

*The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
August 30, 2009
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

WELCOME TO ALL, especially visitors and newcomers to Ann Arbor. Let us know of your presence by completing the pew card. Please know you are invited to share in all activities of the church. A full description of church events may be found online at *www.firstpresbyterian.org*.

Our mission is to grow spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship, mission, learning, and prayer. We commit ourselves, in all we say and do, to demonstrate God's grace and love.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Improvised*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Please sign the Friendship Book in each pew near the center aisle and pass it along your pew or to others sitting nearby. As it returns, note with whom you worship so that you may greet each other after the service.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

God's Work in Campus Ministry
Julie Marks, Director of Campus Ministries, and Scott Ellis and Erin Wilson, Campus Interns

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked;

People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water;

**People: They yield their fruit in its season
and their leaves do not wither.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

***HYMN 482 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, giver of all good gifts, hear us now as we confess our sins. We speak when we should listen. We hesitate when we should act. We become angry over inconvenience but not injustice. We are careless about your most precious treasures but consumed with things that are trivial. Forgive us and focus our lives on Jesus Christ, his will and his way.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE (#565 in the Hymnal)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

***PASSING THE PEACE**

One to another: The peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

***GLORIA (#579 in the Hymnal)**

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 OF ILLUMINATION

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27 (N.T., p. 229)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(9:30) A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children may come to the chancel steps to meet with one of the pastors.

HYMN 364 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

SERMON Hearers and Doers

RESPONDING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

(9:30) SOLO The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text by George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a Way, as gives us breath: such a Truth, as ends all strife: and such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: such a Feast, as mends in length: such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: such a Love, as none can part: such a Heart, as joys in love.

***DOXOLOGY (#592 in the Hymnal)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(8:00) THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

See Communion Liturgy 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. 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 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come**

Festal Song

***BENEDICTION**

(9:30) VOLUNTARY Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

The Prayer Team is available for those desiring prayer, in the Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, following the 9:30 worship service.

THE PREACHER at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@11:00) worship services is the Reverend Brewster H. Gere.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Julie Marks at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Julie Marks and Jim Monnett and Resident Minister Matthew Nickel at 9:30 a.m., and the Reverend Julie Marks and Resident Minister Sarah Wiles at the 5:45@11:00 a.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Jon Ophoff.

THE ORGANIST is Carol Muehlig.

THE SOLOIST is Leslie Smith, soprano.

THE READERS are Harris McClamroch at 8:00 a.m., Frank Bongiorno at 9:30 a.m., and Jan Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are David and Linda Gunderson and Harriet Brouwer.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Joe Savarino by his wife, Maya Savarino, and also in memory of other members of their family.

Today's Events

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Worship at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. (the 5:45@ 11:00) is in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. is in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets at 9:30 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Parents may be asked to present a picture I.D. when they pick up their children.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, First Presbyterian member Polly Pan completes the audio series "Great Figures of the New Testament" from the Teaching Company. Today's subject is the Christ of Faith.

FALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FOOD DRIVE: As we all head back to our fall routines, it's time to fill some boxes of food to go to the Detroit Presbytery for distribution to needy families in our nearby communities. The food drive will be conducted August 30 through September 13, and food collection boxes will be located outside the Church Office and at the Welcome Center. Please check your cupboards and bring in items such as peanut butter and other protein items, less sugary cereals, and any extra non-perishable items (not outdated) you might have. Your contribution is much appreciated and much needed!

RADIO WORSHIP service is at 11:00 a.m. on WAAM (1600 AM) and on WAAM's website, waamannarbor.com.

LAST POTLUCK DELUXE SUMMER LUNCH: Join us in the Social Hall after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the last Potluck Deluxe of the summer. As usual, a main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish if you like. This week is sponsored by Abide. Come on down for some good conversation and good food! We would like to thank all of the groups that have sponsored Potluck Deluxe throughout the summer. With your contributions to the food and conversation, Potluck has been a huge success!

