniform and one more current, as well as a description of military involvement to Gary Stahl (stahl.gary@sbcglobal.net).

Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity House of Faith construction by contacting Lois Nissly (lnissly@comcast.net) or Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com). This is an opportunity to share our blessings, to show God's love and grace, to enjoy fellowship, and most importantly, to make a significant difference in the lives of our partner family.

Be part of our annual spring planting of vegetable and flower gardens at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit on Saturday, May 13. Carpools will leave from the church at 7:30 a.m. We should wrap up our work in the early afternoon. Please sign up on our website or by emailing Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com).

All are invited to attend two concerts to be held in our sanctuary this week.

Michigan Opera Theatre (MOT) presents a concert, "Souvenirs of *Cyrano*," celebrating the musical legacy of Dr. David DiChiera, founder and musical director of MOT, with a preview of DiChiera's opera *Cyrano* this Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. This is a free event.

The PRISM Quartet (saxophone) returns to Ann Arbor, where it was founded more than 30 years ago, for a concert featuring music by two award-winning Michigan composers, Alexis Bacon and Bill Ryan. The concert is this Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. Information about tickets may be found at www.prismquartet.com.

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