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OCTOBER 29, 2017
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Choral and Finale
from *Reformation Symphony*

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Sidney Carlin

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION (9:30/11:00)

Jeff and Christi Boyd, Mission Co-Workers

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 97)

One: The Lord is Sovereign; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitudes be glad.

**All: The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

One: For you are the Lord, most high over all the Earth;
you are exalted far above all others.

**All: Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and to the holy name
of the Lord give your praise.**

* HYMN 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you alone are righteous. You alone are holy.
Deliver us from misplaced arrogance that seeks to elevate our
thinking above your wisdom. Forgive us for trying to usurp your
authority. Deliver us from accepting credit which rightly belongs
to you. Humble us, O God, and move us to deeper faith and
greater obedience, that we may praise you with all we have and are
and serve you with joy.**

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

Linda Strodtman (8:00)

Jim Mulcrone (9:30)

Michele Derr (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 145:10-21

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom love most bright,
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the glow of faith impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown. Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

SERMON

Blair Buckley (8:00)

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

 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 Scots Confession, 1560.)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

Please be seated following the Affirmation of Faith.

HYMN 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN' FESTE BURG

(9:30/11:00) *Please rise to sing when indicated.*

Stanza 1 – all

Stanzas 2-3 – choir

Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

Stanza 4 – all

WELCOME

Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Michael Praetorius

* 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 229 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**That word above all earthly power, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindreds go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

* POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Helmut Walcha

* 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 Debbie Swartz and Judy Landau. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Elsa and Dick Stuber at 9:30 a.m., and Carol Gottlieb and Peggy Jensen at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr 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, Joe Schmidt, 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, and Georgia Goodman 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 after the 9:30 a.m. service, and Deborah Campbell and Elsa Stuber after the 11:00 a.m. service. "Friend, you will never stumble as long as you are on your knees!" – Raymond Beasley

Worship leadership today includes the orchestra and Chancel Choir. Jotaro Nakano is assisting with music leadership today conducting the orchestra. Jotaro is Music Director for Ann Arbor Camerata, Ann Arbor's resident chamber orchestra, which will be presenting a free concert, "Concerto Winners' Gala," in our sanctuary on Saturday, November 11, at 2:00 p.m.

The chancel flowers are given by Mark Ouimet in loving memory of his parents Magdalene and Larry Ouimet.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Juliet Jane Stroh, born October 21, 2017. Juliet is the daughter of Sarah and Bryan Stroh and the granddaughter of Jeff and Cyndy Colton.

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 Kathy Wirstrom, Carol Carter, and Elsa Stuber. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Coffee Hour is sponsored today by Presbyterian Women who invite you to meet Jeff & Christi Boyd, Mission Co-Workers in Africa.** PW invites you to learn more about the Boyds' work promoting education and establishing programs to remedy marginalization of women and children in Central Africa at the "Prayer Partners - World Partners" luncheon (\$5) at noon in the Social Hall.

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 facilitator. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Friends and Exploring the Faith meet in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "The Reformation: Then and Now." Today's presentation, "From Luther to Presbyterian. . .", is by Rev. Ed Koster. This class will examine the classical Reformed doctrine of "Soli Deo Gloria" ("to the Glory of God 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).

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).

We celebrate Resident Minister Eric Koenig-Reinke who will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament this afternoon in Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or financial contributions for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

Have you had your flu shot yet? If not, it's time. First Pres will not have a flu shot clinic this year. Which flu shot you should get depends on your age and health status. They are easily obtained though from your primary care doctor or most any pharmacy, and they are covered by Medicare (and most other insurance plans).

The 2017-2018 Member Directory is available today in the Church Office. 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.

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.

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. The presentation will be livestreamed. Please share this link (<https://livestream.com/accounts/13187677/events/7824468>) with out-of-town family and friends who might want to watch and hear.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, November 3, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road. 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 next 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.

First Pres volunteers will support guests at Alpha House, a shelter for families experiencing homelessness, the week of November 13. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up today at Coffee Hour or online. If you have questions, Nicole Joliett-Gavin, Lucie Audette, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere will be happy to answer them.

The annual Quad B potluck brunch is Sunday, November 12 in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Come enjoy delicious food and great fellowship! Members of Quad B (Chapels 20 – 28) live near the church (downtown, parts of Geddes, Ann Arbor Hills, Buhr Park, and Burns Park).

All are invited to attend the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series on Monday, November 13, in Monteith Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister, will present “Abundant Welcome: Care with God’s LGBTQIA+ Folks.” Learn what the letters mean and more as we explore how to make space for all God’s children to be themselves in society and around Christ’s table.

You are invited to participate in “First Forums: A Fresh Conversation.” We believe the church is called to be present and engaged with, not isolated from, the world. “First Forums” seek to explore challenging issues in the world and discern faithful responses. Each “First Forum” is an opportunity for open dialogue, respectful conversation, and faithful disagreement. A light lunch will be served.

First Forum: Race Still Matters

On Sunday, November 5, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms, Dr. Jim Perkinson, Professor of Ethics and Systematic Theology at Ecumenical Theological Seminary, will speak on the topic of racism and white supremacy.

First Forum: Overcoming Racism

On Sunday, November 19, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms, William Hampton, Ann Arbor community leader and activist for social justice, will facilitate our discussion. Mr. Hampton currently serves as President of the Ann Arbor NAACP and is President-elect of Ann Arbor Kiwanis.

Letting Love Show – Stewardship Update: As of Commitment Sunday, October 22, 264 pledges totaling \$942,166 have been received. This represents 55.4% of our \$1,700,000 goal. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, First Pres still needs your help as we begin planning the 2018 budget. Thank you!

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