

The First Presbyterian Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan
January 10, 2010
Baptism of the Lord
Ordination and Installation of Officers

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.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(9:30/11:00) VOLUNTARY

My Lord! What a Morning

Joe Utterback

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Joe Utterback

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies!

**All: Your righteousness is like the mountains,
your wisdom as deep as the sea!**

One: How precious is your faithfulness to us, O God.

All: All may come to take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning**

Morning Star

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have given us your Holy Child, O God, and we long to believe in him. Help our unbelief. Some of us are so certain we know all we need to know of you that we cannot grow in faith. Some of us are too taken with ourselves and have trouble knowing our depth of need for you. Some of us are so unsure of ourselves that we fear your call to discipleship will cost us what little we have. Yet we trust you to know our most essential need, and ask that you bring us low if we are prideful, and build us up in love if we are broken. Forgive us, O God, and by your mercy heal us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

KYRIE

(8:00) #572 in the Hymnal Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(9:30/11:00) Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord

1. Have mer - cy on us, liv - ing Lord, Re - mem - ber not our sin.
 Ac - cord - ing to Your stead - fast love Come, cleanse us deep with-in.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news! God sent Jesus to dispel our darkness. In the gift of Christ, God gives light and life to all who turn to God. In mercy, God restores us to the Light that we may love God and one another. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. As we are in flu season, we encourage you to participate in "touch free" passing of the peace. As you greet one another, rather than shaking hands, place your hands together in an attitude of prayer.

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

Response: And also with you.

*GLORIA Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men.

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7 (O.T., p. 672)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

(8:00) John 1:19-36 (N.T., p. 92)

(9:30/11:00) Acts 8:14-21 (N.T., p. 126)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

The children through grade five may be seated at the foot of the chancel steps to meet with one of the pastors.

*HYMN 522 Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

SERMON

(8:00) Baptized by Jesus

(9:30/11:00) A Sacred Touch

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the

THE PREACHER at the 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. worship services is the Reverend Jim Monnett. The preacher at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services is the Reverend Lawrence W. Farris.

PARTICIPATING in the worship services are the Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers at 8:00 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Jenny McDevitt, and Melissa Anne Rogers at 9:30 a.m., the Reverends Brewster H. Gere, Matthew Nickel and Melissa Anne Rogers at 11:00 a.m., and the Reverend Jenny McDevitt at 5:45 p.m.

THE PIANIST at the 8:00 a.m. service is Ilya Blinov.

THE GUEST CHANCEL CHOIR CONDUCTOR is Gerry Leckrone.

THE ORGANISTS are Carol Muehlig and Daniel Forger, AAGO.

THE READERS are Sara Vander Voort at 8:00 a.m.; Scott Ellis at 9:30 a.m.; and Carolyn Milroy at 11:00 a.m.

THE GREETERS at 9:30 a.m. are Bob and Carolyn Harris and Gig Olsen. The greeters at 11:00 a.m. are Bob and Mary Ann Pierce and Patti Doss.

THE PRAYER TEAM MEMBERS are June Bixler and Anna Marie Austin.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S MUSIC: This morning's service features American church music. We begin with jazz improvisations on gospel tunes. The choir will sing two anthems by American composers. We close with a voluntary by Leo Sowerby. Sowerby, sometimes called the "Dean of American church music," was midwestern to the core.

Today's Events

WORSHIP is at 8:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH SCHOOL meets today at 9:30 a.m. for crib-12th grade and at 11:00 a.m. for crib-5th grade. Youth "Munch and Mingle" and Sunday school for sixth through twelfth graders meet in Monteith Hall. Confirmation class meets for Munch and Mingle in Monteith Hall, then has class in the Youth Room.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES:

At 9:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library, Ed Koster continues his in-depth discussion of the Bible. The class is currently studying the book of Matthew. Everyone is welcome to attend!

At 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, Waldemar Schmeichel will continue his fall series on Bible translations, through January 31.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR AND CAKE in the Social Hall, following the 9:30 a.m. service. The cake is in celebration of our newly installed and ordained Deacons and Elders. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We encourage you to join us for food and fellowship!

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED RECENTLY? Come to the parish nurse office (by the Curtis Room) today from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. to have your blood pressure checked and to pick up some heart health information. Blood pressure checks are offered every second Sunday. Questions? Contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466, ext 26 or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

FIRST SINGLES meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room. Today, Dee Valvanis will lead discussion on the desire of Native Americans to shape how their history is presented.

