



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 8, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. McGowan

FAITH IN ACTION

CEPAD

Carol Smith

(Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We look to the rulers of this earth

**All: for leadership, wisdom, and strength.**

One: We look to these bodies of ours

**All: for stability, fulfillment, and joy.**

One: We look to families and friends

**All: for love, compassion, and hope.**

One: When rulers betray, when bodies fail,  
and when families disappoint,

**All: God offers another look. God will guide us.**

One: God's Spirit will sustain us.

**All: Christ will welcome us home.**

One: Come, my sisters and brothers,

**All: we are all God's family now.**

Inspired by 1 Samuel 8, 11; 2 Corinthians 4–5, and Mark 3. Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012, © 2011 Abingdon Press by Mary Scifres.

\* HYMN (*see insert*) *God of Great and God of Small*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of our lives, we know that we are hard to move and motivate. Complacency gets in our way. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live each day as best we can, not out of fear for the end of time, but out of a desire to take part in the fullness of your time. For the sake of your kingdom, we pray. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

### \* 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."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marcey Terrien

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 4:15 – 5:1

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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

SERMON

Rev. Rogers

 Responding 

SOLO

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

John Ylvisaker

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

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 (*see insert*)

*Hymn of Promise*

PROMISE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

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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**. **Large-print bulletins** 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today is Michele Madden. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Kate Silbert and Sara VanderVoort (9:30) and Henry Johnson (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (8:00) and Chase Colligan (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Barry and Jeanette Swartz, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Angela Yang, and Joe Schmidt (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter, Jim Douglass, Linda Lampman, and Cyndy Colton (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 service. Prayer team members are Pam Ehrhart (9:30) and Mary McKeever (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer, in its simplest definition, is merely a wish turned Godward." – Phillips Brooks

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Ralph and Joan Banfield by their daughters Barbara Brewster and Rebecca Gaffney and their families; and in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her Iowa and Michigan families in honor of her July 9, 1979, birthday.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. on the Front Lawn (weather permitting). **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.** on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web ([www.waamradio.com](http://www.waamradio.com)).

**Join us for Coffee Hour outside on the Circle Terrace**, or in the Social Hall in case of inclement weather, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Fresh fruit is provided by Catherine Kendall, Carol Downton, and Karla Olson-Bellfi.

### **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.

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### **Adult Education 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.

**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**

**Celebrate Tom and Doris Granum on Sunday, July 29, their final Sunday at First Pres.** Our Director of Music Ministries for six years, Tom has accepted the position Director of Music Ministries and Organist, Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia. Help us honor and say farewell to the Granums at the July 29<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour. If you would like to contribute to a purse for the Granums, checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Granums" on the memo line may be brought or sent to the Finance Office. Cards and notes may also be dropped off in the Church Office.

**Mature Ministries invites all 60 and better to join us for a morning on Belle Isle and lunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club** on Thursday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$35, payable in full no later than August 23. This includes transportation by chartered bus to Detroit, admission and tour at the Dossin Museum, and lunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Register by contacting the Church Office or Rev. Rogers.

**Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich**, is enjoying a summer break from regular activities. If you are a college or graduate student here this summer, please contact Revs. McGowan or Buckley at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org). We would love to be in touch and invite you to special gatherings!

**Finding joy, meaning, and purpose in a world that is often filled with suffering, doubt, and loneliness is the heart of our 2018 First Pres Summer Book Read.** Two accessible 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.

**Do you enjoy taking pictures?** We have a need for individuals who can take photographs of children and their parents on Baptism Sundays. Proud parents and cooing children, expectant of the joy that comes on baptism day, are always photogenic. Help us capture this moment in a child's life. If you are interested email Rev. Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, July 13, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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**Restore Hope**, a support group for families coping with mental illness, meets this Tuesday, July 10, in Room LL4 at 7:00 p.m. 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. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

**The Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by the Deacons is this Thursday, July 12, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please sign up to donate during Coffee Hour today.

**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.

**All are invited to tour the 2018 Habitat House of Faith** on Tuesday, July 17. Carpools will be formed and will leave from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. RSVP to Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com; 276-8426).

**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).

**Is the world too loud for you?** Are you looking for time to meditate, contemplate, and grow in faith? Our next 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, is the weekend of September 27–28. Cost is \$45, payable to First Pres two weeks before the retreat. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

**The Ann Arbor Art Fair** is July 19–22. For worshippers on Sunday, July 22, parking will be allowed as usual on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue. First Pres youth will sell our parking spaces to the public beginning at 11:10 a.m. to raise money for youth mission. If you are able to park at the Forest Avenue Parking Structure that day, thank you! Free parking vouchers are available in the Church Office beginning today through Friday, July 20. This parking pass enables people to park on Sunday, July 22, attend any of the morning worship services and then go to the Art Fair at no additional parking cost. For more information, contact Essie Koenig-Reinke, Youth Ministries Coordinator.

**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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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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