



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: The Lord gives food in due season.

All: God satisfies the desire of every living thing.

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

* HYMN 322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, you blessed the bread by the Sea of Galilee and you continue to surround us with bounty, but we turn away. You lead us to peace, but we continue to grow in discord. You call us into community, but we choose lives of loneliness and longing. Help us change our lives so that we taste and see your eternal grace. Let us never underestimate your power to love us. May we follow you and invite others to gather at your table to celebrate Jesus Christ, the living bread.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

Genevieve Monsma

FIRST READING Romans 9:1-5

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

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Anthem *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* Jean Berger
The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfies the desire of ev'ry living thing.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Matthew 14:13-21

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin

Responding

HYMN *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

BEACH SPRING

Please remain seated to sing the refrain:

**By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore. *Refrain*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. *Refrain*

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" *Refrain*

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. *Refrain*

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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Breaking the Bread* Allen Pote

Breaking the bread, drinking the wine, sharing the meal together;
Living in love, following Christ, caring for one another.

O God in heaven, hear us, we pray. Give us this day our daily bread.

O Lord, forgive us, save us from evil, for thine's the kingdom, power, and glory forever.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front center serving station. Those unable to come forward will be served in their places.

Communion Music

Please sing when indicated:

What we need is here. What we need is here.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* **HYMN 363** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER
As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.

* **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.**

* POSTLUDE

* 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 Carol Morloch and Gail Grady. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Paul and Meg Brown and David and Jane Schmidt at 9:30 a.m., and Linda Lampman and Rebecca Gaffney at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Angela Yang, Olivier Jolliet, Carol Smith, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head) and Ralph Winter at 11:00 a.m. **Musical leadership** is provided at 9:30 a.m. by Chancel Choir and Luke Panning, violin.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegond's Chapel 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 Jeanette Kibler (9:30) and Carole Hendickson (11:00). "Sometimes the answer to our prayers is to become the answer to someone else's prayers." – Robert Brault

Chancel flowers are given in gratitude by Jim Smiley and Linda Lampman for the kindness and care shown to them during his recent hospitalization and recovery at home by members and ministers of First Pres.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Communion Food Collection is today. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. The Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations.

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio and Carly Groves. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. **Childcare** is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to Monteith Hall for children attending worship at 11:00 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!

T2A2 Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, contact a pastor or the Church Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for worship next week as we say farewell to Resident Minister Daniel Ervin. We will celebrate his two-year ministry among us and wish him well as he follows God's call to his next place of ministry.

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.

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, August 11, 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 Zeeb Road. 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 on Sunday nights in 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 which reflect the themes of mercy, justice, and humility. Our August book, available for purchase in the Church Office for \$10, is *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen.

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. If you have completed a walk, please stop by the table at Coffee Hour for your prize.

You are invited to be a participant in a Silent Retreat, led by Rev. Annette Fraser, September 22–23. The retreat, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, will last twenty-four hours. Held at the St. Augustine House in Oxford, Michigan, this retreat is limited to six individuals (no couples). Cost for lodging and food is \$45 per person. The retreat center, a monastery of six Lutheran monks, includes sixteen acres of woods and trails. Embracing total silence, there will be no phones, tapes, or books. There will be you, silence, a Bible, a notebook, and God! All meals, a guide, and clear expectations will be provided. Contact Annette (nnttfraser@gmail.com or 358-9163), or Rev. Rogers for more information. Another silent retreat will be offered in May and all are welcome.

First Pres Kids Read!

Is There Room on the Feather Bed? by Libba Moore Gray



Summary: This story is that of a “wee man” and a “wee woman” who live in a very small house at the bottom of a hill. Their family consists of a goose, duck, sheep, hen, pig, dog, cow, and cat. A skunk watches the family but they never let him get too close.

Questions for parents and kids:

1. How is this family like your family? How is it different?
2. Why is the skunk not a part of the family in the story?
3. What does this story tell us about welcoming others?

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.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

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