



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

Cultivate
Our Community in Christ

Gathering

PRELUDE

Variations on "Foundation" (8:00)

Gilbert M. Martin

Psalms Prelude, Set 2, No. 2 (9:30/11:00)

Herbert Howells

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and light to Thee are both alike. Ps. 139: v. 11

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. McGowan (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Feeding Our Neighbors

Don Redding

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 139)

Andrew Frazier (9:30/11:00)

One: We've come to worship God,

All: who loved us before we were yet born,

One: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

**All: whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**

One: This is our God.

All: Let's worship this God together!

* HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you are the potter, shaping the world and molding our spirits.
Your creation is an act of grace and in your every word a fountain of life.
Mold and shape us once again, O God, as we confess our sins before
you. Drip the water of your Spirit on to our dry and cracked edges,
and push us with your gentle fingers to reflect your handiwork. Create
love where there is hatred, deep faith where there is shallow religion,
generosity where there is selfish greed, and wholeness where there are
shattered pieces. For we know your work is not complete in us,
and that our lives are made complete in 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."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA)

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Strodtman (8:00)

Tom Brandt (9:30)

Dave Andrea (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 14:25–35

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 18:1–11

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 5** *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

WELCOME

Rev. Johnson (9:30)

Rev. Ruhf (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Prelude on "Repton" (8:00)

John Ferguson

Lord, You Have Searched Me (9:30/11:00)

Howard Helvey

(Psalm 139)

* **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 (9:30/11:00)

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

Darin and Kerry Tharp present their daughter, Lucy Paige Tharp, born March 6, 2019, for baptism at 9:30. Daniel and Ashley Wood present their son, Wesley Joseph Wood, born February 8, 2019, for baptism at 9:30. Andrew and Lindsley Paine present their daughter, Winifred Etkin Paine, born December 28, 2019, for baptism at 11:00.

* **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 486 *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 432** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* REPTON

* **BENEDICTION**

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

This is Hymn 748, Go with Us, Lord (TALLIS' CANON)

* POSTLUDE

Allegro comodo

Horatio Parker

* 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.

Musical leadership at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. is provided by Chancel Choir and Florina Petrescu, violin.

Acolytes include Cora Meade, Gwen Richert, and Evan Richert.

Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Gary Calhoun.

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 is Dianne Santinga. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Sharon Sheldon and Sara VanderVoort (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Prue Heikkinen (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Angela Yang, Dean Gilchrist, Spaulding Clark, Elsa and Dick Stuber, Nikki Sorter, Peggy and Carter Hodgson, and Carol Smith (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jim Douglass (captain), Gregg and Stacey Pakela, Jeannette Middleton, and Cindy Lambrides (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** are Nancy Fox and Diane Knibbs (9:30) and Deborah Campbell and Meg Brown (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "To pray is to expose the shores of the mind to the incoming tide of God."
—Ralph Washington Sockman

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Worshipping Together Milestone: First Graders in Worship

Today we welcome our first graders to worship. Each first grader is given a Milestone to mark this new part of their Christian faith journey, a red tote bag with a personal notebook to bring to church each week, and a “church passport” with eight different activities to do during the year as they explore “Worshipping Together.”

Welcome First Graders! We are so glad you are a part of our church family!

Logan Blackburn

Kylie Campbell

Adeline (Addie) Carlisle

Elijah (Eli) Cheng

Ethan Crawford

Olivia DeLand

Jack Groves

Audie Lampman

Joshua Lee

Cora Meade

Nicholas Mitchell

Greyson Peters

Henry Peters

Quinn Swenson

Jaqueline (Jackie) Vercler

Ben Zink

Fall Start-Up is Today!

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**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:15 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)

Enjoy the Christian Education Strolling Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m. Wander each floor of the building and visit different educational spaces. Learn about programs for you, your children, and your family as we cultivate a community in Christ!

Third Floor – Room 301

Check out the new Family Space set up for children and families! Interested in volunteering or teaching a Sunday school class? Sign up there!

Second Floor – Curtis Room

Come and see what’s up for this year’s Confirmation Class and get information on New Members classes. Parents and potential mentors are welcome!

First Floor - Monteith Hall

Peruse Adult Education and Mission offerings while noshing on finger foods and sipping on coffee.

Lower Level - Youth Room

Discover what our high schoolers and 6th & 7th graders are up to, enjoy a donut and meet our new Minister of Youth and Families, Rev. Mark Mares!

A new member class begins today! A three-part series, each one-hour class will be focused on learning about God, the PCUSA, our church, and most importantly, one another! Join us as we grow in faith and take steps to unite with this church family. We meet September 8, 15, and 22, from 11:00–noon, in the Curtis Room. Come for the classes you can attend. Led by staff and members of the Congregational Life Committee, the joining occurs on September 29 at 8:00 a.m.

T2A2–Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor– invite the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group Kick-off** is tonight, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Haley Brown (habrown989@gmail.com), Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu), or Rev. Evans McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for Sunday, September 22, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2022 and for electing the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, September 13, at Paesano’s Restaurant & Wine Bar, 3411 Washtenaw Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Ministry at Alpha House Week. This week First Pres will support 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 during Coffee Hour. If you have questions, contact Gail Einhaus, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere.

Mature Ministries Kick-off is this Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Social Hall. Join us for a special lunch between two great presentations. At 11:00 a.m., Amy Emberling, Co-Owner of Zingerman’s Bakehouse presents “Zingerman’s Bakehouse: Staying Vibrant & Relevant for Another 25 Years!” At 12:45 p.m., Geoff Emberling, Associate Research Scientist at the Kelsey Museum, presents “Archaeology and Community in Sudan.” Sign up online or by contacting the Church Office.

Welcome Back, College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays 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@first-presbyterian.org) for more information and to get involved.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 17, at 9:15 a.m., in the Curtis Room. The study will use *The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy* by Nancy Guthrie. For additional information or questions, please contact Anne Kloack (annekloack@sbcglobal.net) or Lois Nissly (Inissly@comcast.net). All women are welcome.

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.

Children's Choir (K–5) begins next Sunday, September 15, 10:30–10:55 a.m., in Room 300, with Kellie McInchak, Director. All children are invited.

It's not too late to join the Chancel Choir (College-age – Adults) for this program year! Rehearsals are on Thursday nights, 7:00–9:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. For more information, contact Dave VanderMeer.

Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir (College-age – Adult) begins rehearsals tomorrow, Monday, September 9, 7:00–8:30 p.m., in the Handbell Room on the third floor. If you are interested in ringing, contact Dave VanderMeer.

The Philippine Mission Team's Annual Pig Roast will be 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.

Children and youth (grades K-12) are invited to be acolytes. They will participate in the processional at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. worship, carrying in the Christ Light, Cross, and Bible. A coordinator will be available each week to assist them. Acolytes may attend their Sunday school class or stay for worship. Sign up or find out more on our website.

The Wisdom Project: Sharing what is most important with those who are most important to us. Join us for a workshop on Tuesday mornings in October, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., in the French Room. This workshop is limited to 20 people, age 50 and up., who can commit to all four gatherings. What is the Wisdom Project? Our Personal Faith memories can be grouped in four tracks or categories — Creative Expression, Joy and Happiness, Harmony, and Adversity. Each week we will focus on one of these topics, identifying our own faith memories and how we might share them with others we care about. Our facilitator is First Pres member Howard Deardorff. Sign up by September 25 by contacting Rev. Rogers.

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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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:

- **Mini-Golf** on Saturday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wiard's Orchards** on Saturday, October 12, at 2:30 p.m.

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