



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 28, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**     *Sonata in B-flat Major: Poco largo; Gavotte*

Thomas Augustine Arne

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. McGowan (8:00)

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

**FAITH IN ACTION**

Alpha House

Anne Gere

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Buckley (9:30)

Rev. McGowan (11:00)

One: We gather in the presence of a God who has made promises:

**All: that the broken can be mended,  
that the grieving can be comforted,  
that miracles can still happen.**

One: Together, we lean into these promises,

**All: sometimes with strong faith,  
sometimes with big questions,  
but always with hope.**

One: For a light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The darkness never even stood a chance.

\* **HYMN 376**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, forgive our bleak imagination and our dreams that refuse inspiration. We imagine things are as they must be, so we dream of little more than refining what is. Forgive our poor memory and our fragile trust. We remember no help in ages past, so we summon no hope for years to come. Forgive our cynical hearts and our tired fear. We have grown accustomed to the brokenness around us, so we are suspicious of joy when it appears. Come to us, O God, and revive us with your Good News.**

**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 God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

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\* 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

Anne Kloack (8:00)  
Paul Goodman (9:30)  
Joe Bones (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38:1–11

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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 4:35–41, 5:21–43

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

SERMON

*When You Need a Miracle* Rev. Jenny McDevitt

 Responding 

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of life and society, and God's victory over all that is wrong. With an urgency born of this hope, we apply ourselves to our present tasks, ever striving for a better world.

“Now to him who by the power within us is able to do more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

\* HYMN 335

*Though I May Speak*

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## WELCOME

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

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory**    *Blessed Are They That Mourn* from *Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall have comfort,  
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.  
Who goes forth and weeps and bears precious seed  
Shall doubtless return with rejoicing and bring his sheaves with him.

\* **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)**

*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** (*see next page*)    *I Will Come to You*

YOU ARE MINE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Prelude on "Hyfrydol"*

Healey Willan

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\* 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 and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

\* HYMN

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)  
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)  
all will know my name. (to Refrain)  
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

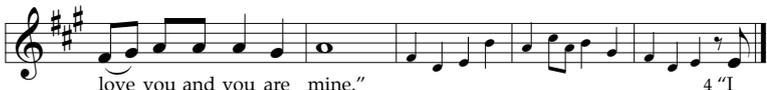
Refrain All



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

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YOU ARE MINE  
Irregular

**Worship leadership** includes the Rev. Jenny McDevitt, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, and former First Pres Resident Minister. Jenny has served as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church since April, 2018. She delights in the long, rich history of the congregation and the fast-paced wonder of New York City. A storyteller at heart, Jenny loves preaching. She's even happier, however, listening to a good story, especially if it's yours. Prior to MAPC, Jenny served at Village Presbyterian Church outside of Kansas City as Pastor of Pastoral Care for six years. She was ordained at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, where she began in ministry as a Resident Minister in 2009. Jenny strives to take the gospel very seriously and to take herself less seriously. It's a work in progress.

**Today's anthem is from *Requiem* by Johannes Brahms.** On November 4, All Saints' Sunday, the Chancel Choir, soloists Lorna Hildebrandt and Robert Peavler, and full orchestra will present a complete performance of Brahms' *Requiem* at 3:00 p.m. We hope that you will plan on attending this meaningful musical offering on the day in the church year when we pay tribute to our members and friends who have passed away in the last twelve months.

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**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 Barb Carlisle and Anne Kloack. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Sara Vander Voort and Al and Sheryl Powell (9:30) and Peggy Jensen and Prue and Dale Heikkinen (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Roger Hsiao (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, Linda Lampman, Georgia and Paul Goodman, Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, and Cyndy Colton (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Elsa Stuber and Carolyn Schultz (9:30) and Don and Gale Redding (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Faith is the fountain of prayer, and prayer should be nothing else but faith exercised.” – Thomas Manton

**Chancel flowers** are given in gratitude to God for our Resident Ministry Program, which guides pastors into healthy ministry and prepares them to serve as spiritual leaders for all sizes of congregations. We are especially thankful for the opportunities they have to return here and share their experiences with us.

**The pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Parker Mary Hayes, born October 16, 2018, daughter of Stephen and Devi Hayes. Grandparents are Dan and Jane Hayes. **The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Tyler James Baker, born October 17, 2018, son of Danny and Katie Wendler Baker. Grandparents are Tim and Marti Wendler.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. 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 Collection** is next Sunday. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations and/or financial contributions for Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookies** are provided by Lynn Millward, Susan Morville, and Linda Lampman.

### **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** rehearses 10:30–10:55 a.m. in Room 300. Children's Choir will rehearse every Sunday when Sunday School is scheduled. There will be no rehearsals on Family Sundays.

