



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 14, 2019

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE (8:00) *Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn

HYMN SING (9:30/11:00)

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. McGowan (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure,

All: who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

One: Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves,

All: who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

One: Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out
on each person,

All: who gives us compassion to share, without exception.

One: Let us worship God!

* HYMN 63

The Lord Is God

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: There are people we pass by, Watching God.

All: Some are family and friends we take for granted.

One: Others are neighbors who have been crushed by work,
who have fallen into the hands of despair.

**All: Many are strangers, people we don't know but quickly judge:
they are weak, poor, or the enemy;
they remind us of who we once were or could become.**

One: Rescue us from the power of our sins. Pour out your justice on
us rather than your judgment, that we would be moved with
compassion and spurred to action;

**All: that we would hear of the mercy and hope that is ours,
and share it with our neighbors,
even as we have received forgiveness for our sins
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

**Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.**

*This is Hymn 707 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Fuerstenau (8:00)
Annette Fraser (9:30)
Kari Michalowski (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1–10

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Beca Torres-Davenport

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:25–37

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

SERMON

Rev. Piatt

Responding

* HYMN 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

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WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

For the Mountains Shall Depart

Felix Mendelssohn

* 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 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

* **BENEDICTION**

One: Now go, to be God's blessing to others.

All: We will not measure out our compassion by the spoonful but share it freely.

One: Now go, to share the story of Jesus' love and hope for all.

All: We will go to speak of the One who, with grace and wonder, shows everyone who they are and who they might be.

One: Now go, to pour out the Spirit's love in every corner of your life.

All: We will go to care for everyone, even those we do not yet know.

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

* **POSTLUDE**

Sonata in D Major

Domenico Scarlatti

* 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.

Musical leadership is provided by Simon Suboski, baritone. **Liturgy** is adapted from Thom M. Shuman.

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 Lee Evans and Jesse Feyen. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew.

Greeters are Nelly Petrock and Carolyn Schultz (9:30) and Gail Grady and Prue Heikkinen (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Brian, Lucy, Molly, and Emma Schneidewind, Chris Wahl, and

Angela Yang (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Anna Millard, Gregg Pakela, and Karen Hockett (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 Virginia Rezmierski and Jeanette Kibler (9:30) and Deborah Campbell and Marolin Bellefleur (11:00). After the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Prayer is essentially the expression of our heart longing for love.” — Jeffrey Imbach

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Ralph and Joan Banfield by their daughters Barbara Brewster and Rebecca Gaffney and their families.

A **pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Elizabeth Renee Sickles, daughter of Michael and Kate Sickles, born June 27, 2019. Grandparents are Tom and Lisa McKarns.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace, or in the Social Hall in case of inclement weather, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Today we celebrate the ministry of Resident Minister the Rev.

Dorothy Piatt whose last Sunday is today. Dorothy leaves First Pres to become an Associate Pastor at another university-based church, where she anticipates focusing on campus ministry and social justice. Details are forthcoming following the final step of the call process.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare is available for crib through young fives on the first floor during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Children K–fifth grade** are invited to join in a special Illustrated Children's Ministry® exploration of *The Lord's Prayer* following the Conversation with Young Disciples during the 9:30 a.m. service.

Adult Ministry Opportunities:

“Deeper & Wider” meets in the Curtis Room, 10:45–11:30 a.m. Join us as we go “deeper and wider” into our summer sermon series “Beloved: Stories of Belonging, Believing, and Becoming.” Experience in-depth discussions, engaging conversation, and enlightening supplemental materials with members of the pastoral staff.

“Receptive Reverence” Interfaith Series meets in the Lewis and Vance Rooms at 11:00 a.m. Today's speakers are Dr. Bill Solomonson from Zen Buddhist Temple of Ann Arbor and his teenage daughter, who will talk about Buddhism from a teenage perspective.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. many Sundays this summer to read the biblical books of Esther and Ruth. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about this and other T2A2 opportunities, contact Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support First Pres Youth by helping out with Art Fair Parking, the biggest youth fundraiser of the year! We are looking for people who are willing to volunteer their time to help with Art Fair parking at First Pres. The dates for volunteering run from the afternoon of Thursday, July 17 through the afternoon of Saturday, July 20. Contact Essie Koenig-Reinke (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to volunteer.

The Ann Arbor Art Fair begins this week. Parking will be allowed as usual on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue next Sunday, July 21. We also have free garage vouchers available for the Republic Parking structure at 650 South Forest Street (only one block from the church) on Sunday, July 21. You can pick up your voucher after worship today in the Church Office through Friday, July 19.

Key Volunteer Openings! We are in need of a church archivist and a church librarian. Each position is unique and fulfilling, and incredibly helpful to the First Pres family. The two positions can be held by one person or shared with 2–3 people who wish to work together. If you have the skills, gifts, or just the interest, we can train you! Contact Rev. Rogers to express interest in either (or both) positions. Maybe God is calling you!

Last call for the blue Presbyterian hymnal. Wednesday, July 31 is the last day to pick up a copy of the old blue hymnal for a \$5 donation to the Sacred Music Fund. There is no cost for those who donated a new purple hymnal. All requests for a specific dedication plate must be received by July 31. Two hundred copies of the blue hymnal will remain at First Pres for use in services, retreats, and other events. The remaining copies will be offered to other churches in the Presbytery of Detroit in August.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, July 19, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry regular gatherings are on summer break. However, if you are around to grab coffee or lunch sometime, volunteer with a local organization, or just say hi, please contact us (campus@firstpresbyterian.org)!

