



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

NOVEMBER 25, 2018  
FAMILY WORSHIP

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

## Gathering

**PRELUDE** A Thanksgiving Hymn Sing

*Please remain seated and join in singing.*

Hymn 555	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Hymn 554	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	ASH GROVE
Hymn 559	<i>We Gather Together</i>	KREMSE

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)  
Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION** *Mission Fair*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30)

One: This place for us is holy ground.

**All: The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord,**

One: and repeat the stories of faith

**All: that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.**

One: God called us here,

**All: through burning flames and unexpected messengers,**

One: and disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.

**All: Instead God meets us in our vulnerability,**

One: and our humanity.

**All: Let us worship the Lord.**

\* **HYMN 482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations upside down. Still, we don't understand the nature of your grace. In our darkest moments, we doubt if you are really with us. We focus more on the things you give us. God, help us remember that you give us the tools we need. Through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God, and forgive us for not recognizing your presence everywhere.**

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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.**

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Gottlieb (8:00)

Hadley Feyen (9:30)

Sallie Parker (11:00)

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 1:4–8

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.*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 5:10–15

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

### SERMON

Rev. Buckley

## Responding

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00/11:00)

*from The Sarasota Statement, Part I*

**We trust our Lord and Savior who calls disciples to love unconditionally.... To be a Christian is to be continuously undone and remade by a Savior who encounters us in ways we might not expect, through a collection of people we might otherwise reject, screen, or censor.**

**We grieve the ways in which we create division between people whom Christ has created for community. We grieve that we have segregated and broken our communities along worldly constructs of race, class, ideology, and belief.**

**We commit to move beyond like-minded choruses that reinforce our biases, joining the community that reflects God's grace, Christ's kingdom, and the Spirit's action.**



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,  
 2 Praise God in whose word we find  
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known  
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,  
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.  
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.  
 all are loved and called God's own.  
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.  
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

*Refrain*

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

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**WELCOME**

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory (9:30/11:00)** *E'en So Lord Jesus* Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,  
 Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
 Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God,  
 Who was and is and is to come: sing holy, holy Lord!  
 Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth,  
 ye saints below,  
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!  
 E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
 They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

**\* 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 BAPTISM (9:30)**

*In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.*

Benjamin and Allison Tatum present their son, Shepard Joel Tatum, born May 19, 2018, 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 Stanzas 1 and 2.*

KINGDOM

**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 551** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
*Please sing stanzas 1-3.*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

**\* POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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**\* Please rise in body or spirit.**

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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 Nancy Oliver and Brad Taylor. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters are** Gary Oliver and Carol Fletcher (9:30) and David and Carol Downton (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Roger Hsiao (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Dean Gilchrist, Spaulding Clark, Jim Clark, Jim Cameron, Angela Yang, and Jesse Feyen (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 Jeanette Kibler and Marolin Bellefleur (9:30) and Carole Hendrickson and Brad Taylor (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "You need not cry very loud; God is nearer than we think."  
– Brother Lawrence.

**Musical leadership** includes guest conductor Shayla Powell and Chancel Choir.

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Lee Danielson by his wife Millie and his daughter Lisa, and in honor of their precious great-grandson, Shepard Tatum, by his great-grandparents Len and Ginny Rezmierski.

**The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Otis Chapman Whatley, born to Kelly Granito and Alex Whatley on November 16, 2018. Grandparents are Kim and Harry Byers-Granito.

## **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 Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookies** are provided by Linda Tubbs.

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Sunday. Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary for children attending worship. **Children's Choir** does not rehearse today.

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**Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Sunday.** Christian education classes, Youth Choir, and Mids and Keys youth groups do not meet.

**Adult Education Opportunities:**

**Adult Education Classes** do not meet today. Please join us next Sunday for study and robust discussion.

**T2A2 Game Night** is tonight, 7:00–9:30 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house. Bring your favorite game, a snack to share, a friend, or just yourself for an evening of fun! Contact Chris or Rev. Parks-Piatt if you have questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Living God's Love - Stewardship Update:** As of November 19, 334 pledges totaling \$1,106,935 have been received. This represents 65.1% 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!

**An Interim Pastor Search Committee is being formed.** As we move forward as a congregation, we will select an Interim Pastor to guide us through a period during which we maintain our excellence and energy in all ministries and search for and select a new Pastor and Head of Staff for our church. The Session is seeking nominations for an Interim Pastor Search Committee to identify, recruit, and call an Interim Pastor. If you are interested or if you wish to nominate another member of the church, please submit the name of your nominee to the Church Office or by completing an online Interim Search Nomination form.

**The Administrative Committee** will hold a Listening Session tomorrow, Monday, November 26, 7:00–8:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room. All are welcome to participate.

**Yoga class** meets this Thursday, November 29, 5:00–6:00 p.m., in the Choir Room. Please bring props (mat, blocks, blanket, strap) if you have them but we'll have some you can borrow if you don't. Contact Rev. Buckley at with questions.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, November 30, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Families at First** will meet this Thursday, November 29, 6:00–7:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. We invite you for an evening of open dialogue and making of care packages. We thought it would be helpful to have time to answer any questions you may still have, and listen to suggestions on our new path forward in the children and youth programs. During this time, children and families are also welcome to help with card making and holiday care packages for 26 Airforce Airwo/men in Africa. A pizza dinner will be provided. Contact Beca Torres-Davenport (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org) if you have questions. An RSVP would be appreciated, but is not required.

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**Advent Happening** is Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. We are still looking for volunteers to run tables. Contact Beca Torres-Davenport (btorres-davenport@firstpresbyterian.org) to find out how you can help.

**The Forward in Mission Christmas Bazaar** is next Sunday, December 2, 8:30–12:30, in the Social Hall. Shop for Christmas gifts and learn more about how First Pres makes a difference locally and around the world. There will be hand-crafted items as well as “shares” of projects which allow you to support our wide variety of Mission efforts. Preview the catalog and purchase shares online.

**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 Soirée 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, if you are interested. Limited spots remain.

**Volunteer for the Annual Pancake Supper!** First Pres will host our Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday December 11. Volunteers will help with cooking, cleaning, promoting, and welcoming college students as we continue this important ministry event. If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, contact Rev. Koenig-Reinke.

**Participate in the Peace Neighborhood Center Holiday Toy and Food Drive.** The mission of Peace Neighborhood Center is to provide programs for children, families, and individuals who are affected by social and economic problems. The Center, located on North Maple Road in Ann Arbor, is looking for volunteers to sign up for two hour blocks December 20, 21, and 22, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and December 23, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., to sort toy donations, help families shop, and to assist office staff with paperwork, if necessary. Sign up online or contact Martha Kershaw (mdkershaw@sbcglobal.net) or Rev. Koenig-Reinke.

**Please contact the Church Office to:**

- order a First Pres name tag (\$9 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request a baptism
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- support our Fair Trade mission project by purchasing a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home (\$12)
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$50.
- apply for a security device (fob). Cost is \$10.

**All are invited to join First Pres youth as they enjoy Christmas caroling at Glacier Hills on Sunday, December 23.** Meet at Glacier Hills in the front lobby at 2:00 p.m. Contact Essie Koenig-Reinke, Youth Ministries Coordinator, or GJ Frye, Peer Minister for Youth Ministry, for more information.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Robin Agnew, Administrative Assistant  
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister  
GJ Frye, Peer Minister for Youth Ministry  
Lisa Haddrill, Technology Coordinator  
Dr. Paul Haebig, Interim Organist  
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Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor  
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