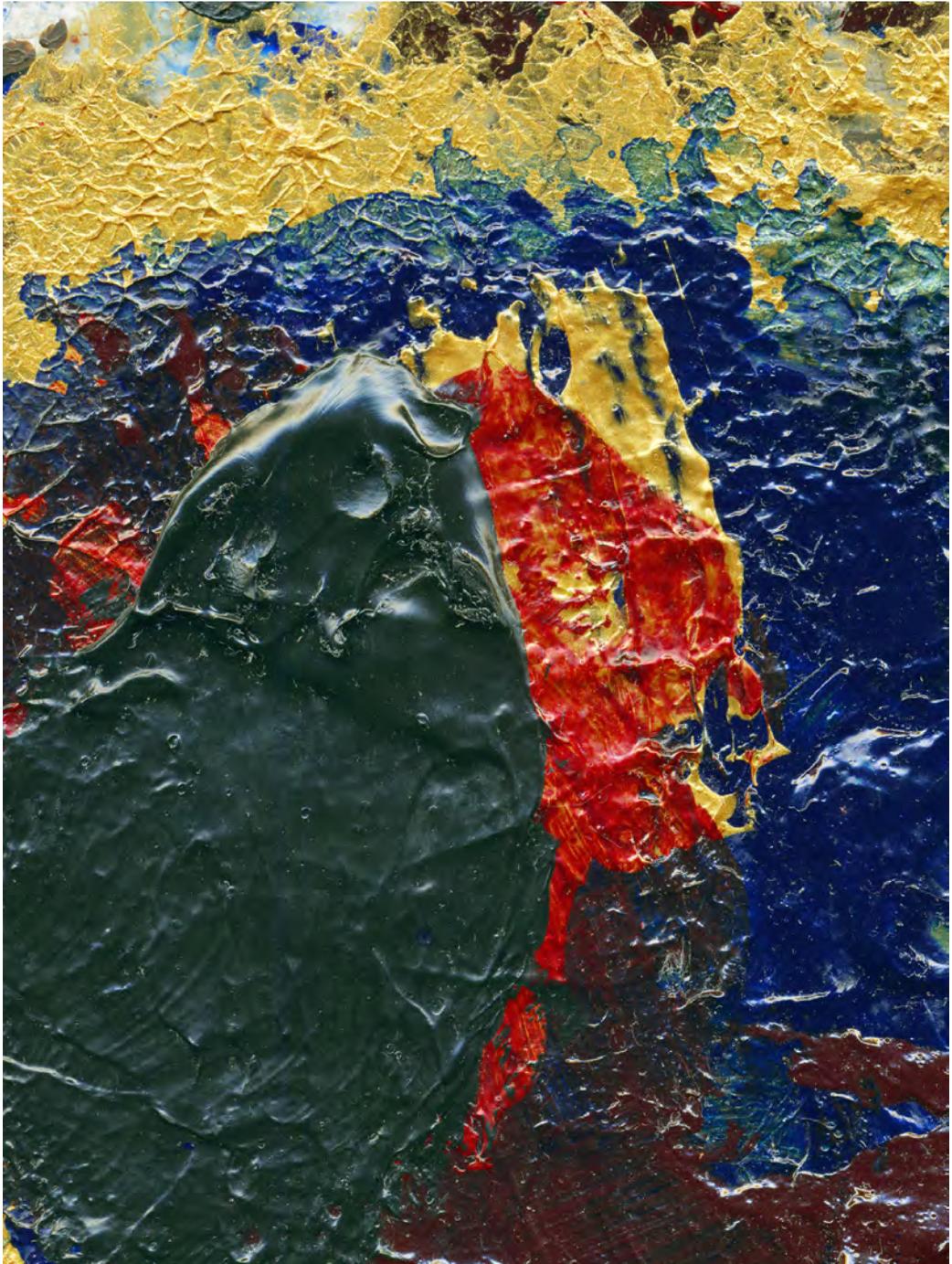


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 20, 2019 • 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.



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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.

Call to Worship: note that the words used to “call us to worship” are scriptural, and remind us that “our worship centers in God and not in ourselves.” Thus, adoration is central at the beginning of worship.

The Kyrie that we are singing within the Confession sequence is set to the hymn tune SINGAPURA by Swee Hong Lim, who was originally from Singapore. He has been on the sacred music faculties of several colleges and universities in the United States and served as the chair of the Worship and Music Committee for the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in the fall of 2013.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Song without Words

Gustav Holst
arr. R. Phillippe

Church Orchestra

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Johnson (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Johnson (11:00)

One: We have gathered in God’s holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

All: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few but for the least of our world.

All: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

All: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

* HYMN 404

What Is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, our words are given to us so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others. Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests. Forgive us, God of wonder. Continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ. . .

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

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

This is Hymn 447, We Are Forgiven (WE ARE FORGIVEN).

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Dahl (9:30)
Sandy Talbott (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:1–8

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:27–34

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

SERMON

Rev. Mares

RESPONDING

* HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

WELCOME

Rev. Ruhf

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Anthem *What Does the Lord Require?*

Eric Nelson

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God. (Refrain)

Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace. (Refrain)

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.

