



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

NOVEMBER 26, 2017
FAMILY SUNDAY

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

Aria

Andrew Carter

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Parks-Piatt

FAITH IN ACTION *Family to Family Christmas*

Julie Morrison

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come, for God gathers us here, in a community called faith:

**All: where the hungry are to be served first,
where the thirsty are to drink life's water.**

One: We come, for God welcomes us here,
into that home called grace:

**All: where the stranger is to be embraced as the long-lost
prodigal, where the naked are to be clothed in robes of hope.**

One: We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**All: where the imprisoned may come to model justice,
where the sick may be cradled in God's peace.**

* HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Light and Salvation, you call us to be a people offering deep and trusted friendship, a safe community. We fail to offer dignity and respect to every person and to offer a place at table for the stranger and the outcast. We allow hurts, real or imagined, to linger. We harbor fear after conflict rather than trust in the healing of renewed relationships. Yet still you call us to be a people of hope, trust, love, and safety. You desire our abiding connections with all who share life's journey. Help us discard any of our ways that keep us from being a life-giving community of faith, a place of love, welcome, forgiveness, and peace.

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

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)
Emma Schneidewind (9:30)
James Dabrowski (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11-16

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

SUNG PSALM Psalm 27: *The Lord Is My Light*

Please sing when indicated:

**The Lord is my light, my light and my salvation:
in God I trust, in God I trust.**

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A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:31-46

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

SERMON

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

 **Responding** 

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A PRAYER LITANY**

I am the Good Shepherd and I know my sheep. My sheep recognize and listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.

Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want.

In the dark and cloudy day that you were scattered, I sought you out to deliver you from places of chaos, devastation, panic, and fear.

**Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want. You Lord are my
light and my salvation, whom shall I fear: You are the strength of
my life, of whom shall I be afraid?**

I am the Good Shepherd. You shall not hunger or thirst, neither shall the heat nor the sun strike you down. For in mercy I will lead you and by springs of water I will guide you.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me by still waters.

I will tend you, shepherd you, lead you to living fountains of water. And God, your Creator shall wipe away all tears from your eyes.

Lord, You are my Shepherd. I shall not want.

There is a pure river of water of life. I say, come. You who are thirsting . . . come!

“Come!” Let us each who thirsts come to the river. Let us take the water of life freely and deeply into the areas of our needs.

* HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*

John Rutter

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid: and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle: yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness: I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord. Harken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me. My heart hath talked of thee. Seek ye my face: Thy face, Lord, will I seek. O hide not thou thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure. Thou hast been my succour: leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord taketh me up. Be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

* **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 386

O for a World

AZMON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

* POSTLUDE

O for a World

Paul Manz

* 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 Tom McKarns and Gail Grady. The **Church Office** is staffed by Sandy Talbott. **Greeters** are Sharon Sheldon and Sara Vander Voort at 9:30 a.m. and Beth Caldwell at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, Omer Bellfi, Beth Sanderford, Elsa Stuber, Dick Stuber, and Karla Olson-Bellfi 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 Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Prayer team members** are Tom Brandt and Diane Knibbs following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Pam Rinker 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. "Prayer is less about changing the world than it is about changing ourselves." – David Wolpe

The Call to Worship, based on Matthew 25:31-46, was written by Thom Shuman. **The Prayer of Confession**, based on Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34:11-24, John 10, Revelation 22:17, was written by Jeanie Rose.

Musical leadership includes Julia Pakela, clarinet; Clayton Farmer, organ; and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Joanne, Ken, and Susan Koopers by Lloyd and Marge Kooyers; and in loving memory of Lee Danielson by his wife, Millie, and his daughter, Lisa.

The red rosebud honors the birth of Everett Douglas Kibler, born October 17, 2017, son of Nicole and David Kibler. Everett is the grandson of Jeanette and Rol Kibler.

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 Nancy Fox, Nancy Oliver, and Jennifer Stahl. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to Monteith Hall for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m. **Children's Choir** does not rehearse today.

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.

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 attend "Wednesdays @ 8:00," a weekly gathering for fellowship and faithful conversation at the Michigan League. For more information, see Revs. McGowan or Buckley.

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A rare evening two-part New Member Class begins this week! If you are interested in becoming a member, join us this Wednesday, November 29 and Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room, and join First Pres on Sunday, December 10. To sign up, email Rev. Rogers or contact the Church Office (662-4466).

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 Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Join us for an all-church outing to a UM Women's basketball game this Wednesday, November 29, for UM vs. Notre Dame, a 6:00 p.m. game. Tickets are just \$3 per person. Sign up by emailing Rev. Rogers or in the Church Office. We will order the tickets and have them when you arrive.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, December 1, 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

Advent Happening, an arts and crafts event for the whole family is next Saturday morning, December 2, in the Social Hall from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Childcare is provided for infants through age two if older siblings and parents are busy at the Advent Happening. Contact Debbie MacVey (dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org; 662-4466) to make a childcare reservation.

"Light Dawns on a Weary World" Christmas Hymn Festival and Reception is Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful event meant for the whole family to attend together. For those who would like childcare for children under age two, make a reservation by contacting Debbie MacVey (dmcvey@firstpresbyterian.org) no later than December 12.

Ten Thousand Villages, located at 303 South Main Street, markets handicrafts from the developing world in order to provide artisans with a fair wage. The store is offering a special Community Shopping Event November 27 through December 8. Fifteen percent of total net sales from an organization's supporters will be donated to that organization. When shopping, ask them to designate First Pres, Ann Arbor, as the recipient of the donation. Donations will go to our Mission Committee to support local and international mission.

Are you anticipating spending Christmas Day alone? Would you open your Christmas Day table to include a church member who otherwise would be alone? The Congregational Life Committee hopes to put people together on this most special day to share a meal. Whichever side of the invitation you are on, please contact Rev. Rogers.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

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Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister

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