



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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OCTOBER 1, 2017
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Mark Sedio

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come from many different places

All: to worship and sing praise to one God.

One: We come with different gifts

All: to join one another in serving God.

One: We come with different needs

All: and call on God who cares for us each one.

One: God is here! Let us worship God!

HYMN *Amen, Siyakudumisa* Traditional Xhosa (South Africa)

Please remain seated until invited to stand and join the choirs singing:

Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa,

Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.

Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo,

Amen, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.

This text means: Amen, we praise your name, O God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all nations, God of all peoples, we come into your presence aware that we are not the people you create us to be. We are quick to pass judgment on one another and to build barriers between us. We are eager to cast blame and slow to take responsibility. We are not humble in your presence or in the presence of our fellow human beings. Awaken us to the beauty of the diversity around us and to the joy that is found in living in peace. We ask it in Christ's name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

Following the Passing of the Peace, please be seated as the choirs lead us in song and movement.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Madeline Montgomery

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 105:1-6

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2:1-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

True faith is not only a certain knowledge by which I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his word, but also a wholehearted trust which the Holy Spirit creates in me through the gospel, that, not only to others, but to me also God has given the forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation, out of sheer grace solely for the sake of Christ's saving work.

(from The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562)

* HYMN 400

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford

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.

Choral Response *Tuya es la Gloria* Latin American
Tuya es la gloria, la honra también; *Yours is the glory, the honor too;*
tuya para siempre. Amén. Amén. *yours forever. Amen. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

The elements will be passed. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on the wafer tray.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* **HYMN 432** *Song of Hope* ARGENTINA
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* **RESPONSE** *Hevenu Shalom Alechem* Israeli Folk Song
Please join the choirs singing when indicated:
**Hevenu shalom alechem,
hevenu shalom alechem,
hevenu shalom alechem,
hevenu shalom, shalom, shalom alechem.**

* POSTLUDE

* 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**. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

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 Catherine Kendall and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Karen Mundus and Carolyn Schultz at 9:30 a.m., and Gail Grady and John and Dawn Pankopf at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Joe Schmidt at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Sandy Herold, Paul Goodman, and Georgia Goodman at 11:00 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister or prayer team member is available for prayer at the Communion Table. **Prayer team members** are Brad Taylor, Martha Kershaw, and Pat Gilbreath (9:30) and Pam Rinker and Marolin Bellefleur (11:00). “That, which begins not with prayer, seldom winds up with comfort.” – John Flavel

Chancel flowers are given by Nancy Rugani in loving memory of her family.

Worship leadership includes an intergenerational choir comprising singers from Children’s Choir, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir.

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).

Communion Food Collection is today. As we are fed at the Lord’s Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today’s recipient is the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Today we receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering for projects that represent the values of justice and peace locally and around the world. This summer, as part of our summer reading series, many of us read and were captivated by *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson, a book that told heartbreaking stories of injustice in our country. The First Pres Mission Committee has selected the program area of Racism and Economic Justice at the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice in Ann Arbor to receive the local portion of today’s Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, John and Dawn Pankopf, and Sheryl Powell. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

Sign up during Coffee Hour for a Fall Small Group. Small groups will meet every other week in hosts’ homes, beginning October 6 or 8. Come to discuss biblical texts and Adam Hamilton’s short book *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say*. Books are available for purchase in the Church Office (\$14).

Make First Pres your church home! Join us as members by attending the New Member Class today, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child-care are provided. The New Member Breakfast is on October 15 at 8:00 a.m. (childcare provided), and new members are introduced in worship that morning. We would love to welcome you to formal membership as a full or affiliate member!

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. 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 Sanctuary entrances for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) rehearses at 4:30 p.m.

All-Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Mids, our middle school youth group, meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. **Keys, our high school youth group,** meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Couples meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for “Exploring Our Stories of Faith.” Recall your own story of faith as you hear the faith story of Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt, one of our cohort of 2017-2019 Resident Ministers.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for “The Reformation: Then and Now.” Today’s session, “Sola Fide: By Faith Alone,” is presented by Rev. Dr. Todd Cioffi from Calvin College. He will explore the connections between “faith” and the ethics of our system of mass incarceration.

