



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
FAMILY SUNDAY  
SCOUT SUNDAY

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

## Gathering

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in G Major* J. S. Bach

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH** Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00/11:00)  
Rev. Buckley (9:30)

**FAITH IN ACTION** Scout Sunday Scott Strodman

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go into the house to the Lord.”

**All: God’s welcome is wide. God’s ways are gracious.**

One: O taste and see that the Lord is good.

**All: Bountiful are God’s gifts! Let us praise the Lord together.**

\* **HYMN 263** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, Gracious Host, we are humbled to be in your presence and to hear your invitation to feast at your table. When we are honest, we know that we are not worthy. We do not extend generous hospitality to those around us. We do not reach out to strangers to make them friends. We even fail to show our brothers and sisters in Christ the broad love and forgiveness that you model for us. Not of our deserving but by your grace, forgive us yet again, O God. Soften our hearts and strengthen our determination to follow in your way. We pray in the name and for the sake of your Son, our Lord.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PRESENCE

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as God’s 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**

Margie Perrett (8:00)  
Olive Martin (9:30)  
Sophie Licata (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 40:28-31

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

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 2:13-17

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)  
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

\* **HYMN 516** *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*

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**WELCOME**

Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Have You Not Known?*

K. Lee Scott

*Please remain seated and join the choir in singing stanza 4  
when indicated.*

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God  
dwells on high in starry splendor?

*Refrain:*

They that wait on the LORD shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up as eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;  
they shall walk and never faint.

To whom will God, the LORD, compare?  
 Who can stand his equal? By his word he formed the heavens,  
 by his power he e'er sustains them.  
 Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. But. . .  
*Refrain*

Then why complain, O Israel?  
 Why downcast, O Jacob? Do you think he does not see?  
 Is your way now disregarded?  
 His knowledge is unsearchable, his wisdom strong and sure.  
*Refrain*

4. Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told  
 you that the ev - er - last - ing God nei - ther tires nor grows wea -  
 ry? E'en youths shall stum - ble help - less - ly, the young grow weak and  
*Refrain*  
 faint. But they that wait on the LORD shall re - new their  
 strength. They shall mount up as ea - gles; they shall run and not grow  
 wea - ry; they shall walk and nev - er faint.  
*Repeat Refrain*

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**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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## Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

*Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place.*

**Communion Music** *This Is the Feast of Victory* FESTIVAL CANTICLE  
*Please sing the refrain:*

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*This refrain is from Hymn 594.*

### Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\* **HYMN 517** *We Come as Guests Invited*

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*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;**

**Fill our hearts with joy and peace;**

**Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.**

**O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*This Is the Feast*

Charles Callahan

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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 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 Debbie Swartz and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Rebecca Gaffney and Harriet Brouwer (9:30), and Peggy Jensen and Linda Lampman (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Pflasterer at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Bob Larson, Dick

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Stuber, and Elsa Stuber at 9:30; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry Swartz, Jeanette Swartz, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox at 11:00. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Brad Taylor and Catherine Kendall (9:30), and Marolin Bellefleur and Nancy Oliver (11:00). “Do not work so hard for Christ that you have no strength to pray, for prayer requires strength.” – Hudson Taylor

**Musical leadership** includes Chancel Choir (Simon Suboski, guest conductor) at 9:30 and 11:00, and a brass quartet comprising Jack Pakela, Ian McKenny, Alan Stahl, and Chris Haddlesey at 9:30.

**Chancel flowers** are given by Sheila Deskins in loving memory of Charlotte Deskins.

## **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)).

**Communion Food Offering** is today. 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. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

**Today is Scout Sunday.** We welcome members of Boy Scouts of America Troop 7 and their leaders to morning worship and recognize them for their roles of leadership. Boy Scout Troop 7 was formed in March 1918 at the Ann Arbor YMCA. In 1920 First Presbyterian Church became home to the Troop. Over 2000 scouts have been associated with Troop 7 over the last 98 years. If you have questions about the scouting program, contact Scott Strodman ([scott.strodman@comcast.net](mailto:scott.strodman@comcast.net)).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Lynn Millward, Karen Mundus, and Betsy DiMaggio. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee.

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Today is Family Sunday.** **Childcare** is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the Sanctuary entrances for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

**Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up**, a class for fourth and fifth graders, is today, 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.

