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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Fanfare and Alleluia

Douglas Wagner

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Béghin (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalms 19:1 and 66:1

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

All: and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All: sing the glory of God's name, all the earth.

One: Come, let us worship God!

* HYMN

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!

**Great your wonders here displayed,
unexcelled throughout our days.**

Glorious is your sacred name, ages old, yet still the same.

Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:

**Walked the chosen through the sea,
brought their enemies to dust.**

Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies, and rejoice!

Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.

When our life's sure end shall come,

bring us to our heavenly home.

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DEDICATION OF CHOIR ROBES

Response

Psalm 66

Jane Marshall

Prayer of Dedication

Response

Please sing when indicated:

**Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Sing the glory of God's name, all the earth:
Give to God praise, give to God praise,
Make a joyful noise, O make a joyful noise,
O make a joyful noise to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

All: forgive us!

One: for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

All: forgive us!

One: for all the times we have acted without love,

All: forgive us!

One: for all the times we have reacted without thought,

All: forgive us!

One: for all the times we have withdrawn care,

All: forgive us!

One: for all the times we have failed to forgive

All: forgive us!

One: For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, or unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes, God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

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

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Dan Edwards (9:30)

Ann Ringia (11:00)

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-21

Anthem (9:30/11:00) *Good News* Jane Marshall

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to bring freedom to the oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Please remain seated and join in singing:

**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.
Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
and sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ’s blood availed for me.**

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

SERMON

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

A Transformed Church for the Transformation of the World

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

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 411**

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (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) *The Heavens Are Telling*

from *The Creation* Franz Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

* **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**

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 332** (Stanzas 1-3) *Live Into Hope*

TRURO

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.**

* **POSTLUDE**

Gloria (Mass in F)

J. S. Bach

* Please rise in body or spirit.

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 Marolin Bellefleur and Martine Blogin. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Jane Bartman. **Greeters are** Peggy Jensen and Harriet Brouwer for the 9:30 a.m. service; and Barbara Mueller and Gwen Alexander 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 Carolyn Schultz and Nicole Jolliet following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Meg Brown and Pam Rinker following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it." – Corrie Ten Boom

Preaching today at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services is the Rev. Dr. Clifton Kirkpatrick. 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).

Musical leadership at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services includes Children's Choir, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, and Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir. Soloists are Paolo Debuque, tenor; Leslie Smith, soprano; Jason Berger, tenor; and Michael Miller, baritone.

Chancel flowers are given in honor of and gratitude for our Rotating Shelter guests and the many volunteers who made it possible for us to give them shelter January 4 – 18.

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 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 Carol German, Linda Tubbs, and Karen Wisniewski.

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 Session 2 of *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go*. Author Adam Hamilton observes that forgiveness is the key to unlocking a whole new life and it comes when we realize that forgiveness is a gift we give first to ourselves.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for “God’s Good Creation: Environment, Faith and Earth Care – Creating A Practical Theology of Dirt.” The presenter is Paul Smith, retired physician and organic farmer.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for *Wednesday@First!*

5:15 p.m.	Children’s Choir
5:20 p.m.	<i>Story Song</i> 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 prepared by Chef Christine features penne pasta alla Ragusa, salad with a citrus vinaigrette, grilled vegetables, fresh fruit, and dessert. Rev. Dr. Fair leads worship this week where we will learn about the lesser-known Biblical character Jethro, mentioned in Exodus 18:13-27.

2016 pledge envelopes are available outside the Church Office.

You are invited to support “Suds and Sheets,” a Cass Community mission project. Donations of laundry detergent and paper towels will be accepted until the end of February. Look for the donation basket in the Welcome Center.

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

Mature Ministries Pilgrimage Book Group meets Thursday, February 4, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The cost of the book is \$14 and there are two open spots. Contact Rev. Rogers if you are 60 or over and are interested in joining.

All are invited 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.

It’s Saturday Supper time! The first Saturday Suppers of the year will be February 13. Hosted by church members, these in-home potluck suppers are a great way to meet new people, catch up with old friends, share the cooking, and enjoy fellowship. Online registration continues through Monday, February 1, or you may register in person after Coffee Hour today. Contact Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, January 29, at 5:30 p.m., at Knight’s Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue. All are welcome.

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 on 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.

Join us in observance of Ash Wednesday, February 10.

A time of reflective meditation that includes imposition of ashes is in Monteith Hall Ash Wednesday morning. Drop in anytime between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. A devotional resource will be available for personal use.

Family Worship Service is in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. This service is especially designed to include the whole family and will include the imposition of ashes, communion, and the musical leadership of the Children’s Choir.

Ash Wednesday Supper is in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Share a meal after the 5:00 p.m. worship service or come before the 7:30 p.m. worship service. The cost is \$7 per person; children five and under eat for free. If you paid for the entire semester of Wednesday@First, this meal is included and there is no need to register. Otherwise, reservations may be made online or by contacting the Church Office.

Ecumenical Taizé Worship Service is in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. This service will include scripture, silent reflection, imposition of ashes, Holy Communion, and music from the ecumenical community of Taizé, France. Childcare is provided.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service next Sunday, 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 on January 31.

Everyone is invited to the All-Church Luncheon following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation next Sunday, 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.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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