



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018  
FAMILY WORSHIP

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

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Benedictus*

Alec Rowley

*"I bring refreshment; I bring ease and calm"*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Alpha House

Anne Gere

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Open the doors; look to the hills!

**All: Love comes to us with joy!**

One: There is music and sweetness,

**All: an abundance of grace.**

One: The world is filled with beauty.

**All: The realm of God's love is here**

One: Arise and sing for joy!

**All: We come with joy to meet our Lord!**

\* HYMN 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us: to live faithful lives, to turn from wickedness, to walk in your ways; yet it is so easy to turn aside: to speak a thoughtless word, to ignore those in need, to strike out in anger, to forget your ways. Forgive us. Implant your word in our hearts. By the power of your love, cleanse us from all evil, so that we may faithfully serve you.**

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

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

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Harper Feyen (9:30)

Lisa Shultz (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Song of Solomon 2:8–13

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

ANTHEM

*Rise Up, My Love*

Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear upon the earth.

The time of singing of birds is come.

Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

One: When it's the night before going to school, and we're picking out our clothes and making sure we have all our school supplies,

**Children: Jesus is with us.**

One: When we're waking up and eating breakfast to start the day,

**Children: Jesus is with us.**

One: When we meet our teachers and new friends in our classes,

**Children: Jesus is with us.**

One: When we're playing with our friends at recess,

**Children: Jesus is with us.**

One: When we're telling our families about our day at school,

**Children: Jesus is with us.**

One: When we're praying at night and thanking God for our families, our friends and our schools,

**Children: Jesus is with us.**

One: Let's pray together:

**All: Bless, O God, our cherished children. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their faith and their gifts. Amen.**

BLESSING FOR YOUTH (9:30)

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:17–27

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

SERMON

*What's Our Superpower?*

Rev. McGowan

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# 🌿 Responding 🌿

\* HYMN 335

*Though I May Speak*

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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**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

*Please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.*

**Communion Music** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

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As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

### Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\* **HYMN 411**                      *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*                      FESTAL SONG  
*Please sing stanzas 1-3.*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Arise, your light is come!**  
**The mountains burst in song!**  
**Rise up like eagles on the wing;**  
**God's power will make us strong.**

\* **POSTLUDE**                      *Crown Imperial*                      William Walton

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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.

**Today we are gifted with *Arise*, two beautiful new weavings in our Sanctuary created by our own Lois Bryant.** The word “arise” means to come into being; to originate from a source; to move upward. As you worship with us, we invite you to meditate on the Holy Spirit moving through our church, depicted in the transformation of colors and shapes as well as the upward movement. These weavings incorporate the colors of the liturgical calendar: red, blue, purple, white and green. Red symbolizes Pentecost, when the apostles receive the Holy Spirit through tongues of fire and then go out into the world to found the church and share the gospel. Blue and purple represent the seasons of Advent and Lent, each culminating in white as the penultimate events of Jesus’ life: His Birth and Resurrection, Christmas and Easter. White also symbolizes the sacraments of Communion and Baptism in the life of the church. Green interweaves throughout, being always present in our worship as a symbol of growth and the ongoing renewal of the church in the world. From beginning to end, we see God’s grace in the dazzling display of colors; a metaphor for the work and ministry of the people of God, forever rising upward, so the kingdom of God on earth is ever aspiring to the kingdom of God in heaven. Arise!

**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org).

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**The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Doug Gottliebse and Ginny Rezmierski (9:30) and Jane Hayes and Pam Ehrhart (11:00). **Sound system** volunteer is Roland Kibler (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, Dean Gilchrist, Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Chris Wahl, You Li, and Kay Fuller(9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jim Douglass (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Cindy Lambrides, Gregg, Stacey, and Vincent Pakela, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 service. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs and Jean White (9:30) and Deborah Campbell and Pam Rinker (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "True prayer brings a person's will into accordance with God's will, not the other way around." – Anonymous

**Musical leadership** is provided by Josh Marzan, piano (8:00/11:00), Carol Muehlig, organ (9:30), and Chancel Choir (9:30).

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Lewis and Maxine Profit by their son Kirk.

## **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)).

**Communion Food Offering** is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for the Back Door Food Pantry, an interfaith outreach program of St. Clair's Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Social Services.

**Today is Super Sundae 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 toppings. There will be cookies and coffee, too. Cookie bakers are Linda Lampman, Betty Anderson, and Carol German.

**Today is Family Sunday.** **Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrance to Monteith Hall for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

**T2A2 Brunch is today at 12:30 p.m.** All in their 20s & 30s are welcome to celebrate Labor Day weekend with a potluck brunch at the Gere residence (2106 Vinewood Boulevard).

**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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The church building will be closed tomorrow, September 3, in observation of Labor Day.**

**The Mature Singles' annual Labor Day picnic** is at the home of Marcy Toon at 1:00 p.m., tomorrow, September 3. Bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Marcy (995-2519). **Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome at both of these gatherings.

**Welcome Back College Students!** Our undergrad Campus Ministry program, UKirk@UMich, is kicking off the year with our first College Lunch today after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and tubing on the Huron River at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow on Labor Day at Argo Park. Our weekly events include College Lunch on Sundays at 12:00 p.m., Coffee Crew on Monday afternoons at Beansters in the League, and Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League. Please contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information. We would love to meet you and take you out to coffee or lunch!

**Join us for a special University Luncheon on Sunday, September 16.** Following the 11:00 a.m. service, students, alumni, and staff associated with the University of Michigan and other nearby colleges are invited to the Social Hall for a lunchtime discussion with guest preacher Dr. Gerald McKenny about how our church engages with the campus community. RSVP online or in the Church Office. There is no cost but donations are appreciated. Contact Revs. Koenig-Reinke and McGowan ([campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org)) to volunteer or obtain more information.

**On Tuesday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. First Pres will be one of several host congregations for a progressive dinner, a hospitality event for University of Michigan students.** Congregations will prepare tapas/small plates, so we need church members to prepare dishes. If you would like to provide an appetizer, contact Rev. Buckley or signup online.

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

12:00 p.m. Lunch 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"

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

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**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.

**Are you “Meeting the Members”?** Our email goes out once a week that introduces you to one of First Pres’ amazing people. 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!

**The Men’s Study Group** meets this Friday, September 7, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. The group meets the first and third Friday mornings until May. The fall book is Kate Bowler’s *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I Have Loved*. All are welcome! Books are available in the Church Office for \$16.00. Contact Rev. Sanderford if you have questions.

**All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series presentation, “Ten Ways to Have a Better Conversation,” A TED Talk with Celeste Headlee, on Monday, September 10, in Monteith Hall, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Celeste Headlee has worked as a radio host for decades, and she knows the ingredients of a great conversation: Honesty, brevity, clarity and a healthy amount of listening. In this talk, she shares ten useful rules for having better conversations. This is a short video presentation, followed up with a group discussion.

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

**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 (\$12)
- 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.

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## Fall Start-Up is next Sunday, September 9

### *Adult Education Opportunities:*

- 9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30**  
**First Couples**
- 11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith**

### *Children's Ministry Opportunities:*

- 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders
- 10:30 a.m. **Sunday School Open House**
- 10:30 a.m. **Children's Choir**
- 11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

### *Youth Ministry Opportunities:*

- 9:20 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway
- 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**
- 5:30 p.m. **Youth Group Kickoff** (grades 6–12)

### **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff  
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