



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Fair

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

All: the mercies of God never come to an end.

One: Come, let us worship God.

* HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We follow the crowds around you but fail to grasp the good news you offer. We weep at the power of death but laugh at your promise of new life. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal us of all doubt and despair and give us the gift of faith by which you make us whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *from Call to Worship*

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."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa Shultz

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 5:35–43

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SERMON

Rev. Buckley

Responding

* HYMN

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
but have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

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WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

The soloist will sing the first phrase. Please join when indicated.

**... in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

* 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. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Margie Perrett and Sara VanderVoort. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Nicki Sorter and Pam Ehrhart (9:30) and Marge Higley and Judy Landau (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Kurt and Kathy Hillig (8:00) and David Endicott (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul and Georgia Goodman, Angela Yang, and Keith and Sheila Bilby (9:30); and Bill Austin (head) and Ralph Winter (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 Anne Kloack and Carol Fletcher (9:30) and Katie Parker and Gail Grady (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "There is nothing that makes us love a person so much as praying for them." –William Law

Chancel flowers are given by the Chancel Choir in honor of Tom and Doris Granum and in appreciation and gratitude for their years of service to expand and enrich all aspects of the Music Ministry of First Presbyterian Church. Godspeed to them both!

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. **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 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Fresh fruit is provided by Catherine Kendall and Nancy Fox. Cookies are provided by Nancy Fox and Betty Anderson. Cake is provided by the Congregational Life Committee in celebration of the ministry of Tom and Doris Granum. Please join us to bid the Granums a fond farewell.

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 Education Opportunities:

ConnectEd does not meet today so that all may fully participate and enjoy the Coffee Hour celebration in honor of Tom and Doris Granum.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Galatians*. Bring your questions 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 all services next Sunday, August 5. **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 or financial contributions for the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 3, at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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. We would love to be in touch and invite you to special gatherings!

Are you a young(ish) adult looking to connect with others in Ann Arbor? Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor (T2A2) is a great way to build community! Come to a Wednesday Hangout from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to meet other young adults or enjoy conversation with friends. T2A2 Small Group also meets on various Sundays (7/29, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26) at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to study *Galatians*. Enjoy brunch at Gary and Nancy Oliver's home after the 11:00 a.m. service on August 12. More social, spiritual, and service opportunities will be on tap this fall. To learn more or receive updates about events, email Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt (dparks-piatt@firstpresbyterian.org).

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.

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.

Would you like to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one? Currently, there are many available Sundays in upcoming months. Cost is \$50. Sign up online or by contacting the Church Office.

Children’s Ministry is forming a Sunday School Launch Team. We want to see our regular fall Sunday School start up at full strength. In order to do so, we need parents and other interested members to gather next Sunday, August 5, at 10:40 a.m. in the Curtis Room to lend ideas and time to this effort. Let’s form a team and get this work done for our kids. Kate Silbert and Becky Gaffney will lead the meeting. All with children ages 4–11 are requested to attend this initial meeting. Volunteers for fall are desperately needed. Classrooms need to be cleaned and prepared for fall classes. Materials and supplies need organizing. We do not yet have an Interim Transitional Coordinator for Children and Family Ministries though we are actively searching. Please contact Becky Gaffney if you have questions (bandbgaffney@gmail.com or 734-474-1472).

All are invited to attend a special Adult Education class on Sunday, August 26, a lecture, “From Backdoor to Front Door: A history of degradation and the restoration of the Great Lakes,” by First Pres member Jennifer Day. Jennifer serves as Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. This class is open to all, and is being held in preparation for the Mature Ministries trip to the Dossin Museum on Belle Isle and the Grosse Point Yacht Club on August 30. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

Are you “Meeting the Members”? Our email goes out once a week that introduces you to one of First Pres’ amazing people. We’ve introduced you to Rob Bauman, Debbie Campbell, Luke Panning, Peg Talburtt, Chris Lin, and Callie Feyen. Who is next? To get these emails, go to the church website to subscribe, or leave a note for Lisa Haddrill in the Church Office. Want to be “met”? We need people who are willing to share something of their journey. Email or call Rev. Rogers to share your story!

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. Cost is \$50.

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