



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

FEBRUARY 10, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude in E Minor
Reverie

Mark Fax
William Grant Still

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)
Rev. McGowan (11:00)

One: God of the prophets, speak to us today.

All: Call us into Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

One: God of the poets, remind us again how much You love us.

All: Sing to us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

One: God of the disciples, teach us how to follow You.

All: Teach us Your ways of love, justice and righteousness.

One: Holy Spirit, God of us all — help us to know Your ways.

All: We gather to hear Your call, to sing Your praise, to teach each other, to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.

* HYMN 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, Spirit of Life, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Relying on your Holy Spirit, teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. Allow us to be open to the new ways you work among us, and empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

* **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

Catherine Kendall (9:30)

Gail Grady (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 41

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 Acts 1:15–26

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

SERMON *Hallelujah: Huck, Hitch, & the Holy Spirit*

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

 **Responding** 

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way. We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God. We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship. We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road toward the "promised land" of God's future. Because Christ has called us, in this we believe.

* **HYMN 382**

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

WELCOME

Rev. Buckley (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *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,
Hearken 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

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

God Is Calling through the Whisper

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

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* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
 through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
 Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
 God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!**

* POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Adolphus Hailstork

* 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.

The Call to Worship was written by Rev. Mindi on her Rev-o-lution blog. **The Affirmation of Faith** was written by Bruce Prewer and adapted for our use.

Musical leadership (9:30/11:00) is provided by Chancel Choir; Jay DeVries, clarinet; and Simon Suboski, soloist. **Crucifers** are Pam Ehrhart (9:30) and Heidi Hess-Willis (11:00).

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 are Anne Kloack and Ginger Winter. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Karen Mundus and Lori Wolters (9:30); and Prue Heikkinen and Bill Wolters (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Dean Gilchrist, Keith Molin, Bill Parker, and Dick and Elsa Stuber (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry and Jeanette Swartz, and Karen and Joe Cox (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Roland Kibler and Roger Hsiao. **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 services. **Prayer team members** are Carol Downton and Paula Doering (9:30), and Annette Fraser and Jean White (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer. "Prayer until you pray." —D. M. McIntyre

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband Keith.

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 Betsy DiMaggio, Margie Van Tuyl, and John and Dawn Pankopf. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **A Cookie Exchange** is today during Coffee Hour. If you brought two dozen cookies to exchange, please join in the fun.

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 11:00 a.m. worship.

Children's Choir rehearses at 10:30 a.m., in Room 300.

Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room at the same time.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All youth grades 6–12 are invited to join us for our scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome!

Munch & Mingle is 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 Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Youth Group is at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

If you are a middle school or high school student who loves music, and want to share your gifts and talents with your church family, contact Simon Suboski (ssuboski@firstpresbyterian.org) about youth music opportunities. We hope you'll join us!

All youth grades 6–12 are needed to help plan Youth Sunday.

There is something for everyone! We need artists, musicians, singers, public speakers, and all of you who are good at technology. We want you to be a part of Youth Sunday 2019 on February 24! If you are a youth who would like to help lead the service in some way contact Essie Koenig-Reinke (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

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 providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. Today's discussion centers on *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality and Politics* by Adam Hamilton. All are welcome to attend.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. The class, led today by Lisa Pasbjerg, is on "Relationship Wellness." Come to share and learn about life in the "blue zone" where the power of relationships makes you happy, healthy, and might even save your life!

College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry Opportunities:

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. All are welcome!

Enjoy lunch with us 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 and Tuesday afternoons, 1:00–5:00 p.m., in the League. Our treat!

Have faithful conversations at our Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mature Ministries welcomes Howard Markel to our February Lunch and Learn this Thursday, February 14, at noon. Lunch is \$5. Dr. Markel's new book is *The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek*. We encourage you to purchase the book on your own and bring it for Howard to sign. **The movie, *The Road to Wellville*, based on a different book about the Kellogg brothers, will be viewed as a follow up, on Thursday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m., in the Curtis Room.** There is no cost and popcorn is provided! Sign up for both events in the Church Office, or online.

The New Hymnal is Coming! *Glory to God*, the hymnal we have been using in Monteith Hall since 2013, is coming to our Sanctuary. We hope to have hymnals by Easter Sunday. We encourage you to order one (or more!) now to enhance our worship life. You may give in your name, or in honor or memory of someone else. Hymnals are \$22 each and can be ordered on our website or in the Church Office. We hope to purchase at least 600 by Easter, with a goal of 800 total, including musician's editions and large-print versions. More detailed information on this beautiful resource can be found in the February First Press. For more information contact Karla Olson-Bellfi (734-2665) or Jeanette Swartz (417-3139).

Our annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services in Detroit is scheduled for the month of March. Please drop off paper towels and laundry detergent, items always in demand at Cass, during the month of March in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com).

All Presbyterian Women are invited to a Bible study on Lesson 6 of *God's Promise: I Am with You*, Wednesday, February 20, at 9:30 a.m., in the Lewis Room. A brief business meeting and a program on "New FPC Gun Violence and Gospel Values" follow in Monteith Hall at 10:45 a.m. All are invited, including men, to attend the program to learn about our church's newly developed policy statement and action plan on gun violence. Presenters include church leaders and a community liaison officer from the Washtenaw Sheriff's Department. Lunch (\$7) in the Social Hall follows the program. Reservations may be made in the Church Office. Men and non-Presbyterian friends are welcome to attend the program and lunch.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 15, at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 North Zeeb Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Families@First is hosted "Fondue and Bingo Night" and you are invited! Join us on Saturday, February 16, 5:00–6:30 p.m., in the Youth Room. Reservations are appreciated. Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport.

Please consider providing Chancel flowers one Sunday in memory of a loved one who has died or in honor of a loved one still living. There are openings in upcoming months. Contact Robin Agnew in the Church Office if you are interested. The cost is \$50.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Planning Meeting is this Wednesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. All in their 20s and 30s are invited to our Wednesday Hangout at Red Hawk Bar & Grill (316 South State Street) for a creative meeting. We hope as many as possible will join us and share ideas as we make plans for the rest of winter, spring, and into summer. RSVP to Rev. Piatt.

The nominating committee is currently putting together the Youth Director Search Committee. All members interested in serving on this search committee, or in nominating someone to be on the search committee, should contact Lynne Lande (lynnelande@me.com).

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