

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. • Family Worship



*Unity* by Paul Stoub



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Ann Arbor | Michigan

**Making God's Love Visible**

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

**Hearing-assistance devices** and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

**World Communion Sunday** (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936. It is now celebrated in many denominations throughout the world on the first Sunday in October. Gathered around the table in cities and towns, in countries near and far, we affirm our oneness in Christ, with each other, and with the church in every home and place. Although this unity is integral to each celebration of the Lord's Supper, today we place special emphasis on it through our use of global music, tablecloths, and communion bread.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Variations on "Azmon"*

Robert A. Hobby

## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. McGowan (11:00)

## FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

One: Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit,

**All: the Spirit of God in the church throughout the world.**

One: There is one body and one Spirit,

**All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**

One: one God, Mother and Father of us all,

**All: who is above all and through all and in all.**

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: Let us gather in unity with our siblings throughout the world.**

## \* HYMN 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MC KEE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name . . .**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## KYRIE

SINGAPURA



Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## 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

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

*This is the refrain of Hymn 591, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (HALLE, HALLE).*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 58:1-7

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

#### ANTHEM (9:30)

*Santo, Santo, Santo*

arr. Mary Kay Parrish

Children's Choir

*See Hymn 595 for the text.*

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

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 14:1-14

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

#### SERMON

*What We Bring to the Table*

Rev. Dr. Spalding

## RESPONDING

\* HYMN 372

*O for a World*

AZMON

#### WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Mares (11:00)

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

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

##### Offertory

*Esto Les Digo*

Kinley Lange

Chancel Choir and Hannah Sparrow, soloist

*Esto les digo,  
si dos de ustedes se ponen,  
se ponen de acuerdo aquí en,  
en la tierra para pedir;  
pedir algo en oración,  
mi padre que está en el cielo,  
se lo dará.*

This I say to you,  
if two of you are put,  
are put in accord here in,  
in the earth to ask,  
to ask anything in prayer,  
my Father which is in heaven,  
will give it to you.

*Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen,  
en mi nombre,  
allí estoy yo,  
en medio de ellos.*

Because where two or three are gathered  
in my name,  
there am I,  
in the midst of them.

#### Lay Readers (9:30):

Liam Phillips (English)

Ethan Phillips (French)

Hana Kaehr (Japanese)

#### Lay Readers (11:00):

Brad Taylor (English)

Cheong-Hee Chang (Korean)

Florian Trouvain (German)

Linda Speck (Russian)

**During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew.** If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at First Presbyterian.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**We give thanks to members of our congregation for providing the fabrics that are present on the communion table, pulpit, and lectern this morning.** The fabrics are from around the world and remind us of the amazing tapestry created by all living things and shared by humanity.

**During his ministry, Jesus shared meals as a sign of community and acceptance.** As we gather for communion, know that you are welcome in this community and accepted at Christ's table.

### 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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

*At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 11:00 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

*Wana Baraka*

Traditional Kenyan

Chancel Choir

arr. Shawn Kirchner

*Wana baraka wale waombao;*

They have blessings, those who pray;

*Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya!*

Jesus himself said so, Alleluia!

*Wana amani,*

They have peace,

*Wana furaha,*

They have joy,

*Wana uzima.*

They have well-being.

### Prayer After Communion

# SENDING

\* HYMN 526      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*      LINSTEAD

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE      *We Will Walk With God*      SIZOHAMBA NAYE  
*See Hymn 742 for the text.*

\* POSTLUDE      *O for a World*      David Cherwien



## 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 Tissy Ansbacher and Michele Derr.

**Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Rick Spalding as our Interim Pastor!** Please join the Session of First Presbyterian Church in enthusiastically welcoming the Rev. Dr. Rick Spalding as our Interim Pastor and Head of Staff. Rick arrives in Ann Arbor after a wide and notable career as a pastor, transitional church leader and teacher. Most recently he served as the Chaplain of Williams College in Massachusetts. An introductory brochure is available and his biographical and faith statements are posted on our First Pres web site.

**Today's Liturgy** was adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book* and from "A Service of Word and Table II" by the Reverend Nathan Decker.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Children's Choir, Kellie McInchak, Director, Gayle Stevens, Accompanist (9:30); William Lewis (9:30); and Chancel Choir (9:30/11:00).

**Acolytes** include Hadley Feyen, Maverick Musser, and Cora Meade.

**Chancel flowers** are given to the Glory of God in honor of all our new staff by Cyndy and Jeff Colton.

**A pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Eleanor Mary Thomson Davenport, born August 16, 2019, daughter of James Davenport and Sarah Thomson. Grandparents are Jennifer and Bruce Thomson.

**The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Karen Mundus and Marita Servais (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith and Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Joe Schmidt (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, Cyndy Colton, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team volunteers** are Nancy Fox and Anne Kloack (9:30) and Martha Kershaw and Meg Brown (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world." – John Aikman Wallace

## TODAY'S EVENTS

**Worship** is at 8:00 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)).

**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 Hunger Ministries Programs of the Presbytery of Detroit.

**Today is Family Worship. Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. There is no Sunday School. Children and youth are invited to stay with their families during the service. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children joining in worship. **Children's Choir** does not rehearse on Family Worship Sundays.