Divorce Support. You are invited to be a part of the ongoing Divorce Support Group which is meeting off and on across the summer at One Bowl, Asian Cuisine on South Forest Street. No commitment is needed. You can drop in as your schedule allows to the semi-private room there. Meeting dates are Monday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m., and in August and September as agreed upon by the group. The group is led by Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com; 358–9163). Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

All Church Trip to Cedar Point! We are headed to Cedar Point as a church family on July 22! We will meet at 7:00 a.m., and return at 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$55 which includes an all-day pass, parking, an all-day drink wristband, and transportation. Friends and families are welcome! Contact Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) to reserve your spot.

Mature Ministries announces an intergenerational outing to Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids on Thursday, August 22.

Your day will start with a narrated tram ride around the gardens, giving everyone an overview of what's to be discovered. The day is unstructured so that everyone can enjoy exploration on their own—walk the gardens, take in the gallery exhibits, and enjoy the butterfly garden. Meet for lunch in the Garden Café at 12:30 p.m. with our group or bring a picnic lunch to eat on your own schedule. Families are welcome—even encouraged—or just come to enjoy the day with your friends. The bus leaves First Pres at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 18. This includes bus transportation, park admission, and tram ride. Lunch is on your own.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style.
- request a baptism.
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information.
- let us know if you are hospitalized.
- support our Fair Trade mission project by purchasing a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Cost is \$12.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$50.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.

24-hour Silent Retreats at St. Augustine House in Oxford on 43 acres of woods will be July 26–27 and September 27–28, leaving from church on Fridays at 2:30 p.m., and returning on Saturdays around 8:30 p.m. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

Volunteers are needed for our Wednesday night greeting card program at the Delonis Homeless Shelter. Church members take cards donated by the congregation to the Delonis Center where they are made available to the evening guests during dinner. An essential part of this program is a time for the Church volunteer to talk to or listen to the people. Amazing stories have emerged from these conversations as well as an opportunity to support people struggling with a host of problems. For more information and to volunteer, contact Jeannine Buchanan (971-6589).

We encourage you to read along with our summer theme, “Beloved: Stories of Belonging, Believing and Becoming.” Books are available in the Church Office, sold either individually (\$12–15 each) or as a set (\$39). The thoughtful works that will inform our summer worship are *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* by Henri Nouwen (\$15), *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans (\$12), and *Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World* by Bob Goff (\$15). Also available for purchase is *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor (\$18). This is the “Families at First” summer read and is used as background material for the “Receptive Reverence” Christian Education summer series.

Alpha House Volunteer Opportunities. Summer is a difficult time for Alpha House to get adequate volunteers. Currently there are several days in July and August with no coverage for dinners and weekend brunch. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up online or contact Gail Einhaus (646-6093).

Welcome Dave and Brent All-Church Potluck on August 4. Please join us to welcome David VanderMeer, our incoming Minister of Music and Fine Arts, as he begins with us on July 23. David and his husband, Brent Ivey are making their way to Ann Arbor soon! Coming from Atlanta, Georgia, we know that Dave and Brent both need time to get to know us, as well as their new state of Michigan, and all things Ann Arbor! What defines Michigan and Ann Arbor to you? Cherries? Maize and Blue? Washtenaw Dairy ice-cream? On Sunday, August 4, at 5:30 p.m., come to First Pres' Social Hall for an all-church welcome potluck. Please sign up online to let us know how many are coming and a dish you will bring. If you bring dishes that are nut-free, vegetarian, or gluten-free, please label them as such. We hope to have as many as can come on a hot summer Sunday! Bring something Michigan - related — if not a dish to pass, a gift to share with Dave and Brent. Drinks and serving ware are provided.

PARKING AT FIRST PRES

Following the all church picnic event, the church received a letter from the City of Ann Arbor Fire Department identifying three violations. Two of the items have to do with signage for, and access to, the fire department connection for the church. These items are being addressed by our facilities staff.

The third item has to do with posting and maintaining the necessary fire lanes around the church. This violation reads: "Install 'No Parking – Fire Lane' signs on the outer and inner drive on the north side of the building and around the perimeter of the building to ensure fire engine access around the building. Only diagonal parking that has been approved by the City can be used." The 'No Parking – Fire Lane' signs have been posted so please do not park in these areas. This is not just an issue of convenience for the fire department, it is a necessity for the proper equipment to have access to the building in the event of an emergency at the church.

The handicapped parking spaces along the sidewalk adjacent to the church (parallel parking spaces) are no longer available parking spaces – this is part of the posted fire lane. To make up for these spaces, several of the diagonal spaces across the aisle that were previously non-handicapped parking will be identified as handicapped parking for Sunday services and other special events.

Ways to donate to First Presbyterian Church

- Cash
- Check
- Direct bank payment from Checking or Savings
- Stock Donation
- IRA Direct Contribution
- Online payment through our website firstpresbyterian.org
- Text to Give – text the amount to 734-441-6148
- Give + App by VANCO

For more information about any of these ways to donate please contact Anna Miller, Finance Manager (662-4466 or amiller@firstpresbyterian.org).

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