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JANUARY 31, 2016
YOUTH SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

SONGS OF GATHERING

How Very Good and Pleasant HOW VERY GOOD

The youth will sing twice. Please stand and join them the third time.

How very good and pleasant when we live in unity.

It is like precious oil, like fresh morning dew.

**We gather here together with our hearts and voices raised to God,
who's the center of our unity and praise!**

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God Welcomes All THEMA AMEN

Please remain standing and greet those around you singing:

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Deep inside us all - old and young alike -

All: there is a place of faith,

One: a place of trust and hope and love,
without which there can be no peace.

**All: Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me, do not hinder
them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."**

One: Hear this, O people of God:

Approach this hour as children of the Almighty,

**All: with innocence of heart and unlimited hope,
with a trust that makes us vulnerable,
and with love that is easy and quick.**

* HYMN

The Lord Is God

AZMON

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

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PRAYER OF PROMISE A variation of the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, the Lord who is one. We will
love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and
with all our strength. The commandments that we receive today
will be upon our hearts. We will impress them on our children.
We will talk about them when we sit at home and when we walk
along the road, when we lie down, and when we get up. We will tie
them as symbols on our hands and bind them on our foreheads.
We will write them on our refrigerator doors and on our car
dashboards. We will remember always the Lord our God is one.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as
children of God. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you,"
and respond, "And also with you."*

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING Psalm 66:1-5

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!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ruth 1:15-18

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 8:5-13

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

HOMILY

Kate Monnett

ANTHEM

A Prayer for Unity: Michael Burkhardt
Come Now, Savior of the Nations

Osoo osoo, pyonhwauimgum, uriga hanmon iruge hasoso. (Korean)

Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Come now, O God of love, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.
Savior of the nations, come,
Promised one, make here your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.

HOMILY

Chad Wilson

Responding

* HYMN 492

Baptized in Water

BUNNESAN

WELCOME

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

* 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 BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Fair

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Chris and Tarra Voigtman present their son, Vaughn Scott
Voigtman born January 31, 2015, for baptism.

* **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

Rev. Rogers

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

KINGDOM

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 339**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands
while you go out with joy.**

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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. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are David Willmer and Ralph Winter. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Bill Fuerstenau. **Greeters are** Jennifer Hoy, Hank and Deborah McQueen, and Gail Grady.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Prayer team members are Fred and Sue Beutler. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “Most people pray for power, the strength to do things. Few people pray for love, the quality to be someone.” – Robert Foster

Participating in worship are Nicole France, Daniel Heidorn, Grace Heidorn, Anna Kaehr, Hana Kaehr, Leina Kaehr, Jenna King, Miah McCallister, Kate Monnett, Aedan Mulcrone, Charlie Rogers, Sean Tichenor, Grace VanRenterghem, Hadley VanRenterghem, Abby Wilson, and Chad Wilson.

Confirmation Class of 2019 ushers are Hailey Berrigan, Erik Firehammer, Cooper Lemaster, William Lewis, Ashley Mattram, Alexandra Montgomery, Anna Nicklas, Mac VanRenterghem, Evan Warylas, and Haily Warylas. Leaders are Carol Detmer, Diane Hockett, Andy Spaulding, and Revs. Emily Béghin and Jim Monnett.

Musical leadership is provided by our youth. Singers in this year’s Youth Choir are Margaret Crawford, John Crawford, Riley Day, Zachary Edwards, Clayton Farmer, Anna Gehrke, Denali Gere, Willie Glover, Sophie Licata, Aidan Majorprice, Anna Nicklas, John Nicklas, Sarah Sewell-Conley, Savannah Sewell-Conley, Calvin Shaw, Emmett Shaw, Cassie Spisak, and Laura Stahl. Many instrumentalists are assisting this morning. In addition to the large ensemble playing, the Wind Duet comprises Grace and Hadley VanRenterghem, and the String Trio Anna, Hana, and Leina Kaehr.

Chancel flowers are given 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 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 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.

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. Members will also be asked to vote on changes to pastors’ terms of call. There is not an 11:00 a.m. worship today.

There is no Coffee Hour following the 9:30 a.m. worship service today due to the Annual Meeting and Lunch. We hope you enjoyed homemade cookies and a cup of Fair Trade Coffee in the Lounge prior to this service. **Today’s cookie bakers** are Dawn and John Pankopf, Margaret Higley, and Stacey Pakela.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. Childcare is provided for children whose parents are attending the Annual Meeting. Children join their families for the All-Church Luncheon.

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:

There is no youth programming this evening. Youth groups, youth dinner, and youth choir return next week.

Adult Education Opportunities:

Adult Education classes do not meet today due to the Annual Meeting and Lunch. Classes return next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

A memorial service will be held for Silvia Lubián Pedraza, the mother of First Pres member Silvia Pedraza, next Saturday, February 6, at 2:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

Join us for *Wednesday@First!*

- 5:15 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:20 p.m. *Story Song* 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 turkey mediterrano with roasted vegetables, tossed salad, fresh fruit, and chocolate cake. Rev. Ryo leads worship this week where we will learn about the lesser-known Biblical character Bezaleel, mentioned in Exodus 35:30-36.

Youth Ministry opportunities this week:

Confirmation Class visits Temple Beth Emeth this Friday, February 5, 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. Drop off and pick up at Temple Beth Emeth. **Mids youth group** goes ice skating at Buhr Park next Sunday, February 7, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. RSVP to RJ. Cost is \$7. **Keystones youth group** has a Superbowl Party next Sunday, February 7, at the McCallisters' house, 5:30 p.m. – game end. RSVP to RJ for more information.

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.

Tell Me More! Rev. Dr. Fair will lead an open one-hour conversation with anyone interested in knowing more about First Pres – our history, theology, practices, governance, who we are as a staff, our vision, and more – after worship on Sunday, February 14, at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided but reservations are required. Childcare is provided upon request. Sign up by contacting Rev. Rogers or the Church Office.

Mature Ministries Pilgrimage Book Group meets this 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 interested in joining.

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

Members of Chapels 23, 30, 34, and 35 are invited to attend a Deacon Appreciation Breakfast next Sunday, February 7, at 8:30 a.m., in the Founders Room. Bring a dish to share if you can. This is to celebrate the service of outgoing deacons Jim Peggs, Lori Pickard, Kari Michalowski, and Marty Reineman, and to welcome 2016 deacons Marolin Bellefleur, Ron Gulbranson, Dan Mitas, and Lynn Milroy.

It's Saturday Supper time! There is room for more guests at our February 13 Saturday Suppers. Online registration continues through tomorrow, February 1. We'll meet in church members' homes for a potluck meal and enjoy the comfort and comradery of other First Pres members. Contact Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

Join us in observance of Ash Wednesday, February 10.

A time of reflective meditation that includes imposition of ashes is in Monteith Hall. 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.

Mature Ministries invites your participation in *Hilltoppers* if you are age 60 and above. The next program is Thursday, February 11, at noon in the Social Hall. A hot lunch (just \$5) prepared by Chef Christine will be followed by "Sabbath: Cultivating A God-Conscious Life During Lent," a presentation by Rev. Don Postema, spiritual leader, writer, and retired minister. Reservations may be made by contacting the Church Office.

Would you like to have your child baptized in 2016? Baptism Sundays are February 14, March 13, April 24, May 8, June 12, July 10, September 18, October 9, and November 13. Contact the Church Office for more information and to schedule a baptism.

Tomorrow is the deadline to receive priority enrollment status as a First Pres member for your child for Triangle Preschool 2016 – 2017. To receive an application, call 761-7688 or visit www.trianglecoop.org.

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