Reformation resource is offered. As a companion for our “Reformation: Then and Now” series, First Pres offers *Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers: 95 Key Events, People, and Issues* by Donald K. McKim. Copies are available in the Church Office for \$10.

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday so we can treat you to lunch. We also invite you to meet for “Wednesdays @ 8:00,” a weekly gathering for fellowship, snacks, and faithful conversation at the Michigan League. For more information, please contact Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) or Resident Minister Blair Buckley (bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org).

Fall Small Group Leader Training is today at 12:15 p.m. Join us for a light lunch in the Lewis Room followed by a training session in the Vance Room. Hosts and conveners from each quad and T2A2 are welcome, as are other people interested in learning how to lead small groups for Advent, Lent, and beyond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photographers are needed to photograph a baptism family before a worship service begins, or to snap a few pictures at a church potluck. Please contact Rev. Rogers if you would like to volunteer.

Are you a young(ish) adult looking to connect with others in Ann Arbor? Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor (T2A2) is a great way to meet people and build community! To learn more or receive updates about events, email Rev. Parks-Piatt (dparks-piatt@firstpresbyterian.org).

There is still room for more guests around the Saturday Suppers tables on October 21. A “must try” for new church members, this is the place to put names to the faces you see on Sundays and to experience the warmth of church fellowship while sharing a satisfying potluck supper. Registration continues online through October 9 or you may sign up in person during Coffee Hour next Sunday, October 8. Contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

Mature Ministries invites those age 60 and up for a hike in Goll Woods Nature Preserve followed by lunch at Sauder Village this Tuesday, October 3. Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Rain date is October 10. All are welcome.

Mature Ministries Book Discussion is next Sunday, October 8, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Smith (A2 Westside). *Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg will be discussed.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, October 6, 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway.

Hurricane Recovery Update: Sixty-four clean up buckets were packed and shipped to victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma last Sunday. The Mission Committee expresses gratitude to the First Pres community for amazing generosity. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance reports that people have given more than \$3 million dollars and more than 400 churches have expressed an interest in sending work teams to Texas or Florida. Years of recovery lie ahead and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. PDA’s emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by generous gifts. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with “PDA: Harvey” or “PDA Irma” in the memo line. First Pres is gathering a volunteer work team; contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

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 or contact Rev. Sanderford.

Please support the Deacons' Blood Drive Thursday, October 19, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate blood either online (www.redcrossblood.org) or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. Contact Barb Brewster (dexter4brews@aol.com; 646-5571) if you can assist with the sign-up or if you have questions.

The Russia Mission Team will host a dinner in the Social Hall with the theme "Between Worlds" this Friday, October 6, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dr. Laura Kline of Wayne State University will speak on "The Intersections between Politics, Faith, and Culture in Russia Today." Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith will speak on "Ministry in Russia," including updates on our congregation's connection with the church and summer camp in Davydovo. Please sign up online by this Tuesday, October 3. The price for the dinner is \$7.00 per person or \$30.00 per family, whichever amount is smaller. All are invited.

All are invited to participate in a special Mission Forum in the next Sunday, October 8, at 12:15 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Join us for lunch and a presentation by Mission Co-Worker Ellen Smith on "Today's Pressing Issues in Russian Ministry."

Middle School LOCK-IN is Saturday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. – Sunday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.

All Middle Schoolers (6 - 8th grades) are invited to spend the night in church! There will be epic games, late night outings, stellar movies, and some serious snacking. Cost is \$10 + your favorite late night snack to share. RSVP to Essie by Friday, October 8, if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

A Fun, Festive Fall Afternoon for High School Students –

All High Schoolers are invited to join us on Sunday, October 22 for an afternoon outing (2:00 - 5:30 pm) to Alber's Orchard & Cider Mill. There will be fellowship, apples, cider, donuts and MORE. It's sure going to be a great time! The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Essie by Friday, October 8. Join us for some fall fun!

You are invited to attend an event of UM's Conference on Organ Music at our church tomorrow, October 2, 2:00 p.m., presented by Dr. Jason Alden, organ. There is no admission charge.

Please contact the Church Office for the following:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home

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