Announcements

THE CHOIR PICNIC SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3 has been cancelled.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR PURSES! While we view ourselves as open, hospitable and welcoming, keep in mind that First Pres is a public building. Please do not leave purses or other valuables unattended or unsecured when at church for worship, meetings, or events.

MATURE MINISTRIES VISIONING RETREAT: For our members over 60, our church tries to offer a wide variety of programs and ministry opportunities. For these “mature members,” we are in a key planning phase for new organization and implementation of these programs. The Mature Ministries Visioning and Planning Retreat will be held in the Social Hall, September 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Programs for our mature members will be considered, and new programs explored. Those who participate will have an immediate opportunity to have input into the programs and ministries offered. All adult members are welcome to share their ideas and insights. Contact Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org), to sign up or for more information. See the August *First Press* for a more detailed description of the group, and this event. Lunch will be provided.

COME TO THE BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Our time with the children in worship on Sunday, September 6, will feature a “Blessing of the Backpacks.” School’s beginning is just around the corner, and Interim Pastor Larry Farris asks that all children and middle school youth of the congregation bring their school backpacks with them to worship at either the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service to get those backpacks blessed. Don’t be shy. Don’t be embarrassed. This is a special moment to remember that Jesus is with us wherever we go and whatever we do, even school! And it is a time for our congregation to ask God’s blessing upon our children and youth as the school year begins. School is exciting and challenging, and we need all the help we can get. Try it! You’ll like it! Bring your backpack to church and get it blessed, and you’ll get blessed, too.

Children and youth who are not able to be in worship on September 6 will be able to pick up the sign of that blessing (it’s a surprise!) as well as a short litany to use with their parents so that their backpacks may also be blessed. This opportunity will continue throughout the month of September. Please see Deborah MacVey, Director of Children’s Education and Family Ministries, to pick up the materials. We pray that everyone has a great year at school!

HUNGRY FOR GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS? Join us for Saturday Suppers on October 3. Sign up at coffee hour from September 6 to September 27. When you sign up, let us know how many are coming, if you would be interested in being a host home, and if you will have children with you. You will be assigned to a group of 7, 8, or 9 people, some you will know, and some you won’t. On October 3, you’ll meet at a “host” house (the host provides the main dish). Dinner starts around 6:00 p.m. Each family, couple, or individual brings a side, dessert, or salad. Don’t miss out on this lively and enjoyable social event! For more information, contact Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers (662-4466, ext. 12, or mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@sbcglobal.net).

PLEASE ATTEND A WELCOME RECEPTION for the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris and his wife Pat on September 6. Come and greet our new Interim Pastor and enjoy a special treat at coffee hour on the terrace (weather permitting), or in the Social Hall, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

CALL FOR COOKIES TO WELCOME UM STUDENTS! On September 10, we will welcome new students to the university and invite them to get involved with Campus Ministry at UM’s annual Festifall. We would like to bring a taste of home to these students by delivering cookies to their dorm rooms, and we need your help! Please make as many cookies (nut-free,

please) as you like, and package them by placing them in small sandwich bags, three cookies per bag. Deliver them to the Founders Room kitchen on Wednesday, September 9. Questions? Contact Rev. Julie Marks at 662-4466, ext. 14, or jmarks@firstpresbyterian.org.

RAISING OR MINISTERING TO TEENS OR COLLEGE STUDENTS?

On Friday, September 11, Campus Ministry and the Youth Education and Ministries Committee will sponsor a seminar entitled "HURT: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers," presented by Chap Clark, Ph.D., at First Presbyterian Church in Monteith Hall, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$10. Dr. Clark is a Vice Provost and Professor of Youth, Family, and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also the founder of ParentTeen, an organization that provides seminars designed to equip parents to understand and nurture their children in a constantly changing cultural environment, and help them develop a more authentic and effective parenting strategy throughout the teen years and beyond. Pre-registration is required. Call the Church Office at 662-4466 to make your reservation.

