

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19, 2020 • 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
Ann Arbor | Michigan

**Making God's Love Visible**

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

\* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

**Hearing-assistance devices** and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

**Prayer of Confession:**

God promises always to love and forgive us—even when don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together. When we confess our sin, we say that we are sorry for these things, and we ask God to forgive us and help us live new lives. Because Jesus lived and died and rose again for us, we know that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. That is why when the leader says, "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven," we respond, "Thanks be to God."

# GATHERING

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Sonata No. 6 in D Minor: Fuga; Finale* Felix Mendelssohn  
*As the opening voluntary begins, let the time and the music help to center you for worship.*

## LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Spalding (9:30)  
Rev. Mares (11:00)

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

**All: Not because the world is good and last week was awesome, but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the God of the whole Earth.**

One: O come let us worship and raise our hands . . .

**All: Not because our lives are all sweetness and light, but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great light, the Bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ.**

One: O come let us worship and bow down . . .

**All: Not because God gives us what we want, but because God gives us what we need—the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

## \* HYMN 744

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity. Our work has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern. Forgive us. Show us, through Jesus Christ, how to find our reward with you, as servants of your dream of hope and peace, justice and joy, and love and mercy . . .**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## KYRIE

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of the peace God intends for us—saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

This is Stanza 3 of Hymn 475, *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (NETTLETON).

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeff Teucke (9:30)  
Barb Ladewski (11:00)

**Prayer for Illumination**

is a prayer that is offered before the scriptures are read, and before a sermon is preached. This prayer asks that the Holy Spirit open our minds and our hearts to the Word so that we may not only hear, but understand and believe.

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:29–42

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Rogers

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

SECOND NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

## RESPONDING

\* PROFESSION OF FAITH

from The Iona Community, Scotland

**The Iona Community**

is a Christian ecumenical community working for peace and social justice, rebuilding of community and the renewal of worship. Iona is an island off the west coast of Scotland, cradle of Christianity in Scotland, and site of the Iona Abbey which has attracted pilgrims for centuries. First Pres is planning a pilgrimage to Iona in summer 2020.

One: We are not alone;  
We live in God's world.

All: **We believe in God:**

**Who has come in Jesus,  
the word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church,  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* HYMN 336

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

WELCOME

Rev. Ruhf (9:30)  
Rev. Johnson (11:00)

**During the offering, take a minute to sign the friendship pads found in each pew.** If you are visiting with us, please leave your contact information so that we can reach out to you! Newcomers and regulars alike can see who is sitting around them and greet each other by name. By signing in, you help us build stronger community connections at First Presbyterian.

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## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory** *I Waited for the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn  
Chancel Choir; Lorna Hildebrandt and Hannah Sparrow, Soloists;  
Clinton Webb, Horn  
I waited for the Lord, He inclined his ear to me, and heard my lament.  
O blessed are they who trust in the Lord.  
O blessed, O blessed are they who trust in Him.

\* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
**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**

## 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 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE** *Amen* Peter C. Lutkin

\* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**  
*Te Deum Sortie Improvisé* Stephen Tharp  
Charlie Eidelman, Guest Organist

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is 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 Carol Gottliebsen and Diane Tamblyn.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Chancel Choir; Lorna Hildebrandt and Hannah Sparrow, soloists; Clinton Webb, Horn; and Charlie Eidelman, Guest Organist.

**Chancel flowers** are given in honor of Merry Muilenberg, outgoing Welcome Center Volunteer Coordinator, and Pat Gilbreath, incoming Welcome Center Volunteer Coordinator.

**The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Anne Kloack and Jane and David Schmidt (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Patricia Liljestrand (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Brian Rubel, and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith and Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, Linda Lampman, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team volunteers** are Nancy Fox and Dallas Dort (9:30) and Cyndy Colton and Gale Redding (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Pray as though everything depended on God; work as though everything depended on you." – Augustine

## 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 Linda Tubbs and Lynn Millward. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

### Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room to discuss how the Bible came to be, focusing on Galatians .

**First Friends** meets in Monteith Hall to discuss Adam Hamilton's *The Walk: Serve*.

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall for the series "Ministry to the Marginalized: Living with Dementia and/or Mental Illness." Church members will share their stories about living with dementia and the special challenges they have faced. Discussion between the panel and attendees will be encouraged.

### Children's Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders

10:30 a.m. **Children's Choir**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

11:00 a.m. **Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up**, a class for fourth and fifth graders, meets in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room.

### Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

4:30 p.m. **Youth + Creative Arts**

5:30 p.m. **Youth Group (6th–12th grades)**

### College Opportunities:

12:00 p.m. **College Lunch** (meet in the Welcome Center at noon)

**T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor**—invites the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss *Accidental Saints* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey. Contact us at [T2A2@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:T2A2@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

**Welcome College Students!** Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service, to coffee breaks during the week, and to other fellowship opportunities. Follow us on Instagram@UKirkUMich for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

**First Pres is closed tomorrow, Monday, January 20,** in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

**Join the New Handbell Choir for inexperienced ringers.** Rehearsals are on Tuesdays in the Handbell Room at 2:00 p.m. The first rehearsal is this Tuesday, January 21.

