



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Call to Worship*)

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Who will save us from the ways of death?

All: Jesus Christ our Lord; thanks be to God!

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain **All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.** *Refrain*

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.** *Refrain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from *A Worship Sourcebook*)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please 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."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gail Grady

FIRST READING Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Romans 7:15-25a

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

* HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WALK WITH ME

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

* 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 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 is Nancy Pflasterer. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Paul and Meg Brown and Paul and Georgia Goodman at 9:30 a.m.; and Ellen Johnson and Marge Higley at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carter Hodgson, Dick Carlisle, Angela Yang, and Peggy Hodgson at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head) and Ralph Winter at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services a minister or prayer team member is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Don Redding and Meg Brown (9:30). "There are parts of our calling, works of the Holy Spirit, and defeats of the darkness that will come no other way than through furious, fervent, faith-filled, unceasing prayer." – Beth Moore

The flowers are given in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her Iowa and Michigan families in honor of her July 9, 1979 birthday.

Musical leadership is provided by soloists Rachel Barg, Doris Granum, and Yazid Gray; and Laura Schipper, flute.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. outside 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).

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Betty Anderson, John and Dawn Pankopf, Ozora McCarthy, and Marge Higley. **Fruit** is provided by Karla Olson-Bellfi. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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 Conversations are at 10:45a.m. in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Along with the day's scripture readings, our summer reads around justice, mercy, and humility will be the foundation for this time of casual conversation and reflection. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Try something new this summer – a healthier Coffee Hour. For the month of July, we will offer fresh fruit instead of our regular famous donuts. If you are able to bring fruit (washed, cut up, ready to eat), email Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org).

Help is needed to set up chairs for Sunday outside worship at First Pres through July 30. This is a great family activity. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. Sign up online or contact Sheryl Powell (spowell@lentel.com).

Your donation of flowers beautifies our 9:30 a.m. worship, celebrates the glory of God, and honors and remembers those you love. There are open dates for flowers in July and August. If you are interested in donating flowers, contact Lori Wolters (loriwolters@yahoo.com; 223-5980).

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, July 7, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is this Thursday, July 13, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. To donate, sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or at Coffee Hour today. Contact Barb Brewster (646-5571; dexter4brews@aol.com) for more information.

We invite you to take part in the "Adventures of Flat Jesus." Complete instructions are available on our website. We can't wait to see the adventures you and Jesus have this summer!

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is July 20–23. Parking will be allowed as usual on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue on Sunday, July 23. First Pres youth will be selling 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 today and until July 21 for Art Fair parking on Sunday, July 23** in the Republic Parking Structure at 650 South Forest Avenue, one block from the church, for all who worship at the 11:00 a.m. service and any 9:30 a.m. worshipers who want to enjoy the fair after worship.

Our “First Pres Summer Reads” series includes three remarkable books, available for purchase in the Church Office, which reflect the themes of mercy, justice, and humility. The July selection is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (\$12). Our August book is *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen (\$10). Copies of *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott (\$14), the June selection, are still available.

Join a Small Group this summer. Groups are offered on Sunday and Wednesday nights in July and August. More information is available in the Church Office and online. Let’s journey together this summer toward mercy, justice, and walking humbly with God!

Keeping in step with our summer theme of “Walking With Jesus,” we invite you to pick one of four historic walks and organize with others to pool your miles. Learn the reasons behind a selected walk, and ponder where you might find Jesus along the road. More information is available online and at Coffee Hour.

First Pres Kids Read!

The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist by Cynthia Levinson



Summary: This is the true story of nine-year-old Audrey Hendricks who was inspired by civil rights leaders who visited in her home and preached at her church regularly. She decided to stand up against injustice. When Martin Luther King and others planned a children’s march in Birmingham in 1963, Audrey volunteered to be a part of it.

Questions for parents and kids:

1. What were some of the unjust laws Audrey wanted to change?
2. If you had been at the church when Dr. King called for volunteers to go to jail, what do you think you would have done?
3. Where do you see God at work in this story?

A copy of this book is available for you to see at First Pres. Please contact Debbie MacVey for more information.

“Be fair, be kind and walk with God” is our children’s summer reading theme from Micah 6:8.

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