



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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JANUARY 8, 2017

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**

*Andante sostenuto*  
from *Symphonie gothique*

Charles-Marie Widor

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Ervin (8:00)  
Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord.

**All: We gather to glorify the Lord.**

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord.

**All: We raise our voices with joy to the Lord our God.**

\* **HYMN 483**

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us as your people. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid in our testimony and wavering in our trust. We have allowed false gods to steal our attention and petty differences to corrupt our feelings toward one another. Forgive our many failings. You have cleansed us in baptism; renew us now in our lives of faith. Strengthen us to choose your way in the world and to glorify you by our words and actions. As Jesus chose to give himself for us, help us give ourselves for others. We ask it in Christ's name.**

**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 forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

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\* 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**

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Katie Parker (9:30)

Brady West (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 42:1-9

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

**ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00) *Send Out Thy Light*

Fr. Jos. Schuetky

Send out Thy light, our God who art in heaven, and let Thy name be hallowed on earth as it is in heaven. Alleluia! Come Thou, Holy Spirit.

Rejoice our saddened hearts with Thy holiness; and show us the way of Thy love, for Thy mercy on us shall be everlasting, O Lord, our God.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

Rev. Sanderford

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 3:13-17

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

*Humble Hearts, Servant Leaders*

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*(Philippians 2:5-11)*

\* HYMN 62

*Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

EPIPHANY SONG

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## WELCOME

Rev. Ervin (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

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

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *Heavenly Light* Alexander Kopylow

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night, see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

### 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.**

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (9:30)

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS (11:00)

*At the 9:30 a.m. service the elders-elect will be presented for ordination and/or installation; at the 11:00 a.m. service the deacons-elect will be presented for ordination and/or installation. †The cross denotes persons previously ordained.*

(9:30) Elders to be ordained and/or installed today are Linda Dabrowski, Tim Dickinson, Kay Fuller, Lynne Lande<sup>†</sup>, Karla Olson-Belfi, Rick Platte<sup>†</sup>, and Pat Tamblyn<sup>†</sup>.

(11:00) Deacons to be ordained and/or installed today are Rob Bauman<sup>†</sup>, Lisa Danielson, Sheila Deskins<sup>†</sup>, Jim Dickinson<sup>†</sup>, Carol Downton<sup>†</sup>, Mark Endicott<sup>†</sup>, Lee Evans<sup>†</sup>, Nancy Fox<sup>†</sup>, Becky Gaffney<sup>†</sup>, Gail Grady, Ellen Johnson, Michele Madden, Holly Majorprice<sup>†</sup>, Chris Queen, Sue Rigterink<sup>†</sup>, Nancy Rugani, Norm Samuelson, Judy Slade<sup>†</sup>, Jean Song, and Gayle Stevens<sup>†</sup>.

**One:** Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as (ruling elders/deacons), chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**All: We do.**

**One:** Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**All: We do.**

### Laying On of Hands

### Declaration of Ordination and Installation

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# 🌿 Sending 🌿

**HYMN 525**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

*(9:30/11:00) Soloists will sing the first stanza. Please stand to sing stanzas 2-3.*

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

**I have heard You calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if You lead me.**

**I will hold Your people in my heart.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

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\* 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 (in the Sanctuary) 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 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 is Angie Miller. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rev. Ryo will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Sarah Krein.

**Greeters** are Marti Wendler, Kay Erdman, and Bruce Thomson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Katie Parker after the 9:30 service and Gail Grady after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Every time I have had a breakthrough in my life, it has been because of prayer.” – John Maxwell

**The chancel flowers** are given in honor of Robben and Sally Fleming and Samuel and Angeline DiMaggio by their children Betsy and J. P. DiMaggio and family; to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elder Thomas G. Gies by Thelma Rivette; and in loving memory of Edsel Barker by his daughter Jennifer France and her family.

**The pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Alexandra (Alex) Neeley Dobson, daughter of Mac and Maren Dobson, born December 21, 2016. Grandparents are Steve and Judy Dobson and great-grandmother is Molly Dobson.

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## 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)).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Kellie McInchak, Betsy DiMaggio, and Mel Rogers. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

**Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

### 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 worship at 11:00 a.m.

**Children's Choir** is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

**Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up**, a class for fourth and fifth graders, begins today, 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:

**Munch & Mingle** is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room.

**Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Youth Choir** rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Mids** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

**Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**High school students and parents: come learn about the Costa Rica Mission Trip** (June 18 – 27) at an informational meeting at 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, January 15, in the Curtis Room.

### College Ministry Opportunities:

**First Pres College** returns this Wednesday, January 11, at 8:00 p.m., in the UM League, Room A. **Free College Lunch** returns next Sunday, January 15. **The Belize Mission Trip** (\$800 plus airfare) is February 24 – March 3. This trip is open to all college-age adults and will be led by Peer Minister Lex Allum and Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Transitional College Pastor.

