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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving

Pat Tamblyn

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To all God's beloved, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

One: Testify to the good news of God's grace.

All: Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus because from him we have all received, grace upon grace.

* HYMN 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory, we draw near to you, confessing the many ways we fall short of who we should be as children of God.

We judge others by standards we do not apply to ourselves. We serve our own wants before addressing the needs of others. You show us grace, pressed down and overflowing. We measure out our response rather than rejoicing in the blessing of generosity. Free us, Loving God, to act and react in love, to be quick to show mercy and fast to sing your praise.

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

Marilynn Simpson (8:00)
Brady West (9:30)
Georgia Goodman (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 145:1-9

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *With a Voice of Singing*

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard: Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of his name; make his praise to be glorious.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Sanderford

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 5:12-21

SERMON

Letting Love Show

Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (9:30/11:00)

(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 Westminster Confession of Faith, 1647.)

**Such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him sincerely,
endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in
this life be certainly assured that they are in a state of grace, and
may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God, which hope shall
never make them ashamed.**

* HYMN 522

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Blair Buckley (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Amazing Grace*

arr. Ning Karn

* **Doxology** (9:30/11:00)

**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** (9:30/11:00)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:00)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.
Shanna and Sean Hoskins present their daughter, Padgett Vera
Hoskins, born February 11, 2017, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the
holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanza 1.

KINGDOM

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

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 280** (Stanzas 1-4) *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

* **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 Lorna Prescott and Gail Grady. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Judy Landau and Jane Hayes at 9:30 a.m., and Marge Higley and Pat Gilbreath 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 Connie Swindle at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Cyndy Colton, Paul Goodman, 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 Judy Slade and Sharon Sheldon after the 9:30 a.m. service, and Michele Derr and Carol Downton after the 11:00 a.m. service. "Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" – Corrie Ten Boom

Worship leadership includes Kristine Clair Uchi Galana, violin, and Chancel Choir. Simon Suboski is directing the choir.

The chancel flowers are given by the Mature Ministries Program in appreciation of the significant contributions to our ministry by First Pres member Brad Taylor, and in sympathy with him and his wife Simone upon the death of her mother, Madeleine.

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 Carly Groves, Barb Carlisle, and Sue Ashford. 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) does not rehearse today.

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

Keys, our high school youth group, enjoy an outing to Alber's Orchard & Cider Mill from 2:00 to 5:00 this afternoon. Cost is \$10 per person.

Mids, our middle school youth group, do not meet tonight as they enjoyed a Lock-In last night.

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 facilitator. 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." Today's presentation is by Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, President of Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit. This class will examine the classical Reformed doctrine of "Sola Gratia" ("Grace 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).

Quad A brunch is today beginning at noon in the Social Hall. Quad A includes people in north and northeast Ann Arbor. All Quad A members are welcome.

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 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.

Worship with us on All Saints' Day, November 5. Tomorrow, October 23, is the deadline to submit names for inclusion in the bulletin of members and family and friends of members who have died in the last year. Please submit names by 5:00 p.m. either online or by contacting the Church Office.

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. Join us for this special music and time of remembrance. This program is supported by our Sacred Music Fund. 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 next 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.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, October 27, 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

Travel with First Pres' Mature Ministries by chartered bus to Farmington Hills to visit the Holocaust Museum on Thursday, November 9, 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. Two 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!

The Israel/Palestine Mission Team is holding its annual homemade cinnamon roll fund raiser. Funds raised are used to provide scholarships and infrastructure support for the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, schools for children in the Palestinian village of Ibillin, Israel, and for other initiatives of the mission team. Pans of cinnamon rolls (plain, with raisins, or with pecans) made be pre-ordered online or at Coffee Hour today for \$10 per pan. Orders may be picked up on Sunday, November 5, in the Social Hall.

Please join us on Sunday, November 5, at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall for "Doing Well, Together" with Justin Sundberg, a PCUSA Mission Co-Worker. Justin, along with his wife Renee and four children, served in Nicaragua for the last three years. He will explore if the US church can best be the hands and feet throughout the world or if we should just send money and let the "professionals" handle it. Come and hear what the Bible has to say about this.

The Nicaragua Mission Team has planned a trip for February 24 - March 4, 2018. This will be a small team of 10 - 12 people with a big project of wiring an existing school, bringing light to the community of Quebrada Honda. We hope, as always, to make the trip multigenerational. Please contact Carol Smith (psmith6641@aol.com) with questions.

A program for adults and parents about suicide prevention and early warning signs of mental illness in youth will be presented by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) on Sunday, November 5, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. A presentation for youth will be offered on Sunday, December 3, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. For more information go to our First Pres website, or contact Parish Nurse/ Wellness Coordinator, Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org).

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