



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE (8:00)

* HYMN SING (9:30/11:00)

Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Hymn 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 22 *God of the Sparrow* ROEDER

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. McGowan (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 1:16c–17)

Rev. Buckley (9:30)

One: Cease to do evil;

All: Learn to do good.

One: Seek justice;

All: Rescue the oppressed.

One: Defend the orphan;

All: Plead for the widow.

One: God knows our sins.

All: God offers us forgiveness and restoration.

One: Come, worship our God,

All: Who is giving us a fresh start right now. Amen.

* HYMN 24 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

PRAYER OF BROKENNESS/CONFESSION

Holy One, we have devalued our neighbors and valued our possessions. We have locked up our wealth and ignored the people living on our streets. We cover our cars while our kindred go without shelter. Forgive us for treating property better than we treat Your children. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and selfish ways. Call us into valuing people, valuing relationships, much more than the things of this world that will surely pass away. In the name of Christ, who called us to give up our possessions and love our neighbors as ourselves, we pray.

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

**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.**

This is Hymn 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Day (9:30)

Kim Byers-Granito (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 12:32–40

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

SERMON

Rev. Rogers

Responding

* HYMN 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

WELCOME

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Richard Walters

* 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

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 314** *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

* **BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Please sing twice. This is Hymn 765, May the God of Hope Go with Us.

* **POSTLUDE**

Toccata in D Minor

Matthias Weckmann

* 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, soloist.

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 Lorna Prescott and Ginger Winter. **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Ben and Addy Carlisle and Virginia Rezmierski (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Pam Ehrhart (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dean Gilchrist and Angela Yang (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Karen Hockett and Ralph Winter (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 Nancy Fox (9:30) and Carole Hendrickson (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Speak as naturally and as easily as you would to a friend, since God is just that." —James Coburn

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Doris Cummings Woodruff by Deanne Woodruff and Daniel Mitas and family.

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).

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. **Cookie baker** is Betsy DiMaggio. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Today at Coffee Hour we celebrate the ministry of the Rev. Blair Buckley, Resident Minister, whose last Sunday is today. Blair leaves First Pres to become an Interim Minister at another Presbyterian Church in Michigan. 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.

All are invited to participate in field trips today as we continue to learn about other faith traditions. Meet at First Pres at 12:30 p.m. to carpool. Our first stop is at 1:00 p.m. at the Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard Street, and the second stop is at 3:00 p.m., at Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard St, Ann Arbor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During this time of staff transition, we are unable to visit all hospitals and care communities on a daily basis. Please contact the Church Office (662-4466) to let us know if you, a family member, or a fellow church member are hospitalized or otherwise in need of pastoral care. We anticipate being fully staffed and offering full services on a daily basis again by Sunday, August 25.

Welcome the Rev. Mark Mares (pronounced Má-rez), our new Minister for Youth and Family Ministry! Mark, originally from Holland, Michigan, is a graduate of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. He was influenced at a young age by multi-generational and multi-cultural approaches to liturgy and worship, and will be leading an intergenerational team to develop and nurture our ministry with youth and their families. When you meet Mark, you will find one of his greatest skills is listening thoughtfully.

Youth and Families, save Sunday, August 25, for a special event—“Youth at the Lake!” A late afternoon event at a nearby lake is tentatively scheduled for you to meet Mark Mares, our new Minister for Youth and Family Ministry, and his wife, Jenna. More details to come soon.

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)!

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 9, at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Sunday volunteers are needed. The Congregational Life Committee invites your help in many areas on Sundays. Greeters, ushers, cookie bakers, lay readers, Chancel flower providers, and Prayer Team members are always needed. Training will be provided upon request if needed for reading and ushering, and questions can be easily answered. For most of these things, please sign yourself up online. For ushering or reading, please contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

All are encouraged to read along with our summer theme, "Beloved: Stories of Belonging, Believing and Becoming." These books are available for purchase in the Church Office: *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor (\$18), *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). **All are invited to discuss *Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World*** on Thursday, August 29, at 11:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room. The discussion will be led by Rev. Sanderford.

Mature Ministries Book Club meets on Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss David Brooks' *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. We will meet in the home of Mary Smith, 273 Scio Village Ct, Unit 128, Ann Arbor. Join us for snacks, drinks, and great conversation. This event is limited to 15 participants. Sign up with Rev. Rogers or contact the Church Office. Please purchase the book on your own.

Celebrate the end of summer at the First Pres Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 1, during Coffee Hour. Enjoy Triple-Chocolate Overload and Vanilla ice cream, and Rainbow sherbet from Washtenaw Dairy along with lots of toppings. There will be a fourth option served and YOU may help make the choice (Oreo Cookies and Cream, Peppermint, or Cookie Dough) online. Votes must be in by August 23. The winning flavor will be announced on Sunday, August 25.

The FPC Tie-Dye Extravaganza is an event no one wants to miss! Join in the fun on Sunday, August 25, on the Front Lawn, during Coffee Hour. Bring a clean white shirt (or socks or bandannas); we'll provide everything else. You'll take it home to dry and wash, and then wear it the following Sunday, September 1, for worship and our Ice Cream Social.

A cancer conversation group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 5:30–6:30 p.m., in Room LL-1, beginning Tuesday, September 24. For those undergoing treatment, those supporting family members who are, those facing the uncertainty of diagnoses and treatment, and for those who have been touched by cancer in any other way and wish to participate in this group, this is a safe gathering of diverse people to share the experience and pray together. Contact Rev. Rogers for more information, or just show up at our first meeting.

Travel with Mature Ministries to the MSU Museum in East Lansing on Thursday, September 19, to tour the exhibition “Finding Our Voices: Sister Survivors Speak.” Told in the compelling words of the “sister survivors,” “Finding Our Voices” tells the story of the still evolving sexual assault scandal involving female athletes on the MSU campus. Details and registration information will come soon.

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