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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life; that we may be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

* HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you sow good seeds in the field to make the world blossom and grow, but we lay waste to your crop. We toss other seeds into the field that only choke the life you share. We pull up the weeds when the time is not right and destroy the good wheat in our world. And sometimes we would rather even destroy the whole field than claim the good crops that you have given us. Forgive us for tending your field with such carelessness and bad judgment. Show us your intentions for us and our world once again, and so open us to the good harvest that you share with us and all creation. 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

Chris Haddlesley

FIRST READING Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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 8:12-25

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin

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

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 BENEDICTION

* 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 are Margie Perrett and Ellen Johnson. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Doug and Carol Gottliebsen and Peggy Jensen at 9:30 a.m.; and Linda Lampman and Judy Landau at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Cindy Andress, Paul Smith, and Duane Locke at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head) and Cyndy Colton 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 Diane Knibbs and Becky Gaffney (9:30) and Rev. Rogers (11:00). “Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden.” — Corrie Ten Boom

The flowers are given in loving memory of Joanne Hertler by Judy, Nathan, and Sarah Carrillo.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Simon Spaulding LeVasseur, son of Hillary and Craig LeVasseur, born July 7, 2017. Grandparents are Spaulding and Kathy Clark.

Musical leadership is provided by soloists Simon Suboski and Yazid Gray.

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 Linda Tubbs, Sara Vander Voort, Jennifer Stahl, and Nancy Oliver. 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 10:45 a.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

Opportunities to serve abound! Would you be willing to serve as an usher for worship at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.? Or as a substitute usher? Ushers typically serve on a team that serves three months out of the year. Training is provided. Contact Rev. Rogers if you would consider serving.

The Finance Office will be closed from Friday, July 28, until Monday, August 7.

Join us for Coffee Hour next Sunday, July 30, as we honor Rev. Angela Ryo. Rev. Ryo has accepted a call as Assistant Minister of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Are you interested in walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain in October of 2018 or the Via Francigena in Italy in May of 2018 (women only)? It is possible that pilgrimages to these ancient routes will take place if enough interest is generated. The last 100 kilometers of each walk is the goal for our pilgrims. Contact Rev. Rogers to express interest and get more details.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, July 28, 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

We invite you to take part in the “Adventures of Flat Jesus” this summer. Complete instructions are available on our website.

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!

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: *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (\$12), *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen (\$10), and *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott (\$14).

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. When you complete a walk, stop by the table at Coffee Hour for your prize.

Miracle Bible Camp for incoming sixth, seventh, and eighth graders is August 7 – 9. Join us for three days of fun, bible study, and adventures run by our youth interns David Endicott, Sean Tichenor, Claudia Morville, and Abby Wilson. Please let us know if you can attend by emailing youthinterns@firstpresbyterian.org.

Mids and Keys are going “blobbing” this Wednesday, July 26, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Covenant Hills Christian Camp to launch each other off the blob and get ice cream afterwards. Contact a youth intern for more information.

First Pres Kids Read!

The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade by Justin Roberts



Summary: Sally McCabe notices everything, including the way her classmates treat one another. One day, after she has watched yet more unkindness, Sally has enough. Her courage to speak out, even though she is the smallest girl in the smallest grade, transforms her school.

Questions for parents and kids:

1. What kinds of things did Sally McCabe notice at her school?
2. Why do you think Sally decided to make her announcement?
3. What can we do as individuals or as a community when we see unkindness?
4. Do you know the story of Esther from the Bible? Find that story in a Bible Story book and read it. Do you see ways that Sally and Esther are alike?

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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