



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JANUARY 21, 2018

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**      *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*      Charles Callahan

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**      Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)  
Rev. Buckley (9:30)  
Rev. Rogers (11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**      Lenten Small Groups  
Carol and Doug Gottliebsen

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 111)

One: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, and in the congregation.

**All: Great are the works of the Lord;  
full of honor and majesty is God's work.**

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful.  
The works of God's hands are faithful and just.

**All: Holy and awesome is God's name.**

\* **HYMN 482**      *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*      LOBE DEN HERREN

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of power and might, God of wonder and majesty, you have created the world around us and given us life. Every good and perfect gift comes from you, yet we fail to pause and recognize your goodness to us that is beyond reason. When we dare to open our eyes, you amaze us with your grace and mercy. Awaken us to your presence among us and your never-ending faithfulness. Stir within us awe and devotion that we might serve you with joy always.**

### **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**

Carol Gottliebsen (8:00)

Lucie Audette (9:30)

Virginia Rezmierski (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 18:15-22

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

**ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00) *Hallelujah* Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. All  
proclaim his grace and glory.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30) Rev. Rogers

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 1:21-28

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

\* **HYMN 380**

*O Christ, the Healer*

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**WELCOME**

Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30/11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

arr. Mark Hayes

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free.

Tell me Thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

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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**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (8:00)**

**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.**

 **Sending** 

\* **HYMN 288**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, Thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Michael Burkhardt

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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 are Chris Queen and Becky Gaffney. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Ginny Horan (9:30) and Judy Landau and David and Carol Downton (11:00) **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Carol Carter,

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Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, and Sandy Herold at 11:00.

**Musical leadership** includes Chancel Choir and Joshua Marzan, piano. **Sound system operators** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Roger Hsiao (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** include Tom Brandt and Diane Knibbs. Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." – Mother Teresa

**The chancel flowers** are given by Angie Miller in loving memory of her husband Richard Miller who passed away January 4, 2014; and in loving memory of Olga Staudt by her daughter Karen Barks, and John, Amanda and Rebecca Barks.

**The pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Evelyn Ruby Veronica Shemon, born January 12, 2018, daughter of Emily and Aaron Shemon, and granddaughter of Lori and Bill Wolters.

## **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 Diane Knibbs, Marge Higley, and Nancy Oliver. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

### **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, is 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.

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

### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

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

**Sunday School and Confirmation classes** begin at 9:30 a.m.

**Youth Choir** (grades 6 – 12) rehearses at 4:30 p.m.

**All-Youth Dinner** is at 5:30 p.m. in the Founders Room.

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

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

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome.

**First Friends** meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. All are welcome.

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**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for “Creation Groans: A Series on Environmental Justice.” Today’s topic is “The New Politics of Clean Air.” Presenters are Chet France and Rev. Koenig-Reinke.

**Campus Ministry (UKirk@UMich) Opportunities:**

All college students are invited to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service every Sunday so we can treat you to **Sunday lunch**.

“**Wednesdays @ 8:00,**” a weekly gathering for fellowship and faithful conversation, meets on campus. For more information, see Revs. Buckley or Koenig-Reinke.

**T2A2 Opportunities:**

**Potluck Brunch** is at 12:15 p.m. at the home of First Pres members John and Barb DeLancey. We hope friends old and new in their 20s and 30s will join us for food and conversation!

**T2A2 Small Group** meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl’s house to discuss Adam Hamilton’s *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say*. Reading ahead is not required. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tell Me More About this Church!** Prospective members and interested non-members are invited to join us Sunday, February 18, at 12:15 p.m., in the Founders Room to learn more about First Pres. Rev. Dr. Fair hosts a one-hour conversation with lunch included. You may ask anything you wish about our theology, worship, polity, history, mission program — or about how Dr. Fair came from warm Texas to cold Michigan! Contact the Church Office (662-4466) or Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) to sign up.

**A Grief and Loss Support Group will be hosted by Rev. Rogers on Sundays in February, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room.** Grief is a reality that comes to us all. We re-grieve old losses when fresh ones come to us. It is helpful to travel through this time with others. There is no charge, and friends are welcome. Please contact Rev. Rogers if you are interested.

**Register your child at Triangle Preschool.** The preschool is accepting applications for 3- and 4-year olds for the 2018 – 2019 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.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, January 26, at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Contact the Church Office to donate chancel flowers on January 28 and February 4 to beautify our worship, glorify God, and honor a loved one.** The cost is \$50. Flowers are delivered by our deacons, after worship services, to shut-ins and those who are ill.

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**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** is called for next Sunday, January 28, following the 9:30 a.m. service of worship for the purpose of hearing the Annual Report of the church, voting on changes to the installed pastors' terms of call, and voting on the nomination of Duane Locke to the Board of Deacons, class of 2020. There will be no 11:00 worship. **Everyone is invited to the All-Church Luncheon in the Social Hall**, featuring roast pork and rice pilaf prepared by Chef Christine, which will follow the meeting. The cost is \$8 per person with a \$32 maximum per nuclear family. Reservations are encouraged. Please sign up on the church website or call the Church Office.

**All are invited to "First Forums: A Fresh Conversation" on Sunday, February 4.** The Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull, Professor Emerita of Old Testament at Louisville Seminary, and author of *Inhabiting Eden: Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis*, will facilitate our discussion. The book is available in the Church Office for \$10. The church is called to be present and engaged with, not isolated from, the world. Each "First Forum" is an opportunity for open dialogue, respectful conversation, and faithful disagreement. First Forums meets in the Curtis and Founders Rooms, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. A light lunch (\$5) will be served.

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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  
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries  
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister  
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister  
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister  
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Sandy Talbott, Wellness Coordinator/Parish Nurse

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