



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JUNE 24, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**

*Carillon of Westminster*

Louis Vierne

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. McGowan

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 145:9–10)

One: The Lord is good to all,

**All: and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**All: and all your faithful shall bless you.**

\* **HYMN 464**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, you are sovereign over all our days. When the winds of faith blow strong and our spirits are invigorated, you are with us. When the burdens of life seem oppressive as humid, hot air and our spirits become listless, you are with us. When a sense of calm purpose moves us from the depths of our being, you are present. And when a turbulence of confusion or pain storms within us, you are present still. Forgive us when we neglect to acknowledge or to rely upon your steadfast love. Sometimes we do not want to see you. At other times we try stubbornly to do without you. Sometimes we lock you in the past as if your best efforts were concluded long ago. At other times we put you off until tomorrow. Great God, forgive us, and grant us the wisdom to trust you, the courage to serve you.

*from Touch Holiness*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to share the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You!

Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

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 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sandy Talbott

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 145:1–13a

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

ANTHEM

*Neither Death nor Life*

Jonathan Crutchfield

When we lose our hold, we are held in the everlasting arms. My sheep hear my voice and they know me, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life. And they shall not die forever. For I am sure that neither death nor life will ever, nor things now, nor things to come will ever, nor mighty powers, nor height nor depth will ever separate us from the love of God. No one will snatch them from my hand. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them. I will give them eternal life. When we lose our hold, we are held in the everlasting arms. This is the voice of eternal life.

Text by H. Stephen Shoemaker

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Revs. Sanderford and Rogers

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 4:17–18

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

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt

 Responding 

\* HYMN 510

*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

QUEBEC

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Allegretto from *Sonata in C*

C. P. E. Bach

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\* **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**

**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 and 2) *Now Thank We All Our God*

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\* **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 heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata* Charles-Marie Widor  
from *Organ Symphony V*

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\* 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.

**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Peggy Jensen and Judy Landau. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Rebecca Gaffney and Karen Mundus (9:30) and Cyndy Colton and Pat Gilbreath (11:00). **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Don Redding (captain), Gale Redding, Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, Angela Yang, and Sabina Wilkanowicz (9:30); and Bill Austin (head) and Jeannette Middleton (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring

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prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 service. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs and Judy Slade (9:30) and Brad Taylor (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister or a prayer team member is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other’s hearts in prayer.” – Charles Finney

**Musical leadership** is provided by Emmett Shaw, flute; Carrie Banfield-Taplin, horn; Doris Granum, soprano; and Joshua Marzan, organ.

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Hugh C. Higley, Jr., by his wife, Marge.

## **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 is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web ([www.waamradio.com](http://www.waamradio.com)).

### **Children’s Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **A combined Sunday School class** is offered for children, grades K–5, at 9:30 a.m.

### **Adult Ministry Opportunities:**

**ConnectEd** is an opportunity to gather after worship and discuss the theme of that morning’s service and the summer books, *Credo* and *The Book of Joy*. Discussion will focus on the day’s scripture, books, sermon, or music. ConnectEd meets for open conversation from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library. A skilled facilitator guides the discussion.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Fresh fruit is provided by Betty Anderson and the Parish Nurse/Wellness Coordinator. Coffee Hour today honors Debbie MacVey, our beloved Director of Children’s Education and Family Ministries, who is retiring after 27 wonderful years at First Pres.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets at Chris Wahl’s house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Galatians. Bring your question 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**

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services next Sunday, July 1. **Communion Food Collection** will be received that day at all services. As we are fed at the Lord’s Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations and/or financial contributions for Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian nonprofit organization in Ypsilanti, that provides compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, June 29, at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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**Volunteers are needed to provide fresh fruit for a healthier Coffee Hour this summer.** If you are able to bring fruit (washed, cut up, ready to eat), please email Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org), indicating the Sunday(s) you would like to volunteer, or sign up online.

**Volunteers are needed to pack preschool books and supplies for children and youth in the Philippines.** Come to Steve Brouwer's barn from 9:00 – 4:00 this Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26. Steve's address is in the church directory. Questions? Call 734-971-6221.

**Do you have a passion for young families and education or know of someone who does?** First Pres is currently seeking candidates for the position of Transitional Coordinator of Children's Education and Family Ministry. We encourage those with a heart for young families, a background in education, and strong organizational skills to apply. Full position details and application information are available on the church website. Questions about the search may be directed to Kate Silbert, Chair of Christian Education, or Linda Dabrowski, Chair of Personnel.

**There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Deacons, on Thursday, July 12.** Please sign up to donate during Coffee Hour today.

**Unbounded Joy: Good Books for This Summer!** Finding joy, meaning, and purpose in a world often filled with suffering, doubt, and loneliness is the heart of our 2018 First Pres Summer Book Read. Two books, *Credo* by William Sloan Coffin (\$11) and *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu (\$17), will be our guides for worship, conversation, and mindful exploration of the contours of a world filled with suffering and the resources of our Christian faith. Books may be purchased online or in the Church Office.

**Restore Hope**, a support group for families coping with mental illness, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the church's lower level. Join us anytime you feel the need to talk with others who understand the unique challenges of caring for someone in your family who is struggling with chronic concerns. Join us this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in Room LL4. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

**Summer Worship help is needed.** Planning and preparation for outdoor worship take extra work. Four helpers are needed for each Sunday in July. Volunteers should arrive by 8:00 a.m. to help staff set up chairs and help with other tasks. Please sign up online or contact Karla Olson-Bellfi (karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com; 730-2665).

**Please contact the Church Office to:**

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Currently, there are many available Sundays in July and August. Cost is \$50.

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**Is the world too loud for you? Are you looking for some time to contemplate, meditate, and grow in faith?** Our next 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, is Friday, September 27–28. Cost is \$45.00, payable to First Pres two weeks before the retreat. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Summer at First Pres . . .**

### **Sunday Summer worship locations: June 24**

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services	Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. service	Sanctuary

### **Sunday Summer worship locations: July 1 – 29**

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services	Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. service	Front Lawn

The Sanctuary will be used in case of inclement weather.

### **Summer building hours:**

Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The Church Office may be open at times that the building is locked. You may enter the building at those times by calling the Church Office (662-4466). If there are no scheduled activities, the building may be closed earlier than the times listed.

## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor  
Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor  
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries  
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister  
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister  
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister  
Reverend Evans McGowan, Campus Ministries Coordinator  
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Sandy Talbott, Wellness Coordinator/Parish Nurse  
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