



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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JANUARY 29, 2017

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Benedictus

Alec Rowley

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us gather as God's people.

All: We gather before the Lord with grateful hearts.

One: We gather, knowing what the Lord requires of us.

**All: We gather to be strengthened in our work for justice,
our love of kindness, and our humble walk with God.**

One: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN 205**

All Hail to God's Anointed

ROCKPORT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, gentle God, righteous God, we gather and know that you are here with us. We gather and know that we have done wrong. We have been impatient with those around us. We have faulted people for holding opinions contrary to ours and have put our needs above those of others. We have been quick to jump to conclusions and slow to listen. We have assumed motivations rather than probe differences of perspective. Slow our rush to judge and open us to showing love. We ask it in the name of your Son, our great teacher and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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."

*** 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

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)

Ben Helmke (9:30)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 15

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

ANTHEM (9:30)

Praise

Alec Rowley

To the Master of Music and loveliness:

Praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Lord of the Word of Creation

be praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Maker of movement, colour and light:

Praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Builder, Designer, Creator,

be praise, power, dominion forever.

To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love:

To the Artist of Life, To the Greatest and Least:

Praise, power, dominion forever.

For He is the greatest upon His high throne,

And He was the least as the child of a maiden:

Praise, then to Jesus whose Mother was Mary,

And praise now to Christ Who is God in the midst of us.

Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee:

Give us Thyself both in Time and Eternity.

Lord of all beauty adoring we come to Thee,

Offering all that we are or can hope to be.

Praise, power, dominion forever.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

Rev. Sanderford

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:3-12

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

🌿 Responding 🌿

* **HYMN 241** *Behold the Goodness of Our Lord*

CRIMOND

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Monnett (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30)

Psalm 133

Richard Proulx

Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, when friends live together in unity. Such unity is fragrant as the precious oil poured upon the head and falling down over the head of Aaron, down to the collar of his robes. Such unity is plentiful as the dew of Mount Hermon, descending upon the hills of Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, and life forevermore.

* **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)

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (8:00)

Henry Johnson, previously ordained, will be installed as an elder.

Jean Song will be both ordained and installed as a deacon.

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as (ruling elders/deacons), chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

One: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Laying On of Hands

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Sending

* HYMN 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

* 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (9:30)

* 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. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today is Chris Queen. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 – 10:45 a.m. Nick Gardner is available to answer questions and help you register for events. The current First Pres Reads! book is available for purchase as is Fair Trade Coffee.

Greeters are Deb & Mike Lisull, Carol German, Marilyn Gibson, and David and Carol Downton. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; and 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.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 a.m. service. Prayer team members are Jeanette Kibler and Sharon Sheldon. Following the 8:00 a.m. 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 Myra Larson, dedicated to the wonderful, caring First Presbyterian Church staff, with deep gratitude for all that they do; and in loving memory of James Earle Marron and Bob Parker by Jane Parker, Julie Marron-Parker and family, Anne-Marie Marron, Susan Brown and family, and Marianne Harkness and family.

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. worship service today in order to hear committee reports and a presentation on the budget.

Join us for the All-Church Luncheon following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation today. 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. 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. **Childcare** is available for children during the Annual Meeting.

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 Sanctuary.

College Ministry Opportunities:

College students are invited as our guests to **attend today's All-church Lunch** after the Annual Meeting (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.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Come be part of a community that is open, authentic, and loving! Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to join us. For more information, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Presbyville: A Family Sunday Activity for Children, Youth, and Adults ages 9 – 99 on February 5, 11:00 – 12:00 p.m., in Room 300. Presbyville is our First Pres simulation to teach us more about the struggles of those living in poverty. Come take up your role in Presbyville working, “buying” snacks, learning, and reflecting together on our experience. Childcare will be provided for children under age 9.

Calling all artists, musicians, and dancers of all abilities for a Lenten creative project and exhibition. Participate as a group, 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.

Everyone is invited to the February Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation, “What to Expect When Cancer Is Diagnosed,” Monday, February 13, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Dr. Jennifer Griggs will give a presentation about what to expect after you or a loved one encounters this unexpected life event. There will be a time for questions.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 3, 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

All women are invited to join Women’s Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., in the Curtis Room, on the book of Jonah. Contact Lois Nissly (761-2925) for more information.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request baptism for your child
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know that 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.

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.

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 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.

You might notice a police car in our parking lot now and then. The reason is for pedestrian safety on the corner of Washtenaw and South University. We welcome this presence and hope you also will make them feel welcome.

Participate in “First Pres Reads!” Our Adult Education program is focusing on *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*, through February. Order your copy (\$12.00) on our website or in the Church Office. Read the book and join the conversation about the devastating poverty that racks so many families in Michigan and across the nation. Join the Exploring the Faith class at 11:00 a.m., February 12, 19, and 26 for the “Flourishing Together” series.

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.

Families Matter! All parents of children ages 7 – 12 are invited to “Families Matter,” an event sponsored by Children, Youth and Adult Ed on February 26 at 11:00 a.m. in the Founders Room. Come and meet other parents as we discuss ways to support one another as faithful parents. If you have any questions, contact either Debbie MacVey or Angela Ryo.

The next meetings of the Men’s Friday Morning Study Group are February 3 and 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry/Transitional Campus Minister

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

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Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Lex Allum, Peer Minister

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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