



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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AUGUST 12, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. McGowan (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Compassion and justice are companions, not choices.

**All: God calls us to be neighbors to one another.
God calls us to love one another.**

One: As we gather to worship and go out to serve, O Lord,

All: make us instruments of your peace.

* HYMN 148

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, in the daily rush of life it is easy to become caught up in ourselves and fail to notice the needs of those around us. We too often push personal agendas rather than seeking the common good. Forgive us when we are oblivious to opportunities for compassion and when we fail to act in ways that are just. Forgive us yet again and help us forgive others. We ask this in Christ's name.

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

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

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Fox (8:00)
Scott Ellsworth (9:30)
Mark Lindley (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:6–8

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

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments* Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever,
E'en the Spirit of truth.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:5–11

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* HYMN 405

What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Scott and Amanda Blackburn present their daughter, Sophia Lynn Blackburn, born September 28, 2017, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

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 434** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.**

* 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.

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 Nancy Fox and Peggy Jensen. **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Sue and Dick Riggerink (9:30) and Pat Gilbreath and Jill Binkley (11:00). **Sound system volunteer** is Roland Kibler (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Olivier and Nicole Jolliet, Chris Wahl, Dick Carlisle, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Brady West, and Carter and Peggy Hodgson (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 Jeanette Kibler and Katie Parker (9:30) and Katie Parker (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is not a ritual; it is the soul's inherent response to a relationship with a loving God." – Colleen Evans

Musical leadership is provided by Josh Marzan, piano (8:00); Simon Suboski, congregational singing leader (8:00/11:00); Jeannette Faber, organ and piano, (9:30/11:00); and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are given in gratitude for the first year of ministry at First Presbyterian Church by our Resident Ministers – Rev. Blair Buckley, Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke, and Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt.

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 immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Fresh fruit is provided by Pat Gilbreath, Nancy Oliver, and Nancy Fox. Cookies are provided by Marilyn Gibson.

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 is an opportunity to gather after worship and discuss the theme of that morning's service and the summer books, *Credo* and *The Book of Joy*. Discussion will focus on the day's scripture, books, sermon, or music. ConnectEd meets for open conversation from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library. A skilled facilitator guides the discussion.

Carson Smith, Young Adult Volunteer, speaks at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Carson, a 2017 UM graduate and a member of First Pres, will share his experience as a Young Adult Volunteer in Colombia, South America where he accompanied church partners and worked with low-income families in an area that has been greatly affected by the country's internal conflict. While an undergraduate at the University of Michigan, members of this church supported Carson as he pursued his interests in faith, politics, and peacemaking. Come hear

his thoughts about his year of service and about learning to listen to the ways love, trauma, spirit, and humor are embodied among people. (Jesus shows up too sometimes, which can be interesting.)

The Philippine Mission Team meets at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library. All are welcome!

T2A2 brunch is today following the 11:00 a.m. service. Whether you're well acquainted with our Twenties & Thirties group or this is your first time in worship with First Pres, enjoy brunch today at 12:30 p.m.! Our hosts, Gary and Nancy Oliver (1910 Traver Road), will provide the meal. If you need a ride, meet in the Sanctuary just after the 11:00 a.m. service.

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

Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. All are welcome. We would love to greet new choir members as well as returning folks. Raise your voice in song with us.

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.

Restore Hope, a support group for families coping with mental illness, meets this Tuesday, August 14, in Room LL4 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

Prayers for our Schools — Join us! All are welcome to join the staff for a half-hour Morning Worship at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, in Monteith Hall. This brief service will give us a chance to worship God and lift up prayers to the Lord for our children and their teachers as they return to school. We will sing together, pray together, and hear a brief reflection as we unite our hearts and give the 2018–2019 school year to God. Those who come will be given the first name of a First Pres child, youth, or school teacher to pray for this year. 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, Callie Feyen, the Westfalls, Liina Wallin, and Sean Hoskins. 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!

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 Pointe Yacht Club on August 30. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

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.

Our next 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, is the weekend of September 27-28. Cost is \$45, payable to First Pres two weeks before the retreat. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

Join us and feel the love! The love, warmth, faith, and gratitude of the Filipino people is overwhelming. Join the Philippine Mission Team next Sunday, August 12, at 12:15 p.m., in the French Room/Library to learn more about the work of and mission with our Filipino partners. For more information contact Hank McQueen (mcqueen1143@comcast.net).

Alpha House is recruiting volunteers to provide and serve dinner during the month of August. Please contact Kathy Koehler at Alpha House (822-0220) or Gail Einhaus, First Pres' Alpha House Coordinator (646-6093). Alpha House is a shelter that is part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, whose mission is to provide temporary housing, food and support services for children and their parents in a caring atmosphere of dignity and safety. Alpha House also offers financial and job counseling, medical care, and tutoring.

Our fall ministry at Alpha House, a shelter for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness, will be the week of September 10-16. Please sign up to provide a meal, childcare, or overnight support by using the signup board at Coffee Hour or online. If you have questions Gail Einhaus, Lucie Audette, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere can answer them. Alpha House is located at 4290 Jackson Road.

Mature Ministries Kick-off is Tuesday, September 11. Join us for a special lunch in between two great presentations by local authors and leaders! Sign up online or in the Church Office by September 6.

11:00 in Monteith Hall: Featured Presentation Rev. Ken Wilson and Rev. Emily Swan, co-authors, *Solus Jesus!*

Lunch - Noon in the Social Hall (\$5)

12:45 Presentation in the Social Hall: Dr. Andy Hoffman, "Finding Purpose: Environmental Stewardship as a Personal Calling."

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 17, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

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!

Long-time member Jean Dotson died at home on June 15 at the age of 97. A brief interment ceremony will be held on August 28, at 3:00 p.m., at Arborcrest Memorial Park in the Tranquility Garden (at the back of the cemetery). Family and friends will be gathering after the ceremony at grandson Chris Dotson's house at 5832 Pine View Dr., Ypsilanti. Please let Steve Dotson know if you can join them (steve.dotson@emich.edu, 734-475-9279).

Look for A New First Pres Security System

Coming soon is a new security system to better protect our staff, children, and those who use our building during and after business hours. The new system, conceived by the Safety Work Group, has been approved by the Property Committee and Session. We expect installation in August and operation to begin by September.

Why are we installing a security system? We have recognized our vulnerabilities with a building not designed for 21st century threats and have designed a plan which will increase security while being intentionally welcoming.

What is this new system, you ask? The doors currently open during business hours will be locked with entry gained using a key fob or intercom call-in monitored by volunteers. A camera will show a security volunteer who would like admittance. That volunteer will remotely open the door and provide intentional welcome and assistance to all who enter.

More information about key fob availability will come as we near operational status. We recognize there will be a learning curve as we become accustomed to increased security. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
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Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor
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Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister
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