



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 8, 2016

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Blair Buckley (8:00)
Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30)
Eric Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are children of God, gathered in God's holy name.

**All: We come from many different places yet are brothers
and sisters in Christ.**

One: We belong to God, who loves us and calls us God's own.

**All: We gather to worship God, to love one another,
and to show our respect for all that God has created.**

(adapted from Psalm 119:103-105)

* HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Through your holy word and the example of Jesus, you show us how we are to live. We confess that we fall short again and again. We do not always treat others with love. We are slow to forgive. We prefer to do as we please instead of walking humbly with you. Help us be genuinely sorry for the many times and ways we go against your will and forgive us. We pray through Jesus, who loves us always.

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 forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* 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

Margie Perrett (8:00)
Barb Ladewski (9:30)
Anne Colvin (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:7-14

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

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Fair and Deborah MacVey

Children and parents, please come forward to receive your Bible as your name is called and stand on the chancel steps for the litany. Children receiving Bibles today are:

*Marcus Rushmore Byrn
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Cheng
Sebastian Dickinson
Lauren Hunter DiMarzo
Hadley Grace Feyen
Harper Anne Feyen
Anastasia Nicole Gibbs
Lucy Jacques Grabowski
Lucinda Wilkes Gubbini
Natalie Hummel*

*Grace Ann Johnson
Alexis Kathryn Lewis
Lily Bess Lewis
Andrew Joseph McInchak
Marguerite Martineau Montas
Bennett Timothy Mullinix
Brendan Stone
Danika Stone
Sean Stone
Emma Sue Tayter*

Litany for the Presentation of the Bibles

One: Children, we give each of you a Bible inscribed with your own name. Will you read it and study it so you learn the ways God spoke to people in the past and speaks to us today, and so you will know Jesus as your most important friend?

Children: I will read and study the Bible to grow in knowing God and Jesus.

One: Parents, God has given you primary responsibility for your children's education in faith. Will you read the Bible with your children as a means of helping them to know Jesus Christ as friend and Lord, understand ways that Christian faith guides decisions in daily life, and as a means of sharing your faith with them?

Parents: We will read the Bible and share our faith with our children.

One: People of the church, at the baptism of children we promise to tell them of God's love, to help them understand Christ's commands, and to strengthen family ties within the household of God. Are we willing to renew this promise?

Congregation:

We renew our promise to children and their families to tell them the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God.

Everyone in prayer:

God of love and care, thank you for your word in the Bible and actively lived in human lives through ages past and in the world today. Through reading and studying the Bible, through prayer and worshiping, help us to know you and to know what we are to do to be your faithful people, following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 3:14-17

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe and confess the canonical scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves. For God spoke to the prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures. In this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ has the most complete exposition of all that pertains to a saving faith, and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God.

(We are using a small section from one of the Reformation creeds as a part of our commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation each week. This Affirmation of Faith is from the Second Helvetic Confession, 1561.)

HYMN 167 *God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life*

HALIFAX

Please stand to sing when indicated.

Stanza 1 – soloist

Please stand to sing.

Stanza 2 – all

Stanza 3 – choir

Stanza 4 – all

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Only-begotten Word of God Eternal*

Allanson G. Y. Brown

Only-begotten, Word of God eternal,
Lord of creation, merciful and mighty:
List to thy servants, as our tuneful voices rise in Your presence.

Lord, we beseech thee, as we throng thy temple.
By thy past blessings, by thy present bounty,
Smile on thy children, and with tender mercy, hear our petition.

God in three persons, Father everlasting,
Son co-eternal, ever blessed Spirit:
Thine be the glory, praise and adoration, now and forever.

* **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)

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 327**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.**

* **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**. Hearing-assistance devices (in the Sanctuary) and 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 Anne Kloack and Prue Heikkinen. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Al and Sheryl Powell and David and Carol Downton at 9:30 a.m., and Lynne Lande and Cyndy Colton 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, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Joe Schmidt at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeanette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Cyndy Colton, and Sandy Herold at 11:00 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Annette Fraser and Diane Knibbs after the 9:30 a.m. service, and Deborah Campbell after the 11:00 a.m. service. "Only a life of prayer and meditation will render a vessel ready for the Master's use." – George Mueller

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Glenn Hoff by his family.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Margie Van Tuyl, Doris Granum, and Nancy Fox. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. The cakes at Coffee Hour today are in honor of our children who are receiving their Bibles.

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 is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All-Youth Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

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. to explore the riches of the Old Testament with the help of a DVD presentation and follow-up discussion of major themes and life application.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "The Reformation: Then and Now, Session 5." Today's presentation is by Resident Ministers Blair Buckley and Dorothy Parks-Piatt. This class will examine the classical Reformed doctrine of "Sola Scriptura" ("by Scripture alone") through an interpretative lens of those on the margins.

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.

An excellent exhibit, "Reforming the Word: Martin Luther in Context," curated by Professor Helmut Putt, is open to visitors now through November 15 in the Audubon Room of the Graduate Library at the University of Michigan.

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).

All are invited to participate in a special Mission Forum 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."

Mature Ministries Book Discussion is today at 2:00 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.

Fall Small Groups begin today to read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. Join others in a search for the truth that compares some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture. The book is available for purchase in the Church Office (\$14). Check the schedule and sign up online or in the Church Office.

T2A2 Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt (dparks-piatt@firstpresbyterian.org).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photographers are needed to help photograph special events at church. Contact Rev. Rogers if you would you be willing to photograph a baptism family or snap a few pictures at a church potluck.

Last call for Saturday Suppers on October 21. Sign up in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour today. Small group potlucks are hosted by First Pres families. Everyone contributes to a casual meal. We especially welcome frequent visitors who would like to know us better and new members just connecting to our church family. Online registration (firstpresbyterian.org/search/node/saturday%20suppers) closes tomorrow night. Contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Members of Quad A, their families and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad A brunch on Sunday, October 22. Festivities begin at noon in the Social Hall. Quad A includes people in north and northeast Ann Arbor. Quad A deacons will contact their chapel members to invite them to attend. Members will be asked to bring a salad, vegetable dish, fruit, or dessert. Please join us to meet your fellow chapel members, get to know your deacon, and share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal! Contact Heidi Dodson (heidi.dodson@comcast.net) if you have questions.

Chancel Choir, Treble Choir and chamber orchestra will present John Rutter's *Requiem* on All Saints' Sunday, November 5, at 3:00 p.m. as we remember those who have died in the past year. Come join us for this special music and time of remembrance. This program is supported by our Sacred Music Fund and there is no admission charge.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, October 13, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road.

Artists from Michigan Opera Theatre will sing highlights of two upcoming operas, Verdi's *Rigoletto* and Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*, in a free program on Sunday afternoon, October 15, 4:00 p.m., in our sanctuary. Austin Stewart will explain the context of the excerpts and share intriguing insights.

Please support the Deacons' Blood Drive Thursday, October 19, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate blood 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.

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 today.

All high schoolers are invited to a "Fun, Festive Fall Afternoon" Sunday, October 22, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m., at 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 today. Join us for some fall fun!

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, Florida, or Puerto Rico. First Pres collected and shipped 64 “clean-up buckets” to assist hurricane victims in Texas and Florida and the Mission Committee expresses gratitude for this response. Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico and PDA assessment is ongoing. Years of recovery lie ahead and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ toward long-term rebuilding after three hurricanes. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with “PDA: Harvey”, “PDA Irma”, or “PDA Maria” on the memo line. First Pres is gathering a volunteer work team; contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

Join us in feeding our neighbors. First Pres 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 website or contact Rev. Sanderford.

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