



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

MAY 12, 2019

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

(8:00)

Pastoral Interlude

Horatio Parker

(9:30/11:00)

Brother James' Air

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Piatt (8:00)

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

FAITH IN ACTION Hand in Hand Schools

Don Redding

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We hear the voice of God calling,

All: "Love your neighbor as yourself"

One: We feel the Spirit moving among us,

All: Moving us to acts of compassion and justice.

One: We know the love of Jesus,

All: We love because Christ first loved us.

One: Come, worship God together.

All: Come, let us serve our God, who calls us by name.

* HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.

Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all our days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him.

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

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.**

This is Hymn 187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Fox (8:00)
Dan Edwards (9:30)
Jane Dutton (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

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

ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Harry Rowe Shelley

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:36–43

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

SERMON

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

Responding

HYMN 797 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* YE BANKS AND BRAES

Remain seated as the soloist sings stanza 1. Rise when indicated to sing stanzas 2 and 3.

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Virgil Thomson

* **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.

Amanda and Benjamin Carlisle present their son, William Becker Carlisle, born May 26, 2018, for baptism. Matthew and Krista Parker present their daughters, Isla Ave Ann Parker, born August 26, 2016, and Eleanor Lily Parker, born November 26, 2018, 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 486 *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 760** *Bring Many Names* WESTCHASE
Please sing stanzas 1–5.

* **RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

One: Gathered for worship, we are now sent to work,

**All: to find God in all the broken places
and serve with healing and hope.**

One: Having gathered in silence, we are now sent to speak,

**All: to share the words of Jesus
about justice and inclusion of all.**

One: Gathered for prayer, we are now sent to live,

**All: to take goodness and mercy and anoint everyone
with these gifts of the Spirit.**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!**

* **POSTLUDE** *Prelude on "O filii et filiae"*

Healey Willan

This work is based on the tune for Hymn 235.

* 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.

Musical leadership is provided by Gayle Stevens, piano (8:00); and Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir (9:30/11:00). **Crucifers** are Marcey Terrien (9:30) and Heidi Hess-Willis (11:00).

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 Lee Evans and Julie Wheaton. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz and David Schmidt (9:30) and Carole Hendrickson and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system operator** is Rol Kibler. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Angela Yang, Paul Smith, Beth Sanderford, Keith Molin, Dick and Elsa Stuber, Joe Schmidt, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Karen and Joe Cox, and Jeanette and Barry Swartz (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 Annette Fraser and Nancy Fox (9:30) and Meg Brown and Michele Derr (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "God is not a cosmic bellboy for whom we can press a button to get things." —Harry Emerson Fosdick

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Mignonette Cheng from the Cheng family – Richard, Renee, Alicia and their families; in loving memory of Dr. Milton and Leita Shaw by Eleanor Shaw; and in loving memory of Camilla Savarino, Lucy Lusic, Rosalie Savarino Edwards, and Sarah Savarino by Maya Savarino.

A **pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Terry Whidbey Staffeld, born April 30, 2019, daughter of Kate Rogers and Charles Staffeld. Grandparents are Melissa Anne and Jim Rogers and the late Terry Rogers.

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, Betty Anderson, and Kathy Wirstrom. 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.

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 classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group meets at 6:00 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, a fellowship group that meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m., welcomes all to discuss a variety of topics from books, DVDs, and speakers. Today's topic is "An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World."

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for a series on interfaith traditions. Today's focus is on Judaism. Jeff Bernstein, an active member of Beth Israel Congregation and an EMU Professor, and Lisa Bernstein, a Judaic Studies teacher at the Hebrew Day School and Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor will discuss the basics of their faith perspective, what compassion means to them, and what it looks like on a daily basis.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss the Lenten book *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. 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

College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry Opportunities

Regular gatherings for Campus Ministry are now on summer break. Please contact us (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) if you are around to grab coffee or lunch sometime, to volunteer with a local organization, or to just say hi!

Mature Singles meet this Friday, May 17, at Weber's Restaurant, 3050 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The Property Committee and Families@First team up to present to you a Backstage Tour of the church! All are invited to join us next Saturday, May 18, 3:30–5:30 p.m., as we listen to experts and explore several hidden gems of First Pres. Light refreshments will be served.

Don't forget to sign up online or with Beca Torres Davenport for Summer Vacation Bible School — "Marketplace 29 A.D." VBS will be held this year June 18, 19, and 20, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Youth and adult volunteers are welcome!

In memory of veterans who have died, the First Pres veterans group will host Coffee Hour on Sunday, May 26. A slide show honoring veterans who are former members of our church, friends, or relatives of church members will be shown. If you wish to have someone honored in the slide show, 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.

Youth Events:

High School graduates will be recognized in worship Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. Please submit the graduate's name, parents' name(s), high school, and future plans to the Church Office or online by tomorrow, Monday, May 13.

MIDS: Crossover Edition is next Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.–noon, in the Youth Room. All current 5th–7th graders are invited to join us for pizza and lots of fun. Whether you are a returning student or a first-time attendee, join us and find out what MIDS is all about! Contact Essie Koenig-Reinke (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) with questions about this event, and to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there.

All are welcome to join our Stephen Ministers for a learning opportunity tomorrow, May 13, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Dr. Tim Johnson, former Chairperson of the Department of OB-Gyn at UM, will address issues facing adolescents and young women.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to the next gathering this Wednesday, May 15, beginning with Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., in the Lewis Room. At 10:45 a.m., in Monteith Hall, Revs. Buckley and Koenig-Reinke will reflect on their two years of experience as Resident Ministers. The Annual Meeting follows at 11:30. This includes installation of officers, the awarding of a scholarship to Lex Allum to continue her studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and presentation of Lifetime Honorary Membership Awards to Bill McPherson and Linda Robinson in recognition of their exceptional caring and faithful service to First Pres. Lunch (\$7) follows at noon in the Social Hall. Reservations may be made in the Church Office.

First Pres will host our first-ever Resident Ministry Alumni Gathering the first weekend in June. Saturday, June 1 will feature an open Resident Ministry Brunch with presentations by former Residents, the Rev. Angela Ryo and the Rev. Evans McGowan. Sunday, June 2 will feature the Rev. Lindsay Conrad and the Rev. Nancy Benson Nicole as our keynote preachers for the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. worship services. A special Coffee Hour reception will highlight the contributions of our Resident Ministers to First Pres and point to their influence in our Presbyterian Church (USA). As one of our distinctive and successful programs, First Pres will welcome our tenth cohort of Residents in August 2019.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style.
- request a baptism.
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information.
- let us know if you are hospitalized.
- support our Fair Trade mission project by purchasing a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Cost is \$12.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$50.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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