



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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JANUARY 28, 2018
YOUTH SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Essie Koenig-Reinke

FAITH IN ACTION Christian Life Academy

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come all you people!

All: We come from east and west, north and south.

One: Come and praise your Maker!

All: We come singing praises and giving thanks.

One: Come all you people!

All: We come now to worship the Lord.

* HYMN

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, time and time again you offered us abundant life. Time and time again we violate your covenants and walk away: turning our head from the pain of the world; shutting our ears to cries for help; closing our eyes to the needs of others; ignoring our own needs, too. Gracious God, make us whole again. Help us to connect to one another and our ever-changing world. Remind us of your mercy, that we may live wholehearted lives devoted to you and bearing witness to your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Psalms 139

Allen Pote

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**

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 117

| Anthem | <i>From All That Dwell</i> | Michael Burkhardt |
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| From all that dwell below the skies Let the creator's praise arise; Let the redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. | | Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Praise and thanksgiving to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen. |
| Eternal are your mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends your Word; Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till sun shall rise and set no more. | | All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to thee; Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forever more. |

Responsive Reading

One: Praise the Lord, all you nations;

All: give praise, all you peoples.

One: For the loving-kindness of the Lord toward us is great,

All: and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Hallelujah!

*** Hymn 229** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-33

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Please sing when indicated.

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.

Jesus whispers, "Peace be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In stillness, hear his voice.

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A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

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HOMILY

HYMN

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

Please sing the refrain when indicated.

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.

HOMILY

Responding

* HYMN 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

WELCOME

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Laudamus te from Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

We praise thee. We bless thee. We adore thee. We glorify thee.

* 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

Please sing when indicated:

God of grace in this place, hear now our 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 363** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER
The soloist will sing the first phrase. Please join on the second phrase.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching,
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are dancing. . . . We are praying. . . . We are singing. . . .

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Michelle Freeman Owens who is the chaplain at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

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 is Nancy Fox. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Paul and Meg Brown and Nelly Petrock. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Carol Carter, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room immediately after the service. **Prayer team members** are Meg Brown and Marolin Bellefleur. Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God." – Mother Teresa

Worship leadership includes over forty youth, college students, and other young adults.

The chancel flowers are given by Sheila Deskins in loving memory of Alice and Merkle "Henry" Jackson.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Rhea Elizabeth Fletcher, born January 9, 2018, daughter of Jerome Fletcher and Amanda Luedde, and great-granddaughter of Carol and Bob Fletcher.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 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).

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. service today 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. **Join us for the All-Church Luncheon** following the Annual Meeting. Lunch prepared by Chef Christine will be in the Social Hall (\$8 per person). There is no Coffee Hour today.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 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:

Youth rehearsals and events do not meet tonight.

Adult Education Opportunities:

Classes do not meet today. Full programming resumes next Sunday.

Campus Ministry (UKirk@UMich) Opportunities:

All college students are invited to meet in the Welcome Center following the 9:30 a.m. service to enjoy the Annual Luncheon together.

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

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*. For more information about all T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations and/or financial contributions for Washtenaw Community College Food Bank. While all donations will be appreciated, items particularly requested are soup, peanut butter, beans, and toilet paper.

Triangle Preschool is accepting applications for the 2018 – 2019 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to this Thursday, February 1. Applications are available online (www.trianglecoop.org) or by calling 761-7688.

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.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 2, at Olive Garden, 445 Eisenhower Parkway, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

All are invited to “First Forums: A Fresh Conversation” next Sunday, February 4, in the Curtis Room, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. A light lunch (\$5) will be served. 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. 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. Her book is available in the Church Office for \$10.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation on advance care planning on Monday, February 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. End of life medical issues require more than just signing a piece of paper in your lawyer’s office. Actual situations are more complicated and nuanced when it comes to real life. Our presenter, Dr. Sheryl Kurtz, spent 20 years as a practicing internist, and now advocates for conversation-based advance care planning.

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