



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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NOVEMBER 12, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
arr. Douglas Wagner

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION *Stewardship* Pat Tamblyn

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 78:1–7)

One: Let us open our minds to God's new teachings
in timeless sayings

All: and be attentive to a fresh Word from God in familiar words.

One: May we listen to the faith stories of our ancestors

All: and share our own stories with new generations.

One: We place our trust in the God who has done wonders
and keeps the covenant with God's people.

**All: We worship and set our hope in the One whose way gives us
life, from one generation of followers to the next.**

* **HYMN 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, we hear your invitation: "Follow me!" We want to join you
on your mission, yet we also want to stay where we are. We want to
embrace the new life and possibilities you offer us, but we also want
to cling to what we already have and stick with what we already know.
And so we are sometimes stuck. God of your people always on the
move, forgive our hesitance, calm our fears, loosen our grip on the
familiar, liven our feet, and lead us to your promised future.**

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."

* **GLORIA PATRI**

**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

Marti Wendler (8:00)
Carol German (9:30)
Paul Goodman (11:00)

FIRST READING Matthew 4:18-25

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. Rev. Koenig-Reinke

SECOND READING Matthew 1:1-17 (selected verses)

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SERMON

Encounter. Follow. Share.

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)

Building for the Future

Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 419**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. 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)

He Comes to Us

Jane Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He came to those who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!" and sets to us the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who He is.

Text by Albert Schweitzer

O Morning Star, how fair and bright
Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sovereign meek and lowly.
Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Master. Thou hast won
My heart to serve Thee solely.
Thou art holy,
Fair and glorious, all victorious,
Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.

* **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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.
Heidi Van Wieren and John Byrn present their children Schuyler,
Elsie, and Marcus 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 499

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

PENTECOST

Please sing Stanzas 1 and 3.

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 430**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

* **POSTLUDE**

Partita on DARWALL'S 148TH

Charles Callahan

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.

We welcome today Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden, Ph.D. An ordained Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Dr. Ken McFayden serves as Academic Dean and Professor of Ministry and Leadership Development at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and teaches courses in the areas of congregational leadership and administration. He is a frequent keynote speaker on the topic of leadership and change. Prior to joining the seminary faculty in March of 2000, Ken served as Executive Director of North Central Career Development Center in New Brighton, MN, as a hospital chaplain, and as an associate pastor.

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 Lisa Danielson and Cathy McKenny. The **Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Carol Gottliebsen and Sara VanderVoort at 9:30 a.m. and Linda Lampman and Beth Caldwell at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, Beth Sanderford, Chris Queen, Elsa Stuber, and Dick Stuber at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry Swartz, Jeanette Swartz, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox at 11:00 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonsds Chapel, to the right of the chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Prayer team members** are Anne Kloack and Elsa Stuber following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Linda Lampman and Marolin Bellefleur following the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough." – Meister Eckhart

Musical leadership includes Gayle Stevens, piano at 8:00 a.m.; Joshua Marzan, piano; Sanctus Ringers; and Chancel Choir at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Benjamin Charles Pierce by the Pierce family.

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 Carole Hendrickson, Barb Carlisle, and Betty Anderson. 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) rehearses at 4:30 p.m.

All-Youth Friendsgiving Dinner for youth and their families is at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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 meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for a presentation on "Circles," a Washtenaw County community ministry led by Friends in Deed to break families out of the hopeless cycle of poverty.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room to explore the themes of *A Crazy, Holy Grace: The Healing Power of Pain and Memory* by Frederick Buechner. Presenters are Revs. Rogers, Buckley, and Koenig-Reinke.

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

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 or Rev. Buckley.

T2A2 enjoys two events today. Members Kathy and Spaulding Clark will host a **potluck brunch** at their home at 12:15 p.m. We hope friends old and new will join us for food and conversation! **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letting Love Show – Stewardship Update: As of November 7, 359 pledges totaling \$1,235,505 have been received. This represents 72.7% 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!

