



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

MARCH 3, 2019  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY  
FAMILY WORSHIP

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

## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Grand Dialogue*

Louis Marchand

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Piatt (8:00)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

One: From the rising of the sun in the east till its setting in the west,

**All: God's holy name be praised.**

One: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

**All: God's holy name be praised.**

One: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

**All: God's holy name be praised.**

One: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners  
of the world,

**All: God's holy name be praised.**

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**All: Amen. We come to praise the Lord!**

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

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: That our relationships with God, one another and the whole  
creation might be reconciled and healed, let us confess our sin.

**All: Your kingdom come, O God, is what we pray, but still we  
place ourselves above others and above you. Still we abuse  
our position and bend the rules to suit us. Still we look  
down on others when what we need is to look up to you.  
Still we claim as our own a creation over which you labor  
and weep to see wasted. Only you know our deep places  
where hurt and harm linger. Only you have the authority to  
forgive our poor attempts at kingdom-making. And so we  
ask for that forgiveness now, in silence . . .**

– from the Church of Scotland

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

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\* **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**

*This is Hymn 576.*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Nancy Fox (8:00)  
Ava Westfall (9:30)  
Sandy Talbott (11:00)

**FIRST READING** 1 John 4:7–21

*This translation is from *The Inclusive Bible*.*

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. Rogers

**SECOND READING** Matthew 24:3–13

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

**SERMON**

*Won't You Love Your Neighbor?*

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)  
Rev. Larry Farris (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 477** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

**WELCOME**

Revs. Koenig-Reinke and Piatt (9:30)  
Rev. Rogers (11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Chorale Prelude on "Hanover" (8:00)*

*At the Name of Jesus (9:30/11:00)*

Willem Mudde  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

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## 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

*Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. 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 Music

### Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\* **HYMN 376** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL  
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.*

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

\* 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.

**We welcome back to the pulpit at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Lawrence W. Farris.** Larry is a pastor, preacher, teacher, spiritual director, and writer. He is the author of *Dynamics of Small Town Ministry*, *Ten Commandments for Pastors New to a Congregation*, and *Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation*, as well as numerous articles. He has served Presbyterian churches in Annapolis, Maryland, in Okemos and Three Rivers, Michigan, and prior to retirement, served as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor and First Presbyterian Church of Schoolcraft, Michigan. He currently serves as a Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo.

**Musical leadership** (9:30/11:00) is provided by Chancel Choir, Simon Suboski, Guest Conductor.

**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Lori Pickard and Rob Bauman. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz and Ginny Rezmierski (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Felicity Williams (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Jean Song (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Angela Yang, Dean Gilchrist, Ron David, Lynn Milroy, Holly Majorprice, Ali and Ken Westfall, Spaulding Clark, Jesse Feyen, and Carol Smith (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jeanette Middleton (captain), Jim Douglass, Cindy Lambrides, the Pakela family, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** are Nancy Fox and Carol Fletcher (9:30) and Rohn Federbush and Michele Derr (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "When you cannot pray as you would, pray as you can." — Edward M. Goulburn

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Nancy Avery Webster by her brother Earl Avery.

**The pink and red rosebuds** celebrate the February 22, 2019 births of Lorna Machree Oslin and Otto Alva Oslin, children of Anneke and Corey Oslin. Grandparents are Alison and Greg Holcombe. Greatgrandparents are Machree and the late Jay Robinson and Marilyn and Jack Vandervelde.

## **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](http://www.waamradio.com)).

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**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 Hope Clinic.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Carole Hendrickson, Dianne Santinga, and Carol Smith. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour. Your purchase supports the First Pres mission project to help provide a living wage for coffee farmers and to subsidize our commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

**Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Worship. 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.

**Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Worship.** Christian education classes do not meet. All youth are invited to join in worship today, sitting either with your family or with Youth Staff in the balcony.