**Caregiver Conversations,** an informal group for caregiver support and education, meets monthly at rotating community locations throughout Washtenaw County, and is facilitated by a licensed JFS Social Worker. The group meets here at First Pres this Tuesday, January 21, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room. Anyone caregiving for someone age 60+ is welcome.

**"Faith Matters: Talking About Grace,"** a reading and discussion group, meets this Friday, January 24, in the French Room, at 10:30 a.m., to discuss *Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World* by Serene Jones. All are welcome. Copies of the book are available in the Church Office for \$18.00. The companion book, *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*, by Rowan Williams is also available in the Church Office for \$16.00.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, January 24, at Knight's Steakhouse, 2324 Dexter Avenue. All are welcome.

**An All-Church New Year's Celebration Potluck** is this Friday, January 24, 5:30–8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. All are invited to celebrate the arrival of 2020 with a fun night of fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided and there will be games and activities for people of all ages. This event is hosted by Children, Youth, & Family Ministry. Contact Rev. Mares or Beca Torres-Davenport if you have questions.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** is called for next Sunday, January 26, following the 9:30 a.m. service of worship for the purpose of hearing the Annual Report of the church and voting on changes to the installed pastors' terms of call.

**Join us for an All-Church Luncheon** next Sunday, January 26, following the Annual Meeting. Worship at 8:00 or 9:30 a.m. and then attend the meeting which occurs at 10:30 in the Social Hall. Guests are welcome to stay to hear about the ministries, programs, and financial health of the church, but members only have vote and voice. A roast chicken lunch follows in the Social Hall. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5–12, and free for children under the age of 5. Please make a reservation by contacting the Church Office, or online at our church website.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Make God's Love Visible Stewardship Update:** As of January 13, 482 pledges totaling \$1,531,792 have been received. This represents 85.1% of our \$1,800,000 goal. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, First Pres still needs your help as we plan the 2020 budget. Thank you for all you do to *Make God's Love Visible* through the ministries of First Pres!

**A Men's Study Group** meets the first and third Friday mornings until May from 8:00–9:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room, for coffee, study, and conversation. The winter book is *Short Stories by Jesus*, written by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome! Books are available in the Church Office for \$15.00. Questions? Contact Rev. Sanderford.

**Upcoming Opportunities to Join First Pres!** We hope that you feel moved to become a member of our church family. Everyone belongs! Attend a class on March 15 (with joining on March 22) or on May 3 (with joining on May 17). Contact Rev. Rogers (355-2351 or [mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)) for more information.

**Tell Me More!** Thinking about joining First Pres? Want to know more? Join Revs. Jay Sanderford and Mel Rogers for an hour of beer, good food, and great conversation about what it is to be a member, what "Presbyterian" is, who we are and what we are about as a congregation, and anything else you want to know. It all happens Sunday evening, February 9, at 5:00 p.m., at the Session Room, 3685 Jackson Road. Register with Rev. Rogers ([mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org)).

**A church member would like to start a monthly book group that would meet at First Pres beginning in February.** All are welcome. The focus would be a wide range of genres. If you are interested, please contact Harmony Heath ([harmony9525@att.net](mailto:harmony9525@att.net)).

**"Good Reads,"** a monthly book discussion group, meets the third Friday of the month, in the French Room, at 10:30 a.m., to discuss *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. The book is available for purchase in the Church Office for \$21.00. Contact Rev. Sanderford if you have questions.

**There is a new worship opportunity in 2020.** On the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall, there will be a monthly Taizé Prayer Service. This service will include songs, scripture, silence, meditation, and candles. All are welcome! A simple supper of soup and bread will be served in the Social Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Join us for the next prayer service on Tuesday, February 4.

**Please contact the Church Office to:**

- order a First Pres name tag. Cost is \$9 for either clip or magnet style
- request a baptism
- 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.
- 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.
- purchase books for groups and classes
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information. You may also update your contact information online (<https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/update-contact-information>) where you will find a new, easy-to-use form.

**SAVE THE DATE!** More information will be available soon.

**Saturday, February 1, 9:00 a.m. — 2020 Men of Faith Breakfast**

Speaker is the Rev. Matthew Nickel, Pastor of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit and former First Pres Resident Minister.

**Saturday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. — Nessa Concert**

Enjoy the eclectic sounds of Nessa, known for its Celtic inspired world music, in concert. The concert is free, but a love offering will be taken for Ozone House, a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, safe space, transitional housing, and counseling for homeless youth, LGBT runaway teens, and families in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

**Wednesday, February 26 — Ash Wednesday**

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| 12:15 p.m. | Imposition of Ashes             |
| 5:30 p.m.  | Family Friendly Worship Service |
| 6:30 p.m.  | Ash Wednesday Dinner            |
| 7:30 p.m.  | Ecumenical Taizé Service        |

**Friday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. — Harvard Glee Club Concert**

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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