



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MAY 19, 2019

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

(8:00) *Fantasy, Fugue, and Chorale on "Engelberg"* Searle Wright
(9:30/11:00) *Meditation from Thais* Jules Massenet

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

HYMNAL DEDICATION

Introduction

Dedication Prayer

* Hymn 821 *My Life Flows On*

Please sing stanza 1.

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)

Rev. Buckley (11:00)

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

All: our hearts a shelter for the outcast;

our hands open to the stranger.

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

All: to tell others of God's love,

to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

All: chosen to serve the lost and lonely,

gifted to minister to a hurting world.

* HYMN 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we come to You confessing that we have looked the other way, ignored our neighbor in need, and have given in to selfish gain. We confess we have put our own lives above the lives of others, basing our needs on our desires instead of seeing the needs of the world around us. Forgive us. Call us to live as You lived, to lay down our lives for one another, to seek forgiveness from one another and to reach out to one another in mutual love and concern. In the name of Jesus, who continues to show us the Way, we pray.

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

Hymn 733

We All Are One in Mission

Please sing Stanza 1.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Downton (8:00)

Barbara Dobson (9:30)

Cindy Lambrides (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1–5

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

ANTHEM

Morning Has Broken

arr. Shawn Kirchner

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:1–6 (8:00)

John 14:1–6 (9:30/11:00)

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

SERMON

Preparing the Way

Rev. Dr. David Downton (8:00)

Coming Home

Rev. Dr. Douglas Brouwer (9:30/11:00)

Responding

* HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

WELCOME

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

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (9:30)

Introduction

Those being commissioned today are Karen Al-Saadi, Heidi Hess-Willis, Charlie Koopmann, Deb Lewis, Betsy McCallister, and John Ternes.

Questions of Commitment

Charge

Prayer

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

(8:00)

Earth and All Stars

Michael Burkhardt

(9:30/11:00)

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Ovid Young

*** 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 26**

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Please sing stanzas 1–3.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things.
We too sing praises with a new song!**

*** POSTLUDE**

(8:00)

Earth and All Stars

Keith Kolander

(9:30/11:00)

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

* 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.

We welcome back to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Douglas J. Brouwer who was our Pastor/Head of Staff from 2004–2009. Doug also served as Senior Pastor at churches in Wheaton, Illinois, and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He retired last year as senior pastor of the International Protestant Church in Zürich, Switzerland. His undergraduate work was in philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He holds master's and doctoral degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. Doug is the author of several books, and his most recent, *The Truth About Who We Are*, written in the form of a letter to his grandchildren, grew out of research on his family history. He and his wife Susan live near Holland, Michigan. His daughter, the Rev. Sarah Brouwer, is an Associate Pastor for Congregational Life at Westminster Presbyterian in Minneapolis, and works alongside our former Resident Minister, Dr. Megan Gage-Finn. His daughter Lizzie is a Ph.D. Student at the University of Washington. We are delighted to welcome Doug back to our pulpit.

The Call to Worship is from Thom Shuman in *Lectionaries Liturgies*. **Musical leadership** is provided by Orchestra, Gerry Leckrone, Conductor and Chancel Choir (9:30/11:00).

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 Jim Campbell (9:30) and Aidan Majorprice and Charlotte Anderson (11:00). **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jane and David Schmidt (9:30) and Carole Hendrickson and Marilyn Gibson (11:00). **Sound system operator** is Rol Kibler. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Karla and Omer Bellfi, 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 Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** are Tom Brandt and Carol Gottlieb (9:30) and Katie Parker and Carol Downton (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Every chain that spirits wear crumbles in the breath of prayer." —John Greenleaf Whittier

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of C. Robert Ferris by his family; in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Heneghan by their daughter Elizabeth Heneghan; and in loving memory of John R. Dayton by his family.

A red rosebud celebrates the birth of Caleb Milton Stuber, born May 6, 2019, son of Walter and Genevieve Stuber. Grandparents are Elsa and Dick Stuber.

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 Carol German, Holly Majorprice, and Linda McCall. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Please support the Youth Bake Sale** during Coffee Hour. All proceeds will go towards supporting the youth trip to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer.

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. **Sunday School classes** meet at 9:30 a.m. **Youth Group** meets at 6:00 p.m.

MIDS: Crossover Edition is today, 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!

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 Dr. Merza Ben-Nun from Haifa discusses Hand in Hand.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for a series on interfaith traditions. Today Imam Abdullah Al-Mahmudi of the Islamic Center of Ann Arbor will speak about the basics of his faith perspective, what compassion means to him, and what it looks like on a daily basis.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Brunch is today at 12:30 p.m., at the home of Barb and John DeLancey. Join us for a wonderful time of fun, community, and food! Contact Rev. Koenig-Reinke for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up online or with Beca Torres Davenport for Summer Vacation Bible School — "Marketplace 29 A.D." VBS is June 18, 19, and 20, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Youth and adult volunteers are welcome!

First Pres hosts our first Resident Ministry Alumni Gathering the first weekend in June. Saturday, June 1 features a Resident Ministry Continental Breakfast with presentations by former Residents, the Revs. Angela Ryo and Evans McGowan. Sunday, June 2 features the Revs. Lindsay Conrad and Nancy Benson Nicole as our keynote preachers for all worship services. A special Coffee Hour reception will highlight the contributions of our Resident Ministers to First Pres and point to their influence in the PC(USA). First Pres welcomes our tenth cohort of Residents in August 2019.

In memory of veterans who have died, the First Pres veterans group will host Coffee Hour next Sunday, May 26. A slide show honoring deceased 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.

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!

It's time to pack books and supplies to send to the Philippines and volunteers are needed to help. Boxes for elementary age will be packed in Rezmierskis' garage (1050 Elmwood Drive, Ann Arbor) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28. Boxes for middle and high school age recipients will be packed in Brouwers' barn (7201 Webster Station Drive, Dexter) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 29, and after church on Sunday, June 30, 1:00–4:00 p.m. There are jobs for everyone, sorting, counting, or packing, sitting or standing, for a short while or for all four days.

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