**Youth Dinner** is at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room, followed by **Youth Group**.

**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 to discuss "Working Toward a Healthy Faith Life," which will conclude the series "Our Well-Being." Today's facilitator is Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi, recently retired from pastoral ministry. She will lead us in an exploration of transformative spiritual practices.

**College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry Opportunities:**

**There are no college events this week due to Spring Break.**

College opportunities resume with College Lunch next Sunday, March 10.

**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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All youth grades 6–12 are invited to the All Youth Lockin next Saturday, March 9–Sunday, March 10.** It's going to be a great night of fellowship and fun which includes Splash Universe Indoor Waterpark, movies, and epic games. Cost is \$25. Contact Essie (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, March 8, at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Participate in the Deacons' Blood Drive** on Tuesday, March 19, 12:00–6:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up online ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)) or during Coffee Hour next Sunday. If you have questions, contact Lisa Shultz ([whybenormal@verizon.net](mailto:whybenormal@verizon.net)).

**Mature Ministries welcomes everyone ages 60 and better to a "double-feature" Lunch and Learn on Thursday, March 14.** Sign up in the Church Office and plan to attend all or part of this double-feature.

**Merilynne Rush presents "Death Café: What and Why?,"**  
in the Vance Room, at 11:00 a.m.

**A hot lunch** (\$5) is served in the Social Hall at noon.

**Dr. Sean McCabe, UM research professor, discusses the opioid crisis** at 12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall.

### Living God's Love – Stewardship 2019

First Pres Needs You! 2019 pledges currently total \$1,463,368, or 86.1% of our \$1,700,000 goal. Our financial pledges fund the church operating budget. As it stands today, we will have to use Unrestricted Endowment Funds (FPC's rainy day funds) to make up the revenue shortfall in the 2019 budget that was approved by Session and presented at the Annual Meeting. Deficit spending is not sustainable. If you have not yet pledged for 2019, we are counting on you, and it's not too late. Please contact Anna Miller in the Finance Office, or review stewardship materials online and pledge securely at [firstpresbyterian.org/contribute](http://firstpresbyterian.org/contribute). Together we can make up the revenue shortfall and move our church forward. Thank you for all the ways you are Living God's Love!

**Saturday Suppers** return on April 6, and again we'll meet in the homes of First Pres friends to share a potluck supper and enjoy an evening of good conversation and fellowship. See the March issue of *First Press* or contact Sara VanderVoort ([saravoort@gmail.com](mailto:saravoort@gmail.com)) for details and then sign up online or in person during the March 24 Coffee Hour. If you're a new member or visitor, this is an especially good way to connect with our church family.

**Volunteer for our Alpha House ministry to children and families experiencing homelessness.** Our next host week is March 25–29. You may sign up either online or at Coffee Hour. If you have questions, contact Gail Einhaus, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere.



## **2019 Lenten Series**

### ***ABIDE: Blessed in the Mess***

#### **Ash Wednesday Worship is this Wednesday, March 6.**

Family Friendly Worship at 5:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ecumenical Taizé Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Reserve your spot online or in the Church Office for dinner (ribs and mashed potatoes). Cost is \$9/person for reservations made by tomorrow, March 4, or \$10/person at the door.

#### **Upcoming Messy Events:**

*Bless this Mess: Our Real Lives Photo Challenge*, March 1–April 10

*Messy Living Art Workshop* this Friday, March 8, 5:00–7:30 p.m.

*Lenten Contemplation* on Wednesdays, 9:00–9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall beginning this Wednesday, March 6.

Lenten Small Groups are forming. This Lent, we will explore *Final Words from the Cross* by Adam Hamilton, alongside our Lenten theme of “ABIDE: Blessed in the Mess.” Books (\$15) are available for purchase in the Church Office. In life, in death, and even in the mess, Jesus’ words were powerful and meaningful. Sign up on our website or in the Church Office.

Contact the Church Office for more information on these and other Lenten opportunities.

#### **Please contact the Church Office to:**

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet 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. Cost is \$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.

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## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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