COME TO THE ABIDE ACTIVITY FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 13! If you want to find out more about getting involved at First Pres, this is the event to attend. Tables will be set up outside (weather permitting) or in the Social Hall (weather not permitting) and manned by representatives from church committees, groups, and programs. Stroll through the exhibits, ask questions, meet people, sign up for volunteer opportunities, just don't miss out!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN'S NEXT HOST WEEK AT ALPHA HOUSE, Washtenaw County's family shelter located on Jackson Road, is September 14-20. Please save the date! The Alpha House committee needs volunteers to sign up for evening or weekend babysitting, meal making and overnight stays. Look for our sign-up poster in the Social Hall or Welcome Center, or contact Nancy Vander Kuyl (nanspan@gmail.com, 741-1814) or Lucie Audette (laudette125@hotmail.com, 998-0152).

MOTHERS' MORNING CORRECTION: The first fall meeting for Mothers' Morning will be Tuesday, September 15, in the Youth Room. (The group generally meets the second Tuesday of each month, but we are moving to the third Tuesday in September in consideration of the first day of school.) Child check-in begins at 9:00 a.m., and our "Getting to Know You" program will meet from 9:30 to 11:30. New members are welcome! Come enjoy fellowship, breakfast treats, and a fun mixer to get to know one another a little better. Cost for the semester is just \$10, or \$3 per individual meeting. For more information, contact Carolyn Gehrke at 572-5832, gehrkecj@hotmail.com, or Nancy Meyers at 677-7763, nmeyers@comcast.net.

GET INVOLVED WITH TNT! Those in their twenties and thirties are invited to get together for a variety of activities. A study of the Book of Ephesians begins Wednesday, September 16, at 7:15 p.m., in the Vance Room. This week-to-week study doesn't require any preparation beforehand or previous exposure to Ephesians. Also, help fundraise for our church's youth program by volunteering at the Booth 38 concession stand on Saturday, September 19, when the U of M football team takes on Eastern Michigan University at noon. It's a lot of fun, and a great way to meet new people. Want to find out more? Contact Marc Buchanan at mdbuchanan75@gmail.com.

OUR FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 13: Here are some start-up dates to keep in mind.

Sunday, September 13

Worship at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m., and 5:45 p.m.
Abide Activity Fair, 8:30 a.m., Church Grounds or Social Hall
Children’s Sunday school classes at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Youth Sunday school classes, 9:30 a.m.
First Couples, 9:30 a.m.
Adult Education Classes, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Orchestra Rehearsals, 4:00 p.m.
KEYS vs Parents, 6:00 p.m.
Campus Sunday Evening Meal, 6:45 p.m.

Monday, September 14

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 15

ESL, 1:00 p.m. (note time change from listing in August newsletter)
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

MIDS, 5:00 p.m.
Hosanna Choir, 5:00 p.m.
Alleluia Choir, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 17

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20

University Sunday (All Services)
KEYS, 6:00 p.m.

PRAYING THE PSALMS prayer group meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Pew cards with prayer requests may be completed and put in the offering plate. Members and visitors are welcome to join at any time.

Calendar for August 31 - September 5

MONDAY:

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Bible/Support Group, 10:00 a.m., Vance Room
Campus Ministry Committee, 5:15 p.m., Vance Room
Haiti Medical Mission Task Force, 6:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stewardship and Endowment Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

WEDNESDAY:

Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
Mission Committee, 6:00 p.m., French Room / Library

THURSDAY:

Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis / Founders Room
Vision and Strategy Committee, 6:00 p.m., Vance Room
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
Abide, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room

FRIDAY:

Prayer / Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
Men’s Lunch, noon, Founders Room

SATURDAY:

UM vs Western MI, Home Game, Visit Booth 38!
Sunday Office Volunteer Training, 8:45 a.m., Church Office
Communion Set-Up, 9:00 a.m., Founders Room



*A Stephen Ministry
Congregation*