



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**

*Sonata in D Minor: Fuga; Finale*

Felix Mendelssohn

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Buckley (11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**

Annual Giving

Pat Tamblyn

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are God's people,

**All: called to love and serve.**

One: Humbled by this call,

**All: we give God our best.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

\* **HYMN 420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of all, you bless us with far more than we deserve. You create us to live in community and to care for one another. Again and again, we fail to be the people you create us to be. Open our eyes so that, rather than ignoring our sins, we face them and repent and know your full forgiveness. Bless us with your grace, that we may see one another as you see us, with eyes of compassion. Fill us with the desire to understand one another rather than to judge, and to model our behavior after that of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name 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."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Nancy Fox (8:00)  
Bruce Thomson (9:30)  
Robin Fosheim-Hoag (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Proverbs 22:6–12, 22–25

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

**ANTHEM** *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (Elijah)*

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord;  
And He shall sustain thee:  
He never will suffer the righteous to fall;  
He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord is great,  
And far above the heavens.  
Let none be made ashamed  
That wait upon Thee.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 John 4:7–12, 16b–21

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

**SERMON**

*Living God's Love*

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 374** *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

**WELCOME**

Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Bless Us, O God*

Ruth Watson Henderson

O God, that we may receive your blessing,  
Touch our brows, touch our heads,  
And do not look upon us in anger.

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In a hard year, offer us mercy;  
In a year of affliction offer us kindness;  
Dark spirits banish from us,  
Bright spirits bring close to us;  
Gray spirits put away from us,  
Good spirits draw near us.

When we are afraid, offer us courage;  
When we are ashamed, be our true face;  
Be over us like a blanket,  
Be under us like a bed of furs. Amen.

*The text of the Offertory Anthem this morning is a traditional  
Mongolian Prayer asking for God's mercy and loving kindness.*

\* **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 367**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHEREPONI

*Please sing stanzas 1–4.*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Chorus: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,*

**Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,**

**This is the way we should live with You. *Chorus***

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Chorale Improvisation on "Cwm Rhondda"*

Paul Manz

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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.

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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 is 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 Margie Perrett and George Hendrickson. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Barb and Dick Carlisle and Nancy Oliver (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Karen Mundus (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Brian Rubel (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Elisabeth VanVliet, Ali, Ken, and Ava Westfall, Kay Fuller, Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Spaulding Clark, Carol Smith, and Florian Trouvain (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 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Nancy Fox and Dianne Santinga (9:30) and Linda Lampman (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go." – Abraham Lincoln

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Thomas Ford by his wife, Heidi; and in loving memory of Dave and Pat Clyde on their anniversary by their offspring.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 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)).

**Today is kick-off Sunday for the 2019 stewardship season.** Last year's guiding theme of "Letting Love Show" has evolved slightly to "Living God's Love." Both are important, and both take intentional action in our daily lives to make our world a better place. Stewardship packets will be mailed this week. The appeal will wrap up on Commitment Sunday, October 21. If you prefer, you may pick up your packet today near the Welcome Center from 7:45–9:45, and in the Social Hall from 10:00–12:30. This will reduce mailing costs and give you a chance to ask questions of the Stewardship Work Group. You can also view stewardship materials online and pledge at [firstpresbyterian.org/contribute](http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute). Thank you for your ongoing support!

**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. **Cookies** are provided by Kim Byers-Granito, Ginny Horan, and Ozora McCarthy.

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare and Sunday School classes** are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Choir** rehearses 10:30–10:55 a.m. in Room 300. Children's Choir will rehearse every Sunday when Sunday School is scheduled. There will be no rehearsals on Family Sundays.

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### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**All youth grades 6–12** are invited to join us for our scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome. We hope you'll join us! Munch and Mingle begins at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the Lower Level. Sunday School and Confirmation classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

**Youth Choir** rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor. **All-Youth Dinner** is at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. **Youth Groups** meet at 6:00 p.m.

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. This year's theme is "The Bible Speaks to You about the Important Ideas." All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

**First Friends** meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group that offers a safe, supportive gathering to discuss religious and spiritual topics. In September the group explores Adam Hamilton's book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*.

**Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. Today's topic, presented by Rev. Katherine Lee Baker, Chaplain and Coordinator for Spiritual Care at Mercy Health St. Mary's in Grand Rapids, is "Christians View Today's Political Divide: The Sarasota Statement." All are welcome.

**First Forum is in the Curtis and Founders Rooms at 12:15 p.m.** Rev. Katherine Lee Baker, one of eight young Presbyterian clergy members who wrote the Sarasota Statement, will focus on how we do theology today. A light lunch will be served (\$5). Copies of the Sarasota Statement are available in the Church Office.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book of Revelation. 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**

**You are invited to be part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) response to Hurricane Florence.** PDA assessment teams are on the ground, assessing damage and planning for the recovery efforts. Volunteer rebuilding teams will be needed in the near future; contact Rev. Sanderford if you are interested. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA: Florence" in the memo line. You may also donate directly to PDA online, through our First Pres web site. Please be in prayer for those communities ravaged by the hurricane.

**Make First Pres your church home! The new member class scheduled for today has been postponed to October 30 and November 6, at 7:00 p.m.** Please let Rev. Rogers know if you can attend. We would love to welcome you to formal membership. Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org); 355-2351).