Calling all leaf rakers! Our annual leaf raking day is next Saturday, November 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy multi-generational fellowship, Washtenaw Dairy donuts, and hot drinks.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, November 17, 5:30 p.m., at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue. All are welcome.

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

All are invited to attend the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series tomorrow, 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 "First Forums: A Fresh Conversation" next Sunday, November 19, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. We believe the church is called to be present and engaged with, not isolated from, the world. Each "First Forum" is an opportunity for open dialogue, respectful conversation, and faithful disagreement. A light lunch will be served.

First Forum: Overcoming Racism

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.

Show grace and our gratitude to those who have served our country. The VA Hospital needs hosts to offer overnight stays in their homes for spouses of veterans coming to the VA for surgery. All that is needed is a place to sleep in your spare bedroom – no fuss, no food, just a friendly welcome, a few overnights, and directions to the hospital, once or twice a year. Our dear Nancy and Dale Briggs did this for many years; we can continue their good deeds. Contact Carolyn Schultz (momschultz@juno.com or 975-4219) if you have questions.

Our annual Pancake Supper for UM students is Tuesday, December 12, at 10:00 p.m. We need volunteers to promote the event, serve, setup, cleanup, promo, greet, and mingle. To volunteer or donate money please visit <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/pancake-supper/>. We are also searching for church members that have connections to any of the local sorority or fraternity houses. If you have these connections or if you have any questions, please contact Rev. Buckley.

“Light Dawns on a Weary World” Christmas Hymn Festival and Reception is Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 p.m. Choirs, orchestra and organ will lead the congregation in a festival of Christmas hymns and carols. Following the festival, you are invited to a strolling reception. Refreshments will be served in different parts of the building and crèches from around the world will be on display.

A rare evening New Member Class is coming soon! If you are interested in becoming a member, join us on Wednesdays, November 29 and December 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room and join First Pres on Sunday, December 10. The classes are informative, fun, and a meaningful way to learn more about First Pres, the PC(USA), our church staff, and your fellow members! (The next class will be late winter 2018.) To sign up, email Rev. Rogers or contact the Church Office (662-4466).

It's Family to Family Christmas time. As a family, group, or class, “adopt” a local family in need as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services and purchase gifts and/or food according to their needs. Either deliver the gifts personally or have a FTF volunteer deliver them for you. Alternatively, donations may be made to purchase gift cards for families not directly adopted, or for families in need who have loved ones at Mott Children’s Hospital and UM Hospital during the holidays. Sign up after morning worship services on November 26, December 3, and December 10, in the Social Hall. Volunteers are needed to assist with sign-ups and with gift delivery. Contact Julie Morrison (jdornmorrison@gmail.com or 668-0420) for more information.

The Interfaith Roundtable of Washtenaw County will hold its 23rd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m., at Beth Israel Congregation, 2000 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor. The event begins with an open house at 6:00 p.m., where we will learn more about Beth Israel’s worship space and the Torah scrolls. At 7:00 p.m. we will give thanks with readings, music, and meditations from a wide variety of faith traditions around the theme of “In Gratitude for Our Sacred Diversity.” Light refreshments will follow. To help those in need in our community, donations of non-perishable food and money for turkeys will be accepted.

Join us for our next Mature Ministries Book Discussion, led by Rev. Rogers, on January 21, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Smith. All ages are welcome! We will read *Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Sign up in the Church Office. Books may be pre-ordered through the Church Office until December 1. Checks for \$19 should be may payable to First Pres with “Mature Ministries Book Discussion” on the memo line.

“Feeding Our Neighbors” continues and volunteers are needed.

By the end of football season we will have collected 14,000 lbs of food for Cass Community Services, Riverside Meal Program and Second Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Detroit. Basketball season is another opportunity for one or two people to help with each Big Ten Game starting December 2. We get to see most of the game and it takes about 1.5 hours after the end of the game to collect the unused food. Contact Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com; 276-8426) to volunteer or for more information.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home
- acquire the 2017-2018 Member Directory (\$5 donation requested)

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