A PILGRIMAGE TO IONA INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be held today at noon in the Lewis Room. Join the Resident Ministers for a pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland, in September 2010. Iona is a tiny island off the west coast of Scotland, where monastic communities have lived since 563. Today the Iona Community welcomes pilgrims from all over the world to worship together. There is space for twelve on the pilgrimage. To learn

more, look for posters in the Welcome Center and lounge, and contact Revs. Jenny McDevitt, Matthew Nickel, or Sarah Wiles.

A PHILIPPINE TASK FORCE PLANNING SESSION will be held today, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, in the French Room/Library. The Task Force is planning the details of their Saturday, February 13 Soup Tasting Dinner and you are welcome to attend the planning session. Many helping hands are needed and welcome. Also, mark you calendars and save the date for the soup tasting dinner itself!

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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of my wife Gail Deatruck, by her husband Don Deatruck, their daughter Michelle, son Craig, and their grandchildren.

THE PINK ROSEBUD WELCOMES Amalia Jane Smith, born December 23, 2009, daughter of Susanne and Stephen Smith, and granddaughter of Paul and Carol Smith.

THE WHITE ROSEBUD is given in memory of Margaret DeMuth, who died on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

**The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor,
Michigan is called to its annual meeting at 10:30 a.m.
on Sunday, January 31, 2010 to hear reports of its ministry
and mission and approve the terms of call for its installed pastors.**

Announcements

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP meets on Monday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Hillegonds Chapel. Please join this friendly group of caregivers as we offer support, comfort and advice to each other. For more information, contact Martine Blogin, parish nurse, at 662-4466 ext 26, or mblogin@firstpresbyterian.org.

MOTHERS' MORNING will start off the new year on Tuesday, January 12, with a "Keith Hafner's Karate" women's self-defense class. Please dress comfortably for some physical activity! In this class we'll talk about emotional respect, body balance, power and confidence. Come learn some key defensive skills and simple self-defense techniques you can practice at home. For more information contact Carolyn Gehrke, 572-5832 or gehrke@hotmail.com.

HILLTOPPERS MEETS JANUARY 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. **Please note the time change.** We welcome Dr. John Branch, UM Business school professor (also with the Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies), who will speak on "Developing Cultural Competence." The presentation is at 11:00 a.m., with lunch following at noon.

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY: The Self Study Committee has completed and posted online the congregational survey for members and friends of the congregation to complete. An email with the link to the survey was included in the congregational email sent out last week. The link is also on the church website. Those members who receive *First Press* by regular mail should have received a printed copy of the survey. Extra copies are available on the table outside the Church Office and at the Welcome Center. The committee hopes as many folks as possible will take the 30 minutes needed to complete the survey between now and January 15. Your input is crucial! Thank you for your participation.

JOIN IN CHRISTIAN MEDITATION in Monteith Hall on Saturday, January 17, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Bring a journal or notebook. For more information, contact Jeanette Kibler (332-0237, jeanette.kibler@gmail.com).

YOUTH NEWS: Keystones meets tonight and will attend the revamped 5:45 worship (on the second and fourth Sundays each month) with youth group to follow until 8:00 p.m. If you would like to help plan the 5:45 worship see RJ to get connected. **Monster Jam** is Saturday, January 16, at Ford Field at 4:30 p.m. See RJ to sign up. The Presbyterian Youth Triennium trip is July 20-24. Cost is \$460. **Confirmation** begins today with class, worship, and a brunch. **The MIDS Splash Universe** trip is Friday, January 22, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come enjoy the waterslides, lazy river and more. Bring your own towel. Sign up with RJ. Please turn in a new signed Consent Release, a water park release, and \$16 by January 18.

THE NEXT MATURE MINISTRIES' MOVIE MORNING is January 28. Meet at the church to watch and discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the movie *The Aviator*. Hope you can join us! Sign up by January 25. Watch for our February movie morning, which will include going to a theater together. Interested? Contact the "Fellowship and Fun" subcommittee of Mature Ministries: Malcolm Powers (mmpowers@umich.edu, 761-9859) or Melissa Anne Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 12).

ARCHBISHOP ELIAS CHACOUR WILL VISIT FIRST PRES on January 26. The Archbishop is the founder of the Mar Elias Educational Institutions in Ibillin, North Galilee, Israel, a small impoverished Muslim and Christian village. The schools welcome all religious faiths and ethnic groups as students, staff and teachers, and now serve 3,500 students within a 25 to 30 mile radius.

On Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, Father Chacour and national Pilgrims of Ibillin Executive Director Rev. Dr. Robert Sawyer will give presentations on the schools' recent scholastic achievements, and the outcome of the Pilgrims of Ibillin's recent donations. Father Chacour will discuss some of the problems facing the schools, the importance of academic studies and of learning how to "love all neighbors as yourself." After the presentations, all are invited to the Social Hall for coffee, tea, and cookies. Archbishop Chacour will also hold a book signing.

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH MEETING AND POTLUCK BRUNCH will be held Sunday, January 29. The annual meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **There will be no 11:00 a.m. worship service that day.** A potluck brunch will be held in the Social Hall, after the annual meeting. Those whose last names begin with A through F are asked to bring a salad; G through R, a main dish; and S through Z, a dessert. Please call the Church Office (662-4466) if you are planning to attend, so that an appropriate number of tables can be set up.

THANK YOU FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY to each and every person who made our Sixth Annual Old Fashioned Pancake Supper a night to be remembered for more than 300 students who came to First Pres for fellowship, rest, great food, and fun on their last day of classes. The Pancake Supper and Campus Ministry could not happen without you!

HAVE YOU EVER "ADOPTED" A GRANDPARENT? This is a wonderful way for our youngsters at First Pres to make special connections with the more mature members of our church and for the mature members to enjoy

these youngsters in a wonderful way, while also building relationships between families. We'd like to have some type of "adopt-a-grandparent" program at First Pres next year. If you have been a part of a similar program in past schools, organizations, or churches, and would be willing to help lend your input to our leaders here, please call or email Melissa Anne Rogers, (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, 662-4466, ext. 12). We are simply in the information-gathering stage, so your experience and input is helpful.

TRIANGLE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL is now accepting applications for three- and four-year-olds for the 2010-2011 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted before February 1. There will be an informational Open House on Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, for interested families to tour the school, meet the teacher and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. For an application or more information, please visit our website: www.trianglecoop.org, or contact us at info@trianglecoop.org or 761-7688.

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 January 11-16

MONDAY:

Body and Soul, 9:30 a.m., Curtis Room
Liturgical Dance Rehearsal, noon, Monteith Hall
Mission Funding Subcommittee, 2:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Caregiver Support Group, 7:00 p.m., Hillegonds Chapel
CEFMC, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
Residency Committee, 7:00 p.m., Founders Room
Stephen Ministry Leaders, 7:00 p.m., Room 101
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m., Social Hall
Sanctus Ringers, 7:30 p.m., Room 403
Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

TUESDAY:

Prayer Group, 7:30 a.m., Founders Room
Mothers' Morning, 9:00 a.m., Youth Room
ESL, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 101, 102, 104, Youth Room
PW Horizons Circle, 1:00 p.m., Founders Room
Endowment Committee, 4:30 p.m., Vance Room
Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., Rev. Farris' Office
Congregational Self-study Group, 7:00 p.m., French Room/Library
Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall
Campus Ministry Mid-Week Worship, 9:00 p.m., UM Union,
Anderson Room

WEDNESDAY:

5:45 Planning Meeting, noon, Founders Room
PW Reading Group, 1:00 p.m., away
Wednesday Night Meal, 3:00-7:15 p.m. (volunteers),
5:30 (meal), Delonis Center
Delonis Greeting Card Program, 5:00 p.m., Delonis Center
Praying the Psalms, 5:00 p.m., Lewis Room
MIDS, 5:00 p.m., Youth Room
TnT, 7:00 p.m., Room 104
Board of Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Lewis, Vance, Founders and Curtis Rooms
Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

THURSDAY:

Hilltoppers, 11:00 a.m., Social Hall
 Adapted Exercise, 3:00 p.m., Curtis/Founders Room
 Executive Session, 7:00 p.m., Vance Room
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Russel Room
 Adult Education Committee, 7:30 p.m., French Room/Library
 Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

FRIDAY:

When I Was Little, 8:30 a.m., French Room/Library
 Prayer/Study Group, 9:00 a.m., away
 Men's Lunch, 11:30 p.m., Founders Room
 Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall

SATURDAY:

Christian Meditation, 8:00 a.m., Monteith Hall
 KEYS Monster Jam, 4:00 p.m., away
 Rotating Shelter, 8:00 p.m., Social Hall



*A Stephen Ministry
 Congregation*

The Staff of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor can be reached by calling the Church Office at (734) 662-4466.

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