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**College Students, UKirk@UMich, our undergraduate Campus Ministry, invites you to join us for any of our weekly, FREE events.**

Eat with us at our College Lunch on Sundays at noon (meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service), take a study break with the Coffee Crew on Monday afternoons, 1:00–5:00 p.m., in the League, and have faithful conversation at our Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League. The French Room (Library) is available from 10:30 a.m. to noon each Sunday for snacks and studying. Want to talk with just one or two of us? We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life! Please contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information, including information about our Fall Retreat, Yoga classes, and Spring Break trip to Puerto Rico. Follow us on Instagram: @UKirkUMich.

**This 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 sign up online.

**Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets Tuesdays, at 9:15 a.m., in the Curtis Room. The fall study will use *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis* by Nancy Guthrie. Books will be available for purchase in class. Contact Lois Nissley ([lnissly@gmail.com](mailto:lnissly@gmail.com)) or Anne Kloack ([annekloack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annekloack@sbcglobal.net)) if you have questions. All women are welcome.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, September 28, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Join us for a presentation on Brahms' Requiem this Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.** Local music expert Richard LeSueur will provide a one-hour background presentation about the *Requiem* to introduce our six-week series: "Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: the Bible and Brahms' *Requiem*." Richard has been a repertoire consultant for singers and accompanists such as Jessye Norman, Arleen Auger, Cecilia Bartoli, Elly Ameling, Renée Fleming, Dalton Baldwin and John Wustman. Richard is also a Chairperson of the UM Friends of Opera.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) announces another great home Bible study.** The PW Weekly Bible Study, that had been held last May on a trial basis, has now been scheduled throughout the PW 2018–2019 year. This weekly study's first session will be on Thursday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. The William Barclay Bible commentary will again be used as a study guide. All are welcome to join in this weekly Bible study at the home of Meg Brown (8 Geddes Heights). Contact Meg (623-4323; [lmegbrown@gmail.com](mailto:lmegbrown@gmail.com)) for more information.

**If you are a current or incoming elder or deacon, plan to attend the Church officer retreat November 9 – 10.** Please register as soon as possible by talking to Rev. Blair Buckley. The deadline for registration is October 5.

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**Are you called to be a Stephen Minister? Now is the time!** First Pres is recruiting a new class of trainees who will begin their training in January of 2019. Stephen Ministers have a heart for those who could use a Christian friend to accompany them through a difficult time in their lives. They are active and compassionate listeners, non-judgmental people. They commit to a schedule for initial training and later, regular meetings each month, in addition to meeting with the care-receiver assigned to them. Our 50-hour training program is held on Monday evenings and a few Saturdays through May 2019. Applications are available in the Church Office and are due by Sunday, November 4. Interviews will be conducted and the selection process completed by Thanksgiving. Please pray about whether this is the ministry for you, and see Rev. Rogers, one of the Resident Ministers, or a member of the Stephen Ministry Leader Team (Kathy Wirstrom, Mary McKeever, Charlie Koopman, Karen Al-Saadi, Deanne Woodruff, Rev. Bill Findlay, Rev. Rogers) if you have further questions.

**Join us for “Conversations on Gun Violence” on Sunday, September 30 and Sunday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.** The Session of First Presbyterian Church has asked the Adult Education committee to provide multiple opportunities to discuss and learn about the realities and possible solutions to gun violence. On September 30, Rev. Barb McRae, Presbyterian pastor and Faith Engagement Lead with Mothers Against Gun Violence, will review Presbyterian Church (USA) theology, General Assembly policy, and Presbyterian Peace Fellowship action ideas on gun violence prevention. On October 7, Dwight L. Wilson will speak forthrightly as an African-American religious leader who grew up in a family where both sides actively participated in the gun culture.

**The Haiti Nursing Foundation needs your support** for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Support a Healthier Haiti” fall event on Friday, September 28, 2018, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Ann Arbor City Club. Tickets are \$75 each. There will be great food, an engaging program, and amazing items for live and silent auction. Contact the Haiti Nursing Foundation Office (887-6359) for more information.

**The last weekend of September will be full of events for families with school-age children.** On Saturday, September 29, 10:30–11:30 a.m. families with younger children (through early elementary) will host a Fairy Door Tour together. On Sunday, September 30, the families with older elementary/middle school kids will host a backyard BBQ. Families with school-age children are invited to both of these events! Please email Rev. Blair Buckley if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

**A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session** for Sunday, October 7, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2021 and for the 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee.

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### ***Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy – The Bible & Brahms' Requiem***

On Sunday, November 4, the Chancel Choir will present Brahms' *Requiem* as part of our All Saints' Day observances. To prepare, a seven-class adult education series will be offered, providing an in-depth study of the Biblical foundations of the *Requiem*. You are invited to attend the class with two options:

Monday class begins October 1, 10:30 a.m.–noon, in the Vance Room.  
Kathy Wirstrom is the leader.

Wednesday class meets September 19–October 31, 6:30–8:30 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Ed Koster is the leader.

Sign up in the Church Office. A Kerygma resource book (\$16) is available in the Church Office.

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#### **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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