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### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**All youth grades 6–12** are invited to join us for our scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome! Munch and Mingle begins at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the Lower Level. Sunday School and Confirmation classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

**Youth Choir** rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor.

### **All youth are invited to a special Halloween Youth Group event.**

Wear your costume and join us at Zap Zone Ann Arbor (4177 Carpenter Road) from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Cost is \$20 per student which includes three games of laser tag and a pizza dinner. Carpooling from the church is available upon request. Contact Peer Minister GJ Frye for more information ([gfyre@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:gfyre@firstpresbyterian.org)).

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. This year's theme is "The Bible Speaks to You about the Important Ideas." All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

**First Friends** meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group that offers a safe, supportive gathering to discuss religious and spiritual topics. In October the group explores Eboo Patel's book *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation*.

**Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "We Are One Body: Race and the Gospel in Detroit." The presenter is the Rev. Kevin Johnson, Retired Presbyterian Pastor. All are welcome to attend.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book of Revelation. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please pray for our pilgrims to Spain**, led by Revs. Rogers and Parks-Piatt, as they walk the Camino de Santiago. After days of walking, they arrive at the Cathedral of St. James tomorrow. They return October 31.

**All are invited to an Open Forum with Rev. Jenny McDevitt** tomorrow, Monday, October 29, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room.

**Alpha House Ministry is the week of November 12.** Graphic images of families displaced by Hurricane Florence have reminded us of the devastations of homelessness. Closer to home, families are experiencing homelessness in our own community. We have an opportunity to minister to these families the week of November 12, when First Pres provides meals, childcare, and overnight support at Alpha House. You can volunteer to join this ministry by signing up online or at the Coffee Hour.

**Make First Pres your church home! The next new member class will meet this Tuesday, October 30 and next Tuesday, November 6, at 7:00 p.m.** We would love to welcome you to formal membership. Please let Rev. Rogers know if you can attend or contact her to learn more ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

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**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, November 2, at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**The fourth and fifth grade Sunday School classes are sponsoring a collection for gently-used winter clothing (coats, sweaters, hats, and gloves).** Collection boxes can be found near the Welcome Center, the Church Office, and the fourth grade classroom on the third floor until November 18 when items will be donated to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

**Susan Krehbiel of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will present a session on the current refugee crisis and the role of faith-based groups this Wednesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room.** Susan is the daughter of First Pres member Martha Krehbiel and the late Rev. David Krehbiel. All are welcome to attend her presentation.

**Solus Jesus Discussion Group** meets on Fridays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30, 12:30–2:00 p.m. in the Vance Room, to discuss Sola Scriptura—scripture alone as the source of final authority in matters of faith and morals. Books are available (\$20) in the Church Office.

**Volunteers are needed for our Wednesday Greeting Card Program at the Delonis Homeless Shelter.** The greeting card program, part of our community outreach program, needs volunteers to assist guests with their card selection at the Center on Wednesday evenings. If this outreach stimulates a desire to be involved, contact Jeannine Buchanan (971-6589; buchananra@msn.com).

**You are invited to be part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) response to Hurricane Michael.** To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA: Michael" in the memo line. You may also donate directly to PDA online, through our First Pres web site. Please be in prayer for those communities ravaged by the hurricane.

**Our lives at First Pres will change —for the safer tomorrow as our new security system will be operational!** Here are a few things you should know:

- During the week, entry is limited to the side door by the Memorial Garden and the side door by the Cross Terrace.
- Entry may be gained in two ways: those without security devices (fobs) will press the blue button while those with security devices (fobs) will simply swipe their fob.
- Security devices (fobs) may be used between 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Members may request a security device (fob) by filling out an application in the Church Office or online. The cost is \$10.

Buzzer for First Pres  
(blue button)



Buzzer for Triangle Preschool

Wheelchair Access Button



Security Device Entry Button  
(for entry by fob)

**College Students, UKirk@UMich, our undergraduate Campus Ministry, invites you to join us for any of our weekly, *FREE* events.**

- The French Room (Library) is available from 10:30 a.m. to noon each Sunday for snacks and studying.
- Eat with us at our College Lunch on Sundays at noon (meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service). **Today our guest preacher and former Resident Minister Rev. Jenny McDevitt joins us.**
- Take a study break with the Coffee Crew on Monday afternoons, 1:00–5:00 p.m., in the League.
- Have faithful conversation at our Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League.
- Want to talk with just one or two of us? We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life!

For more information, including information about our on-campus Yoga classes and our Spring Break trip to Puerto Rico, contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at [campus@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:campus@firstpresbyterian.org). Follow us on Instagram: @UKirkUMich.

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Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister  
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