**Today is World Communion Sunday.** The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering, which exists to support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church, will be received at all services. Twenty-five percent of this offering is allocated locally. **The Mission Committee has selected Youth Services at Peace Neighborhood Center as our recipient.** In addition to providing academic support with tutoring, the program cultivates development of leadership and life skills which lead to increased self-esteem. The program increases stability for over 80 families in West Ann Arbor. The remaining 75% of your gift enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by sending funds to Presbyterian ministries of peace and reconciliation that advocate for peace and justice.

**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. **Cookie bakers** are Carol Downton, Linda Tubbs, Kim Byers-Granito, and Julie Rupp. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour. Buying Fair Trade ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it.

### Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** in the French Room

**First Friends** in Monteith Hall

Resident Ministers Amy Ruhf, Andrew Frazier, and Khayla Johnson talk about their faith journeys and hopes for their next two years at First Pres.

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** in Monteith Hall

Resident Ministers Amy Ruhf, Andrew Frazier, and Khayla Johnson present "How Does Jesus Affect Our Lives?" a meditation on the person of Jesus.

This presentation is part of the series "Faith Seeking Understanding: Being Presbyterian Today." Although not required, two resource books by Donald K. McKim are available for purchase in the Church Office: *Presbyterian Faith That Lives Today* (\$14) and *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* (\$12).

### Youth Ministry Opportunities:

6:00 p.m. **Mids Youth Group** meets in the Youth Room.

**T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor**—invites the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the Gospel of Luke. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey. Contact Haley Brown ([habrown989@gmail.com](mailto:habrown989@gmail.com)), Chris Wahl ([cgwahl@umich.edu](mailto:cgwahl@umich.edu)), or Rev. Ruhf for more information about this and other T2A2 opportunities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Sunday, October 13, plan to attend a Welcome Potluck** at 5:30 p.m. to meet our Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Rick Spalding, and welcome him warmly to First Pres. Sign up online or in the Church Office.

**Our 2020 Stewardship season kicked off last week.** The mission statement defined by our MissionVisionNext Work Group is our theme for this year's campaign: Make God's Love Visible. The work we do as a church in pursuing this mission is a form of cultivation that helps both our church and the greater world. Packets have been mailed to those people who weren't able to pick them up at church last Sunday. Please watch for them in the mail. You can also view Stewardship materials online and pledge at [firstpresbyterian.org/contribute](http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute). Our Stewardship campaign will end on Commitment Sunday, October 27, and we ask all members to submit their pledge forms, either physically or online, on or before that date. Thank you for your ongoing support!

**Welcome 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 fellowship opportunities. Follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan ([campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org)) for more information.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, October 11, at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive, at 5:30 p.m.

**Support First Pres as we participate in the American Red Cross, MICHIGAN vs OSU 2019 Blood Battle**, on Tuesday, October 29, 1:00–7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Questions? Contact Barb Brewster ( 646-5571; [dexter4brews@aol.com](mailto:dexter4brews@aol.com) ).

**Journeys Book and Bible Study will study the Psalms this fall with our Resident Minister, Andrew Frazier.** We meet on October 10 and 24, November 7 and 21, and December 5 and 19. Each week we will explore a different theme in the Psalms such as lamentations, thanksgiving, praise, wisdom, and trust in God. All are welcome to join in from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., in the Founders Room. Bring a sack lunch. We focus on fellowship and discerning the word of God alive amongst us.

**Artist Workshop.** You do not want to miss this Artist Workshop with Ellen Phillips from Black Mountain, North Carolina, next Saturday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ellen will give a lecture on the creation of Liturgical/Visual Art in the context of Worship. Art will be created for our upcoming Advent Season. Snacks and a light lunch will be served. (\$15.00 per person.) Please bring a self-healing cutting mat if you have one. You may register online or in the Church Office.

**A Grief and Loss Support Group** will meet on Tuesdays, October 1–November 5, 7:00–8:30 p.m., in Room LL1. Facilitators are Al Barber and Deanne Woodruff with support from Rev. Rogers. Cost is \$10 for materials, payable before the first day. Contact Rev. Rogers if you have questions.

**The fall meeting of College of Elders** is Saturday, October 19, 9:00–11:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. This special session of College of Elders focuses on refreshing our appreciation for our Presbyterian form of government. If you are a PCUSA teaching or ruling elder, please plan to attend. RSVP to the Church Office by October 14.

**Make First Pres your church home! The next new member class will meet Sunday, October 27, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room.** We would love to welcome you to formal membership. Please let Rev. Rogers know if you can attend or contact her ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)) to learn more.

**Tell Me More About This Church.** Join Revs. Rick Spalding, Jay Sanderford, and Melissa Anne Rogers for an hour conversation and lunch at 12:15 p.m., in the Vance Room on Sunday, October 27, to learn more about First Pres. What questions do you have about our church, the PC(USA) and our staff? We are here to help. One hour to ask us anything! Sign up in the Church Office. This runs at the same time as the New Member Class (11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room.) Lunch will be provided for both groups in the Founders Room at 12:15 p.m.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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