



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JANUARY 22, 2017

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**     *The Morning Star on High Is Glowing*     Daniel Pinkham

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**     Rev. Ryo (8:00)  
Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

**All: to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

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

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of majesty and might, God of compassion and meekness, we gather as your needy people, sometimes confused and sometimes haughty, sometimes whimpering and sometimes vehement. We gather as people who need your mercy and your direction, although we confess that we are not always open to your leading. Remove the scales from our eyes and soften the hardness of our hearts. Open us to your Word made flesh and given to us in Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray.

### 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

Michele Derr (8:00)

Chris Wahl (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27:1, 4-9

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

SUNG PSALM

*The Lord Is My Light*

Taizé

*Please join the choir singing this canon several times:*

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation:  
in God I trust, in God I trust.**

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A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 4:23 – 5:2

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:00/11:00) from *A Declaration of Faith*

**God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them  
into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind.  
We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in  
behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are  
never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world;  
it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what  
God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk  
disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here  
and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his  
promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.  
We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and  
movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice,  
compassion and peace.**

## \* HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

## Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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**WELCOME**

Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
Rev. Dr. Monnett (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 Holy Jesus*                      Jonathan Willcocks  
O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, may I know Thee more clearly, love  
Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.  
Text by St. Richard of Chichester (13th century)

**\* 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**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)**

*In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.*  
Bryan and Sarah Colton Stroh present their son, Henry Robert Stroh,  
born October 16, 2015, for baptism on behalf of Fourth Presbyterian  
Church, Chicago.

**\* Affirmation of Faith**    *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and  
earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was  
conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the  
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to  
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the  
holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness  
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism**

**Hymn 498**    *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*                      KINGDOM  
*Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.*

**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.**

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# Sending

\* HYMN 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim**

**Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,**

**The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

\* POSTLUDE

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

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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 Michele Derr and Carol Downton. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nick Gardner will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is George Hendrickson.

**Greeters** are Peggy Jensen, Karen Mundus, and Lois Jelneck. **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), Ralph Winter (captain), Cindy Andress, Linda Lampman, Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Judy Slade and Nicole Jolliet after the 9:30 service, and Michele Derr and Carol Gottliebsen after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Prayer is the link that connects us with God.” – A. B. Simpson

**The chancel flowers** are given in celebration of the baptism of Henry Robert Stroh, by his grandparents Cyndy and Jeff Colton; and by Myra Larson in honor of our beautiful music ministry.

## 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)).

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**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Kathy Wirstrom, Marge Higley, Beth Caldwell, and John and Dawn Pankopf. 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.

**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, 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.

**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.

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

**College Ministry Opportunities:**

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 4, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. If you are a college student visiting for the first time, please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Monnett or Peer Minister Lex Allum today. **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 Minister.

**Adult Education Opportunities:**

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

**First Couples** meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Presenters are class members.

**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.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service next Sunday, 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 next Sunday, 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.

**Calling all artists, musicians, and dancers of all abilities for a Lenten creative project and exhibition.** You can participate as groups, individually, or as a family in this artistic Lenten journey to the cross. Everyone's work will culminate in an exhibition in the Social Hall from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. If you are interested in learning about or participating in this enriching and creative journey to the cross, please contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin by Friday, February 17, and come to the informational meeting February 19, at 12:15 p.m., in the Lewis Room.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, January 27, 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

**Register your child at Triangle Preschool.** The preschool is now 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. To receive an application, call 761-7688 or visit [www.trianglecoop.org](http://www.trianglecoop.org).

**Please contact the Church Office for the following:**

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home

**Did you know there's no need to call or visit the church to request a room for a meeting space or to submit a work order at First Pres?** Check out the user-friendly online form under "Signups/Forms" on our website.

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

**The Jahng Shin Concert Choir of the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea, will present a free concert** Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m., in our Sanctuary. They will present varied repertoire including Bach and spirituals. Hosts are needed to house two or more singers that Wednesday night. If you can join us in the ministry of hospitality, please contact Rev. Ryo.

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**Join us for the 2017 Immature Ministries (40s and 50s) “Come in from the Chill” Chili-Cookoff** to be held at the Kershaw home at 6:30 p.m., on Friday, February 3. Bring your favorite pot of chili or a dessert to be voted upon, or bring something else to share. We have a wide ranging age group - if you are just older, or just younger, but think you would like to come, please do! Sign up so we know you can join us, by emailing Rev. Rogers or by calling the Church Office.

**Join us in January and February 2017 for “First Pres Reads!”** *\$2:00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America* is the focus of our Adult Education program in January and February, and is a part of the “Flourishing Together” series in the Sunday “Exploring the Faith” class February 12, 19, and 26 at 11:00 a.m. Read the book and join the conversation about the devastating poverty that racks so many families in Michigan and across the nation. Order your copy (\$12.00) on our website or in the Church Office.

**Participate in a Washtenaw Reads event** Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in Rackham Auditorium, 915 E. Washington Street. Kathryn J. Edin and H. Luke Shaefer, authors of *\$2.00 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*, will discuss the themes of the book.

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