



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MAY 13, 2018

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Elegy

G. T. Thalben-Ball

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)

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

FAITH IN ACTION

Mission and Vision Task Force

Kate Silbert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world belongs to God,

All: the earth and all its people.

One: God has created all that is,

All: and God names it good.

Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 477** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaimed* HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you create us to live in harmony with all, yet we stoke division instead. You bless us with countless gifts, yet we are greedy for more. You make us stewards of your world, yet we have abused it rather than cared for it. Forgive us, God. Open our eyes to the way we are to live and give us the faith to follow the example we have in Jesus Christ.

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)
Chris Dahl (9:30)
Michele Derr (11:00)

FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING John 17:6-19

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

SERMON

Jesus' Prayer

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (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) *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

Tom Trenney

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, 1991, based on writings of Julian of Norwich in 1393. © 1991 Jean Janzen

* **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 332**

Live Into Hope

TRURO

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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This response is Hymn 594.

* **POSTLUDE**

Fantasia in C

J. S. Bach

* 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 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 Gail Einhaus and Ross Anderson. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Judy Landau and Barb Carlisle (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Beth Sanderford, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, Elsa and Dick Stuber, and Chris Queen (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Karen Cox, Joe Cox, Jeanette Swartz, and Barry Swartz (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 Diane Knibbs and Annette Fraser (9:30) and Pam Rinker and Marolin Bellefleur (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.” – Oswald Chambers

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Migonette Cheng from Richard, Renee, Alicia and their families; in loving memory of Camela Savarino and Lucy Lusia by Maya Savarino; and in loving memory of Jim Wheaton—whose memorial service will be at First Pres next Saturday, May 19—by his wife, Julie.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Elizabeth Carolyn Pipe, born April 9, 2018, daughter of Kathleen Sienko and Kevin Pipe.

The text for the offertory anthem, *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*, “is derived from images in the writings of the English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich. In 1393 she wrote down an account of her sixteen remarkable visions experienced twenty years earlier; they formed the basis of her theology of God’s love.” – Note from *Glory to God*

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 John and Dawn Pankopf and Marge Higley.

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.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 is studying The Acts of the Apostles and meets 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 “Choosing Our Religion: The Spiritual Lives of America’s Nones, Part 2.” Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and local experts.

All are welcome to join the Philippine Mission Team at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl’s house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Book of James. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wear red to celebrate Pentecost next Sunday, May 20. Red represents the power and fire of the Holy Spirit which descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus fifty days after Easter. The PCUSA Pentecost offering will be received at all services and we will celebrate the 2018 Confirmation Class during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Make it official! The last new member class before fall will be held next Sunday, May 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2 :00 p.m. 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 the Church Office to register.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, May 18, at Classic Cup Café, 389 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

“First Forum: Gospel Values and Gun Violence, Part 3” is next Sunday, May 20, at 12:15 p.m., in the Lewis Room. Join our discussion on how faith informs this issue and what we can do about it. Lunch is \$5. For those who cannot attend on Sunday, the session will also be offered on Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room.

Volunteer at Alpha House this Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. First Presbyterian continues to serve the families at Alpha House by providing a spring clean-up of the children’s playground and the front garden. In the playground we will add new mulch and repair railroad ties used in landscaping. The front garden needs dead branches removed, general clean-up, and new plantings. Contact Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com) for more information.

Presbyterian Women Gather on Wednesday, May 16, for Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. A business meeting, including the election and installation of officers, the awarding of seminary scholarships, and the presentation of the 2018 Lifetime Honorary Membership Awards, follows at 10:15 a.m. in Monteith Hall. At 11:00 a.m. Rev. Vicki Lovell of Zion Lutheran Church presents the history and future plans of “Roast for Roofs,” a program where coffee provides housing for homeless women. All (men, too!) are welcome to attend to learn about this innovative program. Lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall. RSVP to the Church Office.

All are invited to the Hope Clinic Breakfast on Tuesday, May 22, 7:15 – 8:30 a.m., at the Marriott Hotel, 1275 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. There is no cost to attend. Hope Clinic is an organization that is near to the heart of our church family. For more than 35 years, Hope Clinic has provided compassionate and practical help to individuals and families in need throughout Washtenaw and Wayne Counties by offering free medical and dental care to the uninsured, plus food and a variety of social services to minister to the whole person with dignity and respect. It is truly a haven of help and healing for our most vulnerable community members. Our church is proud to partner with Hope Clinic.

Mission and Vision Task Force Listening Sessions

You are encouraged to attend a one-hour listening session so that we might gain clarity on the mission and vision of who God is calling us to be at First Pres as we enter the third decade of the 21st Century. Your participation is important. We will provide a brief overview of the visioning effort and then listen to your ideas on the future direction of our church. Contact the Church Office if you are in need of childcare.

Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.

Curtis & Founders Rooms

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. (Newer Members)

Lewis Room

This session is for members who joined 2015–2018.

For additional information or to submit comments, please visit the church website or contact Lucie Audette (laudette125@hotmail.com; 717-8062).

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister

Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister

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