



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 18, 2019

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

### PRELUDE

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. McGowan (11:00)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is moving in the world,

**All: with flames of justice and waters of mercy.**

One: Christ is calling in the world,

**All: with whispers of love and cries of compassion.**

One: Let us worship the one who creates the world

**All: and lend our voices to the Spirit's song.**

\* HYMN 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you are nearby and far off, in our every moment and in the highest heaven. Forgive us when we would rather not remember you in the everyday moments of our lives: when choosing you would mean putting our neighbors' needs first; when following you would challenge our comfortable assumptions; when listening to you would change the life we have grown to love. Forgive us, God of mercy, and love us into your reign of true peace.**

### 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."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

*This is Hymn 435, There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (IN BABILONE).*

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Hillig (8:00)

Bob Wallin (9:30)

Carol Downton (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 5:1-7

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Bryan

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 12:49-56

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

SERMON

*Fire and Division*

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Bryan

 Responding 

\* HYMN 51

*To Abraham and Sarah*

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WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30) *Fight the Good Fight*

John Gardner

\* 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

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

*See Communion Card.*

**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 69

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

**HERE I AM**

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.**

*This is Hymn 372, O for a World (AZMON).*

\* POSTLUDE

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\* 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.

**We welcome to the pulpit the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Bryan.** Weeks before departing Ann Arbor, Jeff and Kim West Bryan welcomed a baby boy into the world. That baby, West, is now 11. Jeff served a congregation in suburban Philadelphia as Pastor / Head of Staff for seven years. In Philadelphia, Kim and Jeff welcomed a baby girl. She, Hollis, is now nine. Jeff also wrote a not-for-church book, *Bucket of Hooves*, ran a marathon, became a Dodgers fan, and received a D.Min. from the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. Jeff has served as Senior Pastor / Head of Staff at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, SC, for four years. He is on the NEXT Church Strategy Team, just got back from a family vacation to Alaska, and is preparing to add a kitten to the family.

**Musical leadership** is provided by a Choral Ensemble from Chancel Choir (9:30).

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Wilbur McKeachie, brother-in-law of Millie Danielson and uncle of Lisa Danielson.

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**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Barbara Mueller (9:30) and Carole and George Hendrickson (11:00). **The Church Office** is staffed by Gail Grady. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz and Virginia Rezmierski (9:30) and Prue Heikkinen (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dean Gilchrist, Len Rezmierski, and Angela Yang (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter, and Karen Hockett (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 Carol Gottliebse (9:30) and Pat Gilbreath (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "The call to prayer is a call to participate in the love that has forever burned in God's heart." —Mike Bickle

## **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](http://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 bakers** are Paula Doering and Betty Anderson. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

**We welcome our new Resident Ministers today.** Members of the tenth cohort of Resident Ministers at First Pres, Andrew Frazier, Khayla Johnson, and Amy Ruhf, began their ministry in Ann Arbor on August 15. Please welcome them to this Residency experience here! Andrew Frazier arrives in Michigan from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, by way of the University of Georgia, and a period of work in Kansas. Andrew, the son of two singers, grew up Presbyterian in Carrollton, Georgia. He is now a member of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, and plans to be ordained here at First Pres in the late fall. Rev. Khayla Johnson was born in Charleston, South Carolina, surrounded by a large family and raised in the Presbyterian tradition at St. James Presbyterian Church. She graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in May and was ordained in her home church in July. Khayla observes, "I am passionate about the work of social justice and advocating for those around me." She notes that "God has called me to lead, to preach, teach, and build up communities." Rev. Amy Ruhf arrives in Ann Arbor by way of Messiah College, California, University of Pennsylvania, and Princeton Theological Seminary from which she graduated with an M. Div. in May 2019. In 2016, Amy was commissioned in the US Navy Chaplain Corps and was promoted to the rank of LT- JG in April 2018. Amy says "my greatest interest in ministry is relational living. I seek to live in healthy relationships with God, with others, and with nature. And so I seek to help others do the same."

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### **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.

### **20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. many Sundays**

this summer to read the biblical books of Esther and Ruth. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about this and other T2A2 opportunities, contact Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu).

## **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.

### **The FPC Tie-Dye Extravaganza is an event no one wants to miss!**

Join in the fun next 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.

**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)!

**Youth and their families are invited to a special event, "Youth at the Lake," to meet and greet Rev. Mark Mares, Minister of Youth and Families, on Sunday, August 25, 4:00–7:00 p.m.** Bring a side dish to share and come prepared to swim, if you so desire. The address is 4175 Clear Lake Shore Dr., Grass Lake, Michigan. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling from the church, meeting here at 3:00 p.m. RSVP to Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org).

### **All are encouraged to read along with our summer theme, "Beloved: Stories of Belonging, Believing and Becoming."**

Two of the books are still available for purchase in the Church Office: *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.

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**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, August 23, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**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 this Friday, August 23.** The winning flavor will be announced next Sunday, August 25.

**Ministry at Alpha House.** During the week of September 9, First Pres will be supporting Alpha House families who are experiencing homelessness. We provide meals, childcare, overnight support, and human connection. If you are interested in participating, sign up online or at the coffee hour. If you have questions Gail Einhaus, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere can answer them.

**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.

**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. **This outing replaces the previously announced visit to the UM Natural History Collections Center, which will be rescheduled for 2020.**

**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.

**The Philippine Mission Team's Annual Pig Roast** will be held on Saturday, October 12, in the Social Hall. Your support will help the mission team to continue their work in the Philippines in a mental health center, a dental and medical clinic, schools, and a prison. Look for more information soon; meanwhile, save the date!

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**Chancel Choir Retreat begins the 2019–2020 Choir Season this Friday and Saturday, August 23 & 24, in Monteith Hall.**

Friday: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m., with a potluck lunch in the Social Hall

If you have wanted to sing in the Chancel Choir (college-age and adults), now is the time to join! For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts (dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org).

**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).

**Please contact the Church Office to:**

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style.
- request a baptism.
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information.
- let us know if you are hospitalized.
- support our Fair Trade mission project by purchasing a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Cost is \$12.
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$50.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.

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For more information about any of these ways to donate please contact Anna Miller, Finance Manager (662-4466 or [amiller@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:amiller@firstpresbyterian.org))

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