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### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**S(o)uper Service Sunday** is today, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Youth Room. We will spend some time giving back to our community and supporting our local food banks. Come help us collect and count all of the soup and peanut butter our congregation collects and make sure it is packed and ready for delivery to Washtenaw County Community College Food Bank. Give soup, sort soup and eat soup, together! We will have a S(o)uper Time.

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

**First Friends** meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *What's the Least I Can Believe to Still Be a Christian* by Martin Thielen. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. All are welcome.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to further explore "Creation Groans: A Series on Environmental Justice." Today's discussion focuses on *Inhabiting Eden; Christians, the Bible, and the Ecological Crisis* by the Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull.

**Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich**, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday so we can treat you to lunch. We also invite you to attend "Wednesdays @ 8:00," a weekly gathering in the French Room/Library, for fellowship and faithful conversation. For more information, contact Revs. Buckley or Koenig-Reinke.

**"A Conversation with the Pastor"** is at 12:15 p.m. in the Vance Room. Rev. Dr. Fair welcomes anyone who would like to talk further about reports presented at last Sunday's Annual Meeting of the congregation.

**First Forums** presents "Environmental Issues and the Church," 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis Room. The Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull, A. B. Rhodes 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 (\$10) is available in the Church Office.

**T2A2 Super Bowl Party** is tonight. We invite all in their twenties and thirties to join us at 6:00 p.m. to watch the Super Bowl at Cassee Stem's house. To RSVP and sign up to bring a snack, contact Cassee (cassee.stem@gmail.com). Small Group will return next week.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please join us for Christian Life Academy 2018.** Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Director of Adult Educational Ministries at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas, leads us in "Creating a New Story of Faith." He will lead sessions on Saturday, February 10, and Sunday, February 11, and will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Please register for Christian Life Academy 2018 on our website.

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**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, February 9, at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 Zeeb Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Sign up for the Women's Retreat** at Maumee Bay State Park, March 9 – 10. For more details and to sign up, go to the church website or contact Sandy Talbott or Rev. Rogers.

**Hilltoppers** meets this Thursday, February 8, at noon, in the Social Hall for a hot lunch (\$5) and presentation. We welcome Dr. Sheryl Kurz to speak on "Advance Care Planning: Beyond Advance Directives." Conversation-based, "patient-centered" Advance Care Planning has been shown to bring serious illness and end-of-life care more in line with patient preference than document-based advanced directives. Learn how to plan for these difficult situations that every family faces.

**All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation, "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. Dr. Sheryl Kurz spent 20 years as a practicing internist and now advocates for conversation-based advance care planning.

**Restore Hope** is a support group for families coping with mental illness. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month in the church's lower level. Join us anytime you feel the need to talk with others who understand the unique challenges of caring for someone in your family who is struggling with chronic concerns. The next meetings are February 13 and 27, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

**On Sunday, February 18, we will celebrate those members of First Presbyterian Church who have contributed to the vital life and mission of our congregation for over 30 continuous years.** If you receive a letter by mail, stop in the Social Hall on February 18 before the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship service to receive a boutonniere so that you can easily be identified in worship. Come to the special Coffee Hour at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall and see the members and friends you have known and shared with in faith and service. We are grateful for you and your faithful connection to the family of First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, and we look forward to your presence with us.

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.** Begin your Lenten journey with a 5:00 p.m. worship service exploring the meaning of this season of preparation for Easter. This service includes the imposition of ashes, communion, and the musical leadership of the Children's Choir. **Ash Wednesday Dinner** follows at 6:00 p.m. **Taizé Worship** is at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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## **CrossWords: A Lenten Series on Callings**

Join us at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays during Lent beginning February 18 as fellow church members discuss how their lives as people of faith intersect with their professional lives around topics central to our everyday lives as Christians. Presentations may take a range of formats, from storytelling to musical performance to visual art. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know members of the First Pres community better while deepening your own Lenten journey.

**Join a Lenten Small Group** to study *Do Not Be Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* by Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells. Books (\$15) are available for purchase in the Church Office. If this is a financial burden please talk to Rev. Buckley. Sign up on the website or in the Church Office. Don't miss this powerful opportunity to find faith in the midst of a world of fear.

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