



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



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🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come
This work is based on Hymn 14.

J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Rogers (11:00)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Lighting the Candle of Hope are members of Mom's Bible Study: Deanne Woodruff, Jeanne Monich, and Susan Holmes (8:00); the Christensen family: Leslie and Dave Christensen, Karen Moorhead and Dan Christensen, and Dorene Christensen (9:30); and UKirk Member college students.

A Reading on Hope

Choral Response

Draw Near

Prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Buckley (11:00)

The chances we have to be more compassionate; the moments to offer hope to a lonely friend; the good fortune we could give to those who have so little. The signs are all around us, good and righteous God, of how we fail to live as your people. Do not meditate on our mistakes, God of steadfast love, but remember the mercy of your heart — that mercy which forgives us, that mercy which makes us whole, and especially that living mercy who came down one night so long ago, Jesus our Hope and the Advent of our redemption.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debbie Ternes (8:00)

Kate Silbert (9:30)

Anna Millard (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 33:14–16

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21:25–36

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

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt

🌿 Responding 🌿

* HYMN

The Days Are Surely Coming

LLANGLOFFAN

1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,
2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,
3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.
when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.
the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.

My righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land
Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,
Then righ - teous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land

and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.
for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.
and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

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WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)

Rev. McGowan (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors,
And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 8:00 and 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

 Sending 

* HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

* **POSTLUDE** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

* 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. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Lorna Prescott and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jane Hayes and Carolyn Schultz (9:30) and Pat Gilbreath and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Roger Hsiao (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, Elsa and Dick Stuber, Angela Yang, Spaulding Clark, Dean Gilchrist, Kay Fuller, Ron David, and Lynn Milroy (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jeannette Middleton and Jim Douglass (captains), Cindy Lambrides, Gregg, Vincent, and Stacey Pakela, and Sandy Herold (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 Nancy Fox and Annette Fraser (9:30) and Marolin Bellefleur (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Those who always pray are necessary to those who never pray." – Victor Hugo

Musical leadership is provided by Children's Choir (9:30) and Chancel Choir (9:30/11:00).

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jackie Voss by the Burt Voss family; in loving memory of Almira and Hubert White by their daughter, Jean; and in celebration of Maro Ferris' 100th birthday on December 1. Maro now lives at Sunset House in Toledo, where her family gathered to celebrate with her.

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).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Come to the Forward in Mission Christmas Bazaar, 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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookies** are provided by Marge Higley, Marcia Knapp, and Beth Caldwell.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School classes are held for three-year olds through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for crib through preschoolers at 9:30 and 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.

Christmas Pageant Parent Meeting is in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. If your family is going to be here on Christmas Eve and you would like your child to participate in the Christmas Pageant at 3:00 p.m., please attend the meeting and register your child. Pageant participants are age three through fifth grade. Many middle schoolers participate in leadership roles, and should also fill out a registration form. Paper sign-up forms will be available at the parent meeting. Alternatively, you can register online on the church website. If you are unable to attend the parent meeting today, please complete your registration by tomorrow, December 3.

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.

Youth Choir rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor.

All youth are invited to an evening at Detroit Zoo’s Wild Lights, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Bring your friends and join us as we wind our way through the zoo, drink hot cocoa and soak up all the Christmastime magic! Cost is only \$5 per person. Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. to carpool. Contact Essie Koenig-Reinke (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information or to sign up.

UKirk@Umich, Undergraduate Campus Ministry Opportunities:

- 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). It’s free!
- 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.
- We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life! Contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at campus@firstpresbyterian.org.

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. Today the group explores Amy Knight's book *Orders to Kill: The Putin Regime and Political Murder*.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. Las Posadas before Christmas? Come and find out what this is all about. If you have participated in one at some point, come and join the discussion with Rev. Annette Fraser. We will also discuss the beginnings of Nativity plays. Fascinating stuff.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book of Revelation. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stratford in 2019? The Mature Ministries group (which welcomes you at any age!) will return to Stratford June 11–12 to see two shows - *Billy Elliott* and *Little Shop of Horrors*. Our group travels by chartered bus and stays at the Arden Park Hotel. All taxes and gratuities are included. The price is \$345/pp for a double room, and \$449/pp for a single room. Interested? Let Rev. Rogers know by December 10.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, December 7, at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Living God's Love — Stewardship Update: As of November 26, 346 pledges totaling \$1,130,499 have been received. This represents 66.5% 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.

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 Center, located on North Maple Road in Ann Arbor, is looking for volunteers to sign up for two-hour blocks December 20–23, 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.

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.

You are invited to be part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) response to the devastation wrought by wildfires in California. PDA assessment teams are on the ground. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with “U.S. Wildfires” in the memo line. You may also donate directly to PDA online, through our First Pres web site. Please be in prayer for those communities ravaged by the fires.

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