



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *If You But Trust in God to Guide You* arr. John Behnke
 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. Douglas Wagner
 Sanctus Ringers

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. McGowan (8:00)
 Eric Koenig-Reinke (9:30)
 Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving Carol Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls out to us with encouragement and a challenge:
 Lead lives worthy of God's reign and glory.

**All: We desire to live as God intends;
 we will work and rest in God's care.**

One: Live in faithfulness to one another
 and to God who calls you forth in his service.

**All: The Word of God is at work in us;
 in him we witness and are more than conquerors.**

One: Blessed are all who seek their strength in God alone,
 happy are they who live the gospel.

**All: May God be praised in all we do and say;
 may we be gentle apostles and courageous disciples.**

* HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all, the demands of your righteousness are too hard for us to fulfill alone, so we rush off with this excuse and ignore your law. You forgive our iniquity and remember our sin no more, and we abuse this freedom as if it were a license to selfishness, self-indulgence and self-righteousness. You give us the gift of grace: atonement in the blood of your Son, yet we make it cheap without serious repentance. We fail to see the power of your faithfulness. We are your people, but do we know you as our God? Forgive us, Lord, the sins we know in our heart. Save us, Lord, from the sins we hide.

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

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)

Anne Gere (9:30)

Gerry Leckrone (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 106:1-5

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

ANTHEM (9:30)

Dream On, Dream On

Sunkyung Lee

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Choir: Dream on, dream on, children of peace, till on earth God's kingdom come.
Wolf and lamb will feed together; lions like oxen will eat straw.
Dust shall be the serpent's food, no one shall destroy or hurt.
Children of earth in all colors, live in peace and harmony.

Choir: Hope on, hope on, Easter people: beyond the cross, a dawning sun.
Christ, our peace, broke down all barriers: nation, culture, tribe, and clan.
Reconciling us to God, Christ made us one human race,
joined in peace and liberation, led by justice, hope, and love.



All: Mount up, mount up, like an eagle, to the heights beyond the clouds.
Strife and sorrow shall not stop you; pain and tears shall lose their power.
Even though the young may stumble, God the Lord renews their strength.
They shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and shall not faint,

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A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:15-24

SERMON

Eric Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

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

🌿 Responding 🌿

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(We are using small sections from the Reformation creeds as a part of our commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of 1967 and the Second Helvetic Confession, 1561.)

The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. God alone is to be invoked through the mediation of Christ alone. In all crises and trials of our life we call upon him alone, and that by the mediation of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ.

* HYMN 365

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

JESU, MEINE FREUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

Elders Marita Servais and Lynne Lande

Joining the church today are John Byrn and Heidi Van Wieren, David Christensen, Jennifer and Stephen Cowen, Michelle Deatrick, Jay Kim, Jessica Parks-Piatt, Kirk Profit, Patricia Pudduck, Carol and Jeff Teucke, and Katrine Weismantle. Being introduced today from a previous class are Katie and Aaron Andren and Felicity Williams.

Hymn of Welcome *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *In Christ Alone*

Natalie Grant
arr. Lloyd Larson

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,
this gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
till on that cross, as Jesus died, the love of God was magnified,
for every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan can ever pluck me from His hand,
till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

* **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 306**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

* **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. The Call to Worship was written by Homer G. Samplonius in *A Better Righteousness: Four Services* and is posted on the Reformed Worship website. The Prayer of Confession was written by Bill Wessner.

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 Lorna Prescott and Gail Grady. **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Ellen Johnson and Jane and Dan Hayes at 9:30 a.m., and Marilyn

Gibson and Marge Higley 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, Connie Swindle, and Joe Schmidt at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette 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 Nancy Fox and Anne Kloak after the 9:30 a.m. service, and Marolin Bellefleur after the 11:00 a.m. service. “Praying without faith is like trying to cut with a blunt knife - much labor expended to little purpose.” – James O. Fraser

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jennie Morgan Lombard by her family.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Sophia Lynn Blackburn, daughter of Scott and Amanda Blackburn, born September 28, 2017.

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 to honor and thank Carol Muehlig for her twenty years of service as a First Pres staff member. She has announced her retirement as our organist and handbell director, effective October 23. We give thanks to God for Carol's many gifts and the generous way she has shared those gifts with us. **Cookie bakers** are Marge Higley, Betsy DiMaggio, and Kim Byers-Granito. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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. Parks-Piatt is today's facilitator. 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 Resident Minister Blair Buckley.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "The Reformation: Then and Now, Session 6." Today's presentation is by Resident Minister Eric Koenig-Reinke. This class will examine the classical Reformed doctrine of "Solus Christus" ("Christ alone").

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).

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 this afternoon, October 15, at 4:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Austin Stewart will explain the context of the excerpts and share intriguing insights during the program.

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

The 2017-2018 Member Directory is available today in the Church Office and at Coffee Hour. We suggest a donation of \$5 per copy or \$9 for this new directory and a copy of the 2015-2016 Member Picture Directory.

First Pres has received a challenge grant from an anonymous donor to provide additional financial support to Puerto Rico through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). For every \$2 given through First Pres to PDA for Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief, the donor will give \$1, up to a total of \$15,000! To participate, you may send checks to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA Maria" on the memo line.

Small Groups are meeting to read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*. Don't miss this powerful opportunity to join others in a search for the truth that compares some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture. Books may be purchased in the Church Office (\$14). Check the schedule and sign up online or in the Church Office.

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.

Members of Quad A, their families and friends are invited to attend the annual Quad A brunch next 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.

Presbyterian Women invite you to meet Jeff and Christi Boyd, Prayer Partners and Co-Workers from Central Africa, during Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 29. At noon you are invited to learn more about their work promoting education and establishing programs to remedy marginalization of women and children in Central Africa at the “Prayer Partners - World Partners” luncheon (\$5). Lunch reservations may be made by contacting the Church Office.

Please support the Deacons’ Blood Drive this 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.

PRISM Quartet (saxophone) will present a concert tomorrow, Monday, October 16, 7:30 p.m. Complimentary tickets for First Pres members are available by contacting Tom Granum by 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. Additional ticket information is available at www.prism-quartet.com/concerts.

Travel with First Pres’ Mature Ministries by chartered bus to Farmington Hills to visit the Holocaust Museum on Thursday, November 8, at 9:00 a.m. Our visit includes time with a Holocaust survivor. We’ll discuss our visit over lunch at the Stage Deli before returning to First Pres at 3:00 p.m. Four seats on the bus are available. The cost of the trip, all-inclusive, is \$20. Sign up in the Church Office or by emailing Rev. Rogers. All are welcome!

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, October 20, 5:30 p.m., at Metzger’s German Restaurant, 305 Zeeb Road.

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