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JANUARY 17, 2016

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

Gathering

PRELUDE Improvisation on *Praise to the Lord*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Daniel Ervin (9:30)
Rev. Ryo (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Presbyterian Women Jean White (8:00)
Marcey Terrien (9:30)
Carole Hendrickson (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How precious is God's steadfast love! All people may take refuge
in God's shadow.

All: **We feast from your abundance and drink from the river
of your delights.**

One: With you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

All: **We praise you for your steadfast love and for salvation
through your sovereign majesty!**

* **HYMN 139** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, you provide for us in remarkable ways
and bless us well beyond our deserving. Your ways are beyond
what we can comprehend and your mercies toward us exceed our
imagination. Despite this, we fail to trust you in all times and in
all ways. We doubt your attention to our needs and seek to dictate
what you should do for us. Forgive our faithlessness and our
arrogance. Increase our trust and our gratitude. Help us recognize
your grace and live with thankful hearts. We ask these things in
the name of your Son, who gave himself for us.**

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."

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margie Perrett (8:00)

Bob Wallin (9:30)

Anne Colvin (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 29

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Sing to the Lord*

arr. Alice Parker

Sing to the Lord, ye heav'nly hosts,
And thou, O earth, adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts
Stand trembling at His power.

His sounding chariot shakes the sky,
He makes the clouds His throne;
There all the stores of lightning lie,
Till vengeance darts them down.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams,
And from His awful tongue
A sov'reign voice divides the flames
And thunder roars along.

Think, O my soul, the dreadful day,
When this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea
And fling his wrath abroad.

Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high
And speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb!

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 2:1-11

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

from A Brief Statement of Faith

*** HYMN 356**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (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) *Come Join in Cana's Wedding Feast*

Dietrich Buxtehude

Come, join in Cana's wedding feast where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine His hands have blessed.
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsty heart.

But Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.
And now He lives and now He reigns through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, Three in One, the glorious Trinity.

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*** 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**

INSTALLATION OF ELDER TOM BRANDT (8:00)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion 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; 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 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed
o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!**

* POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

Hans Friedrich Michelson

* 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. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Sharon Dort and Martine Blogin. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Jane Burton. **Greeters** are Joan and Rod Bentz and Catherine Kendall for the 9:30 a.m. service; and Dianne and Peter Santinga for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Carol Seneff, 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), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Jeanette Middleton, Don Redding, and Linda Lampman at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Carol Gottlieb and Anne Kloack following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Carol Gottlieb and Marolin Bellefleur following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “Go where your best prayers take you.” – Frederick Buechner

Musical leadership is provided at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services by the Chancel Choir and Leslie Smith, soprano.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Olga Staudt by her daughter Karen Barks and family, John, Amanda, and Rebecca; and in loving memory of Richard Miller who passed away January 4, 2014, by his wife Angie.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Please join Norma Marshall's family for cake in the Welcome Center, 8:45 – 9:25 a.m., in celebration of Norma's 90th birthday.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for homemade cookies and Fair Trade Coffee. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Cookie bakers are Rebeca Torres-Davenport, Margaret Higley, and Shannon Hoy. **Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by Presbyterian Women** in celebration of 170 years of service to First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. Church history records that Martha Lee Curtis, the wife of Pastor William Curtis, organized the first Ladies Aid Society in 1846.

The Nicaragua Mission team meets at noon in the French Room.

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.

Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104. 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 100 level hallway.

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

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

Youth Dinner is 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Founders Room.

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

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

College Ministry Opportunities:

Lunch immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go*.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "God's Good Creation: Environment, Faith and Earth Care - God's Call for Good Stewardship and Environmental Diagnosis." The presenter is First Pres elder Olivier Jolliet, UM Professor of Environmental Health Sciences.

T2A2 Does Bible meets in the Founders Room at noon. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission {Re}Imagined: A Conversation about Being Disciples of Jesus Christ is this week, January 22 – 23. Join us for two days of learning, conversation, and imagination. This Friday, January 22 will be a day for appreciating the gifts of our varied mission teams, and for visiting three of our active local mission sites. On Saturday, January 23, we will gather for a keynote presentation by Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick. Lunch and mission planning will follow. Contact the Church Office to register.

The Philippines Mission Team is sponsoring a soup and salad lunch (\$8) next Saturday, January 23, at noon, as part of "Heavenly Calling, Earthly Work: Mission {Re}Imagined" conference. Sixteen-ounce containers of soup will also be available for sale for \$10.

Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick will be our guest preacher next Sunday, January 24, at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Dr. Kirkpatrick is Professor of World Christianity and Ecumenical Studies and the William A. Benfield Jr. Professor of Evangelism and Global Missions at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He previously served as Director of the Presbyterian World Mission Agency and as Stated Clerk of PC(USA).

There's something for everyone at *Wednesday@First!*

- 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:20 p.m. *Story Song* Preschool Story Time
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. Worship in Monteith Hall

All are invited to this multi-generational program on Wednesdays through March 16. Dinner is at 6:00 in the Social Hall. The cost is \$7 per meal if payment is received by Monday each week. Otherwise, the cost is \$9 per person. Children five and under eat free. Register on the church website or by contacting the Church Office. This week's menu features tacos. Rev. Dr. Monnett leads worship this week where we will learn about lesser-known Biblical characters Shipra and Puah, mentioned in Exodus 1:15-21.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service on January 31, in order to hear committee reports and a presentation on the budget. Members will also be asked to vote on changes to pastors' terms of call. 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 on January 31. 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.

2016 pledge envelopes are available outside the Church Office.

The 2016 Rotating Shelter continues in our Social Hall through tonight. Homeless men from 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 their time, talents, and energy to make this happen.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café. All are welcome.

You are invited to participate in Suds and Sheets, a Cass Community mission project. During the month of February donations of laundry detergent and paper towels will be accepted. Look for the donation basket in the Welcome Center.

Would you like to donate flowers for the Chancel in memory or honor of a loved one? Many dates in 2016 are available. Contact Lori Wolters (loriwolters@yahoo.com).

Register your child at Triangle Preschool. The preschool is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year olds for the 2016 – 2017 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. There is an Open House Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. – noon, for prospective families to tour the school, meet the teachers and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. To receive an application, call 761-7688 or visit www.trianglecoop.org.

Presbyterian Women Opportunities for this Wednesday, January 20: **Bible Study** is at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Facilitators Katie Beery and Jane Myers will lead a discussion of Lesson 6. **Program** is at 10:45 a.m. in Monteith Hall. A short documentary, *Locked in a Box*, will be shown after which Martha Krehbiel will lead a discussion on efforts to help Central American refugees. **Lunch (\$7)** is at noon in the Social Hall. Contact the Church Office to sign up for lunch.

Presbyterian Women Reading Group is Wednesday, January 27, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Martha Krehbiel.

All are welcome to attend a Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills in the Interfaith Chapel every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., February 9 – March 22. Contact Rev. Béghin for more information.

The Spring Rummage Sale to support the work of the Philippines Mission Team is scheduled for April 16. If you have items to donate that you would like to have picked up please contact Joe Schmidt (417-4921 or jschmidt@reinhartrealtors.com) and please remember that we cannot accept adult clothing, old computers, large appliances, large furniture or exercise equipment.

First Pres is planning a pilgrimage to the Isle of Iona, Scotland, May 12 – 22. An Iona pilgrimage is a self-funded spiritual journey. Contact Resident Minister Daniel Ervin for more information.

The church building will be closed tomorrow, January 18, in recognition of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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