



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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NOVEMBER 11, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**     *Variations on an American Hymn Tune*     Gordon Young

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**     Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**     Fourth and Fifth Graders' Coat Drive

**CALL TO WORSHIP**     Rev. Buckley (9:30)  
Rev. Parks-Piatt (11:00)

One: We are God's household, crafted by the architect of creation:

**All: our hearts a shelter for the outcast;  
our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**All: to tell others of God's love,  
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**All: chosen to serve the lost and lonely,  
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

\* **HYMN 356**     *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*     NETTLETON

### PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Hear the brokenness of our lives, precious God. We cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, or you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our everlasting Lord, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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## 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."*

### \* 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.**

This is Hymn 579.

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Sheldon (9:30)

Michele Derr (11:00)

### OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Samuel 7:7–13

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

### PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES (9:30)

Cindy King and Beca Torres-Davenport

*Children and parents, please come forward to receive your Bible as your name is called and stand on the chancel steps for the litany. Children receiving Bibles today are:*

*Louisa Pinney Cowen*

*Callie Larson Crawford*

*Finnley Hawk Dubin*

*Drew Alexander Groves*

*Ian An-Sen Hale*

*Vivian Ruth Licata*

*Oskar Wyatt Salchow MacArthur*

*Nathalie Norman*

*Gwen Eryn Richert*

*Chloe Morgan Rink*

*Alexandra Grace Strauss*

*Andrew Paul Warner*

*William Cassidy Wood*

### **Litany for the Presentation of the Bibles**

One: Children, we give each of you a Bible inscribed with your own name. Will you read it and study it so you learn the ways God spoke to people in the past and speaks to us today, and so you know Jesus as your most important friend?

#### **Children:**

**I will read and study the Bible so I grow in knowing  
God and Jesus.**

One: Parents, God has given you primary responsibility for your children's education in faith. Will you read the Bible with your children as a means of helping them to know Jesus Christ as friend and Lord, understand ways that Christian faith guides decisions in daily life, and as a means of sharing your faith with them?

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**Parents:**

**We will read the Bible and share our faith with our children.**

One: People of the church, at the baptism of children we promise to tell them of God's love, to help them understand Christ's commands, and to strengthen family ties within the household of God. Are we willing to renew this promise?

**Congregation:**

**We renew our promise to children and their families to tell them the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God**

**Everyone in prayer:**

**God of love and care, thank you for your word in the Bible and actively lived in human lives through ages past and in the world today. Through reading and studying the Bible, through praying and worshiping, help us to know you and to know what we are to do to be your faithful people, following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Peter 2:1–10

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

**SERMON**

*A House of Living Stones*

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 416** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**WELCOME**

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

**WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)**

Elder Marita Servais

Joining the church today are Anne Andrus, Dorothy Gates, Linda Koos, Beth Nissen, Keith Phillips, Sarah Phillips, and Sarah Reinhardt.

**Hymn of Welcome 438**

*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**

*Treasures in Heaven*

Joseph Clokey

\* **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**

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

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

Please remain seated while the choir sings stanza 1 and then stand to sing stanzas 2-4.



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Please sing stanza 5 of Let Us Build a House.*

\* **POSTLUDE** *Variations on an American Hymn Tune: Allegro con fuoco*  
Gordon Young

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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.

**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 Sue Rigterink and Dianne Santinga. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Catherine Kendall and Nelly Petrock (9:30) and Sharon Sheldon and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Roger Hsaio (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Dean Gilchrist, Karla Olson-Belffi, Omer Belffi, Keith Molin, and Elsa and Dick Stuber (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry and Jeanette Swartz, and Joe and Karen Cox (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 Annette Fraser and Carol Fletcher (9:30) and Ralph Winter and Carole Hendrickson (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Nothing is discussed more and practiced less than prayer." – Anonymous

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving birthday memory of Nancy Deromedi by her mom, Kathleen Skinner.

**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](http://www.waamradio.com)).

**We welcome Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka**, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. Dr. Nishioka leads us in "Forming a Faith for All," an event for church leaders, parents, families, young people, and adults. We welcome all to the Social Hall at 4:00 p.m. for "Eight Trends Changing and Challenging the 21st Century Church." Dinner (\$10 per person) and table conversations will follow at 5:00 p.m. The event concludes with "Growing a Faith that Matters," 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. The cakes at Coffee Hour today are in honor of our

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children who are receiving Bibles. **Cookie bakers** are John and Dawn Pankopf and Barb Carlisle.

**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.

**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.

**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 November the group explores Eboo Patel’s book *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation*.

**Exploring the Faith** meets in the Curtis Room at 11:00 a.m. for “How Faith Grows in a Secular Culture.” Presenters are Rev. Buckley and Diane Hockett.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Living God’s Love - Stewardship Update:** As of November 5, 281 pledges totaling \$937,036 have been received. This represents 55.1% 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 2019 budget. Thank you for Living God’s Love through the ministries of First Pres!

**The Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series** invites all to “Demystifying the Role of Spirituality in Pain Management,” a podcast interview, with Dr. Amy Wacholtz, PhD, in Monteith Hall, tomorrow, November 12, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, November 16, at Knight’s Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration** sponsored by the Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County is next Sunday, November 18, at 7:00 p.m., at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Street. All are welcome.

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**Leaf Raking Day** is this Saturday, November 17, 8:00 a.m. to noon. All generations come together for Washtenaw Dairy doughnuts, hot drinks, and to make our church grounds beautiful. Contact Facilities Manager Adrian Prundeaneau if you have questions.

**Presbyterian Women meet this Wednesday, November 14**, and welcome all women to attend. Men are welcome to attend the program and lunch. Bible Study is in the Lewis Room, 9:30–10:30 a.m. A business meeting follows from 10:45–11:00 a.m. This month's program, "A Stained Glass History," begins in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. Lunch (\$7) follows in the Social Hall.

**The fourth and fifth grade Sunday School classes are sponsoring a collection of 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.

**The Story Slam is Coming!** Music and stories around the theme of Christmas will be shared on December 9, at 4:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, with a Strolling Reception to follow. We are looking for people who are willing to share a five minute story. You do not have to memorize it. If you enjoy "The Moth" or other kinds of story slam events, this is a chance to share meaningful stories with your church family. Contact Rev. Rogers, [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), if you are interested. Limited spots remain.

**Please join us for a service of wholeness and healing** in Monteith Hall on Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. As a nation, as a church, within our families, and personally, we are bearing burdens, wounds, and griefs. Christ calls us together for a service of prayer, music, silence, and meditation, as we seek God's healing love. This service is open to all.

**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).
- 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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