### Adult Education Opportunities:

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library to study the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**First Couples** meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to explore the Old Testament using a DVD and class discussion.

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**Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. to explore the theme of human flourishing. What is a life worth living? How can we flourish in the world today? Facilitators include Rev. Sanderford, Rev. Ervin, Rev. Ryo, and Chuck Monsma.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, please contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **We give thanks to our outgoing officers in the Class of 2016.**

Elders are Gwen Alexander, Jim Cameron, Sue Jeffers, Dave Kershaw, Steve McKenny, Bob Pierce, Helena Prince, and Kathy Sample. Deacons are Martine Blogin, Jean Buck, Jinx Cooke, Sharon Dort, Karen Gardstrom, Diane Knibbs, Mark Lindley, Jim Lombard, Dan Mitas, Jane Myers, Nancy Oliver, Mary Ann Pierce, Gale Redding, Dianne Santinga, Susan Sweet Scott, Judy Stuart, Marty Swindle, Bryon Thelen-Perry, David Willmer, Ralph Winter, and John Yodhes.

**The holidays are over, but the nights are still long and the days are short.** Join us for an evening of fun and laughter to lighten your mood. Carolyn J. Christopher, Certified Laughter Yoga Professional, will present "Life Is Better with Laughter" at the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education meeting tomorrow, January 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. All are invited to join in and have a bit of fun.

**The deposit deadline for "Poets, Priests, and Prophets,"** a trip to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland led by Rev. Dr. Fair, is January 19. The trip is May 18 – 27. For more information, contact Dr. Fair or Mary Jones in the Church Office.

**Hilltoppers** welcomes Herb Deromedi, the winningest football coach in the Mid-American Conference and Central Michigan University history and a member of the BCS selection committee, Thursday, January 19, at noon, in the Social Hall. Lunch (\$5) is at noon and the presentation begins at 12:40 p.m. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service January 29, in order to hear committee reports and a presentation on the budget. There will not be an 11:00 a.m. worship service that day.

**Everyone is invited to the All-Church Luncheon** following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation January 29. A delicious lunch prepared by Chef Christine will be held in the Social Hall for \$7 per person with a \$28 maximum per nuclear family. Reservations are encouraged. Please sign up on the church website or call the Church Office.

**The 2017 Rotating Shelter** continues in our Social Hall this week. Homeless men referred by the Washtenaw Shelter Association are sleeping in our building from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Thanks to the many volunteers who are giving of their time, talents, and energy to make this happen.

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**The Men's Friday Morning Study Group** meets January 20 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, January 13, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

**All women are invited to join Women's Bible Study**, this Tuesday, January 10, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room, for a seven-week study of the book of Jonah. For more information contact Lois Nissly (761-2925), Anne Kloack (973-2826), Lorna Prescott (255-5296), or Mary Kay Gray (971-7079).

**Join our Resident Ministers and our First Couples Group next Sunday, January 15, at 9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall** to hear about the ongoing ministry of our Resident Ministry Program. Join in conversation with our Resident Ministers, Revs. Béghin, Ervin & Ryo. Hear their stories of calling, growth and faith. Learn about the transforming power of our Residency Program to train and place strong, resilient pastors in leadership positions in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Joining the conversation are Chris Dahl and Kate Silbert, Chairs of the Resident Ministry Group, and Rev. Sanderford, Coordinator.

**All are invited to "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory," a concert of beloved gospel and spiritual songs by *sounding light***, Sunday, January 15, at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. In memory and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *sounding light* rings in the New Year with a concert including stirring arrangements by Moses Hogan, André Thomas, Stacey Gibbs, Craig Hella Johnson, and Tom Trenney. Remember the legacy of Martin Luther King as the powerful and expressive voices of *sounding light* breathe new life into a timeless message of hope and peace.

**All women are invited to attend "Who Is Jesus According to Paul?,"** the Horizons Bible study program for Presbyterian Women, Wednesday, January 18, in the Lewis Room at 9:30 a.m. Bible study is followed at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall by "Mission Reimagined," a presentation by Carol Smith, Mission Committee Chair.

**Register your child at Triangle Preschool.** The preschool is accepting applications for 3- and 4-year olds for the 2017– 2018 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. Applications are available online ([www.trianglecoop.org](http://www.trianglecoop.org)) or by calling 761-7688.

**Finance Office News:**

**2017 pledge envelopes** are available for pickup outside the Church Office.

**As of January 3, we have received commitments for \$1,575,041, 92% of our 2017 stewardship goal.** If you have not yet made a commitment for 2017 know that it is not too late to do so. Every gift makes a difference.

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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry/Transitional Campus Minister

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Lex Allum, Peer Minister

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Anna Miller, Finance Manager

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