Offertory Anthem: *What Does the Lord Require?* Composed by Eric Nelson, this text is based on Micah 6:6–8, and is focused on justice which supports the Gospel text from Luke 18:1–8.

SENDING

* HYMN 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.

This is Hymn 748 Go with Us, Lord (TALLIS' CANON).

* POSTLUDE

Recessional

G. F. Handel

transcribed by S. Rosenhaus

Church Orchestra



Cultivate...
Our Faith in Christ

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. **If you have questions, please visit the Welcome Center, just outside the Social Hall.** Greeting you there today are Gale Redding and Barbara Mueller.

The Opening Responses and Prayer of Confession are adapted from *Bearers of Grace and Justice: Lectionary Liturgies for Year C, Proper 24*. "Live into Hope," by Jane Parker Huber © 1980 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press).

Musical leadership is provided by Orchestra, Gerry Leckrone, Conductor; and Chancel Choir, Brent Ivey, Guest Conductor. **Acolytes** include Maverick Musser and Callie Crawford.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Arthur Richard Sayward and Isabel Craik Guthrie Sayward by their daughter Marian West in honor of the anniversary of their wedding in 1911.

The Church Office is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Karen Mundus (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, 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).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall 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.

Adult Education Opportunities:

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

First Friends meets in Monteith Hall. First Pres member Beth Nissen presents "The Changing Role, Advantages and Limitations of Today's Evening News."

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall. Guest leader the Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the James (retired), presents "Presbyterian Polity: Decently and In Order: Why We Value Good Order, Shared Authority and Committees."

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders

10:30 a.m. **Children's Choir**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

Youth Ministry Opportunities (Grades 6–12):

9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

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), Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu), or Rev. Ruhf for more information about this and other T2A2 opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints' Sunday is Sunday, November 3. At the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services *Requiem* by Bob Chilcott will be offered as the Proclamation of the Word by the Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra. We will also celebrate Communion, and read the names of those who have died in the past year.

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) 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 next Sunday, October 27, at 12:15 p.m., in the Vance Room 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. This runs at the same time as the New Member Class. Lunch will be provided for both groups in the Founders' Room at 12:15 p.m.

Our 2020 Stewardship season is under way. 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 on September 29. Please watch for them in the mail. You can also view Stewardship materials and pledge online. 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), for more information.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, October 25, at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road, 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. Questions? Contact Barb Brewster (646-5571; dexter4brews@aol.com).

Alpha House Week of Caring is November 11–17.

The bounty of fall harvests and anticipation of Thanksgiving combine to make November a delightful month. It is also a month when First Pres members have an opportunity to ***Make God's Love Visible*** by extending hospitality to some experiencing homelessness, those who have known lack of food security, lack of a warm place to live, and lack of safety for their children.

We have the privilege of joining the Alpha House team in ministering to the parents and children at Alpha House by providing meals, childcare, and overnight support. If you are able to help, please sign up at Coffee Hour or online. Anne Gere (argere@umich.edu), Paula Doering (pauladoering@gmail.com), and Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com; 646-6093) will be happy to answer your questions about this vital ministry.

Children, Youth, and their families are invited to a special event on the evening of All Saints Day, Friday, November 1. Families@First will host a wonderful night as we learn what it means to honor and celebrate All Saints, by putting this night into conversation culturally with Día de Los Muertos. We will watch a popular, family-friendly movie and enjoying a potluck-style dinner. We invite you to join us on this cross-cultural, faithful experience. The potluck dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., and the movie starts at 6:00 p.m. The event concludes at 8:00 p.m.

Join a Bible Study or Reading Group this fall!

Men's Study Group

A Men's Study Group meets the first and third Friday mornings, 8:00–9:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. The fall book is *Simply Jesus* by N. T. Wright. Books are available in the Church Office (\$15). Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

Women's Bible Study and Reading Groups

Horizon's Bible Study, the third Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m.

Journeys Book/Bible Study, the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, at 11:30 a.m.

William Barclay Commentary Bible Study, Fridays, at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Reading Group, the fourth Wednesday, at 1:00 p.m.

Evening Horizon's Bible Study, the third Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Tell Your Story! StorySlam and Strolling Reception is coming December 8.

Our Advent Event is once again a StorySlam with reception following throughout our church on Sunday, December 8, 4:00–7:00 p.m. We need storytellers! This year, we will have more stories in the hour-long presentation in the Sanctuary. While there will be music and other components, the emphasis will be on the stories and those who tell them. Advent and Christmas stories preferred! We are looking for people who would like to participate in this "Moth"-like special holiday presentation. Interested? Got a story to tell or need support in writing one that's been on your heart? Reach out to Rev. Rogers as soon as you can!

There will be three "Meet & Greet" Gatherings to get to know our Interim Pastor Rick Spalding. Attendance is limited so please sign up soon, either online or by contacting the Church Office.

Sunday, October 27, 3:00–5:00, in the home of Martha and David Kershaw

Sunday, November 3, 3:00–5:00, in the home of Collyer and Annie Smith

Sunday, November 17, 3:00–5:00, in the home of Angie Miller

The 2019 Forward in Mission Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, November 17. This annual event is an opportunity to learn more about many of the mission programs in which First Pres participate, and to support those programs through the purchase of meaningful holiday gifts for family and friends.

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