



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 25, 2019

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Fantasy on the Chorale "Lobe den Herren" (8/11:00) Niels W. Gade
Prelude on "In Babilone" (9:30) Paul Manz

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

FAITH IN ACTION

Alpha House

Gail Einhaus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mares (11:00)

One: From fears that paralyze us;

All: Heal us, O Lord.

One: From illness that strangles us;

All: Heal us, O Lord.

One: From sorrows that weigh us down;

All: Heal us, O Lord.

One: From aimlessness that plagues our visions;

All: Heal us, O Lord.

* HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it. A world to feed us, and so many go hungry. A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. A world defined by justice and hospitality, and we can only imagine danger and fear. Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness, every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours. Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared, and those who live on it as our neighbors. We ask this that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world, and the service of our lives.

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**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA)

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Al Powell (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4–10

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

PSALM READING Psalm 103:1–8

Andrew Frazier (8:00)

Khayla Johnson (9:30)

Amy Ruhf (11:00)

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 13:10–17

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

SERMON

It Takes a Bit of Imagination

Rev. Sanderford

 **Responding** 

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line, to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge, to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

* **HYMN 795**

Healer of Our Every Ill

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

WELCOME

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Prelude on "Lobe den Herren" (8/11:00) Gerhard Krapf
My God Is a Rock (9:30) arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

* 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.*

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 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

* 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (8/11:00) John Carter
Prelude on "Lobe den Herren" (9:30) Paul Manz

* 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.

The Call to Worship is adapted from work by Katherine Hawker, *Outside the Box*. **The Prayer of Brokenness and Confession** is adapted from material written by John Birch, and posted on *Faith and Worship*. **The Affirmation of Faith** is from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, Scotland, and created by the Wild Goose Worship Group.

Musical leadership is provided by Chancel Choir.

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 Sandy Herbertson (9:30) and Debbie Swartz (11:00). **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Anne Kloack and Nancy Oliver (9:30) and Gail Grady and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Pflasterer (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski, and Brian, Molly, and Emma Schneidewind (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Chris Wahl, Elisabeth VanVliet, 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 Diane Knibbs (9:30) and Michele Derr (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one's heart. It means rather to find the way to God and to speak with Him, whether the heart is full or empty." —Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Chancel flowers are given by Rob Parker in loving memory of his parents, Howard and Dorothy Parker, who were married on August 26, 1939.

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 Marilyn Gibson. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

The FPC Tie-Dye Extravaganza is today on the Front Lawn, during Coffee Hour. Participants, remember to wear your tie-dye creation next Sunday, September 1, for worship and our Ice Cream Social.

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.

Youth and Families, today is "Youth at the Lake Sunday!" A late afternoon event at a nearby lake is scheduled for you to meet Mark Mares, our new Minister for Youth and Families, and his wife, Jenna. For more information, contact Rev. McGowan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services next Sunday, September 1. **Communion Food Collection** is during all three 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 and/or financial contributions for the Back Door Food Pantry, a joint mission of St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Social Services.

Welcome Back College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays beginning next Sunday, September 1, following the 11:00 a.m. service, coffee breaks during the week and other fun fellowship opportunities. Follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to get involved.

All are invited to discuss *Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World* this Thursday, August 29, at 11:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room. The discussion will be led by Rev. Sanderford. Books are available for purchase in the Church Office (\$15).

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 30, at Paesano's Restaurant & Wine Bar, 3411 Washtenaw Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. On Monday, September 2, Mature Singles will hold their annual Labor Day picnic at Lillie Park South (4365 Platt Road) at 1:00 p.m. Call Marcy (995-2519) for more information. All are welcome to attend both events.

Celebrate the end of summer at the First Pres Ice Cream Social next Sunday, September 1, during Coffee Hour. Wear your tie-dyed creation that you make today or a tie-dyed garment you already own.

The next First Pres Alpha House Host week is Monday, September 9–Sunday, September 15. Thank you in advance for any help you can give. You may sign up online or on the poster that will be in the Social Hall between services for the next several weeks.

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).

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.**

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.

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!

First Presbyterian's Feeding Our Neighbors Program needs volunteers! During our eight years of operation, the program has expanded from just picking up the cooked, but unsold, food at football games to include all Big Ten Basketball games, and food from the athlete's kitchen. The football games contribute about 1,000 lbs of hot dogs, brats, pizzas and pretzels per game. Basketball has eighteen home games each year, each contributing about 250 lbs per game. The best source of food is from the athlete's kitchen which prepares all the food for UM Athlete's and selected catered events. This food is extremely high quality and ready to be reheated and served by the social organizations we support such as Cass Community Services, Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, Circles, and First Presbyterian Church of Ypsilanti's Riverside Meal Program. Contact Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Join us and have a great time while serving others.

On the Road with Mature Ministries. Our three fall trips for those 60 and up have now been put together. Sign up online or call the Church Office to register for these trips:

September 19 to the MSU Museum in East Lansing for the exhibit, "Finding Our Voices: Sister Survivors Speak," 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., with lunch at the Beggars Banquet. Cost is \$25.

Thursday, October 17, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., to Applewood Estate, Flint, and the White Horse Inn, Metamora. Cost is \$30.

November 12 to the Detroit Parade Company with lunch at Buddy's, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost is \$40.

A chartered bus for all trips is included in the price. A non-refundable payment of \$10 is required for all trips— with final payment due 30 days before the trip. For more information, see our website.

Deposits for MM Trips are non-refundable. All final payments—for travel, lodging, meals and programs—are due 30 days before any trip takes place. Refunds are only possible if notice is given 72 hours or more before the event AND if another member can be found to take your place. Otherwise, your deposits and payments are forfeited.

Team First Pres is Back! We haven't run a particular race for a few years, but it's time! Join us for the Gallup Gallop (3.2 miles/5K) on Friday night, September 6, to support Food Gatherers. Spots are limited so sign up online today (<https://www.gallupgallop5k.org/>) and let Rev. Ruhf know you will be there (aruhf@firstpresbyterian.org). Join "Team First Pres!" We will gather at a central location, so let us know you are running so we can gather before and after and support one another. Watch for an email for participating runners a few days before with more details.

T2A2 - Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor invite the participation of all young adults looking to build community.

What do we do?

- Serve the community through organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Circles, and Feeding our Neighbors: Stadium Food Rescue.
- Meet for small group on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. to discuss faith-related questions and grow with one another spiritually.
- Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. to hang out and catch up.
- Get together for special events such as brunch, kayaking, cross-country skiing, apple picking, concerts, watching the Super Bowl, and game nights. You name it; we probably do it!

Upcoming T2A2 special events include:

- **Welcome Picnic** on Sunday, September 1, at 12:30 p.m.
- **Small Group Kick-off** on Sunday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Mini-Golf** on Saturday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wiard's Orchards** on Saturday, October 12, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Haley Brown (habrown989@gmail.com), Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu), or Rev. Evans McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org).

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