



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

FAITH IN ACTION Feeding Our Neighbors

Don Redding

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Jesus has the words of eternal life.

All: He is the Holy one of God.

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 451**

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we do not always live as resurrected people. We live within the fears and cares of this world, that we don't have enough, that we are not good enough. Forgive us for not seeing Your image in us. Forgive us for not seeking Your life in us. Help us to see we are made in Your love, Your image, Your peace. In the name of the risen Christ, who offers us peace, 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**

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

🌿 Proclaiming 🌿

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lana Smith

FIRST READING John 4:4–13

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

ANTHEM *I Will Not Leave You Comfortless* Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless
I will come to you yet again:
And your heart shall be joyful.
Alleluia.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING John 4:14–30

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

SERMON

Essie Koenig-Reinke

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 391**

Take My Life

HENDON

WELCOME

Rev. Parks-Piatt

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**

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 464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Please sing stanzas 1 and 2.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sun-ward in the triumph song of life.**

* 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 Andy Spaulding to preach this morning at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

This fall Andy begins his final year at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He is grateful for all the prayers, support, and other ways in which First Pres has sustained him over the past two years. He is overjoyed to have the opportunity to worship with his church and always looks forward to trips back to Ann Arbor.

Today's **Call to Worship** is adapted from Call to Worship resources from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. The **Prayer of Confession** is adapted from the writings of Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell.

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 Sandy Herold and Gail Grady. **The Church Office** is staffed by Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Doug Gottlieb and Ginny Rezmierski (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Marcia Andress (11:00). **Sound system volunteer** is Roland Kibler (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Nicole Jolliet, Charlie, Luke, and Jim Rogers, and Ken Westfall (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, and Linda Lampman (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 service. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs and Carolyn Schultz (9:30) and Gail Grady (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is exhaling the spirit of humanness and inhaling the spirit of God." – Edwin Keith

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

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

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. Cookies are provided by Nancy Fox, Lilli Miller, and Carol Downton.

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.

All are invited to "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. Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis/Founders Rooms. 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 Point Yacht Club on August 30.

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

Next Sunday, September 2, is Super Sundaes Sunday! Join us for an ice cream social on the Circle Terrace following the 9:30 a.m. service. Create a super sundae with a choice of flavors and lots of toppings. There will be cookies and coffee, too, of course. Want to help with set up, serving, or clean up? Contact Lynne Lande (lynnelande@me.com). All are welcome!

T2A2 Brunch is next Sunday, September 2. All in their 20s & 30s are welcome to celebrate Labor Day Weekend with a potluck brunch Sunday, September 2, at 12:30 p.m. at the Gere residence (2106 Vinewood Boulevard). Bring a dish to share and join us for good food and conversation! If you're not coming straight from the 11:00 a.m. worship service and can bring a warm dish, that would be helpful. RSVP to Rev. Parks-Piatt (dparks-piatt@firstpresbyterian.org).

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. Raise your voice in song with us. Contact Interim Director of Music Ministries Dr. Richard Ingram for more information.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 31, at Panda House Restaurant, 29 North Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. The group meets again on Monday, September 3, at the home of Marcy Toon, at 1:00 p.m., for a Labor Day picnic. Please bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Marcy (995-2519).

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.

Join us in feeding our neighbors. First Presbyterian Church collects food from the UM Stadium and Crisler Arena after football and basketball games with the support of the Sodexo organization. The food is given to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, both in Detroit. Volunteer online on our First Pres website under Local Missions.

On Saturday, September 29, we will have small group dinners in homes, called “Oh the Places You’ve Been!” An intergenerational event, you will be in a group and bring a dish to pass from a place you have been, with a few photos, and at least one story to tell about a recent travel experience. From New Orleans to Niger, from Nicaragua to Easter Island or the Old Mission Peninsula, choose your recent travel, bring a dish, and tell us where you’ve been! Sign-ups begin September 2 at Coffee Hour.

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 a.m. 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 p.m. Presentation in the Social Hall: Dr. Andy Hoffman, “Finding Purpose: Environmental Stewardship as a Personal Calling”

On Sunday, October 7, we will have an all-church trip to the UM Men’s Soccer Game v. Indiana. Look for details next week, and you’ll be able to reserve your tickets for this 1:00 p.m. game. Whether you are truly a Go Blue fan, rooting for the Hoosiers, or just enjoy soccer, bring your kids and root on your team with the Presbyterians!

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$9 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request a baptism
- 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. There are several available dates this fall.

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.

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 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.

Questions? Please leave your written questions in the box provided outside the Church Office. All questions will be answered.

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