



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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FEBRUARY 12, 2017
YOUTH SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata in A G. F. Handel
Laura Stahl, violin

Adagio from Sonata in A Felix Mendelssohn
Clayton Farmer, organ

Movement 1 of Trumpet Concerto F. Joseph Haydn
Jack Pakela, trumpet, and Nina Yamakado, piano

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett

* **SONG OF GATHERING** *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN
Please stand and greet others as you sing:
God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Nicole France

One: O come let us worship and lift our hearts . . .

not because the world is good and last week was awesome,

**All: but because the earth is the Lord's and everything in it,
the God of the whole earth.**

One: O come let us worship and raise our lands . . .

not because our lives are all sweetness and light,

**All: but because even those who walk in darkness can see a great
light, the Bright and Morning Star.**

One: O come let us worship and bow down . . .

not because God gives us what we want,

**All: but because God gives us what we need –
the holy child Jesus, God's Unspeakable Gift.**

* **HYMN 142** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Aedan Mulchrone

One: O God, you are all around us and in us.

All: We thank you for your presence.

One: From the east we hear you call us to freshness and newness.

All: Deliver us, God, from ruts and stagnant waters.

One: From the west we hear you call us to the completeness and wholeness we are created to be.

All: Deliver us, God, from our broken hearts and incomplete dreams.

One: From the south we hear you call us to warmth and growth.

All: Deliver us, God, from hard hearts and cold hands.

One: From the north we hear you call us to the refreshment and peace of a cool, bubbling spring.

All: Deliver us, God, from our boiling anger and our passive-aggressive snide comments.

One: From below we hear you offer us a solid foundation.

All: Deliver us, God, from our unstable faith.

One: From above we hear you call us to life beyond what we experience here.

All: Deliver us, God, from our limited perception. Praise be to God!

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Ben Kunec

* 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

Charlie Rogers

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:4-7

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

HOMILY

David Endicott

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Claire Morville and Miah McCallister

Children through grade five are invited forward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11

Claudia Morville

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

HOMILY

Miah McCallister

ANTHEM *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark Miller
Draw the circle wide. No one stands alone; we'll stand side by side. Draw
the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide. *Text by Gordon Light*

HOMILY Abby Wilson

* **HYMN 554** *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

HOMILY Sean Tichenor

ANTHEM *I Believe* Mark Miller
I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.
*This translated excerpt is from a defiant statement of faith scrawled on
a cellar wall in Cologne by a Jew hiding from the Nazi Gestapo during
WWII. American soldiers discovered it below a Star of David when
searching the bombed house.*

Responding

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* Mark Miller
Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one.
We're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled.
Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here . . .
We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!
God has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.

* **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** Claire Morville

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lex Allum

**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 525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Sean Tichenor and Abby Wilson

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

* POSTLUDE

* 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 Call to Worship is adapted from Leonard Sweet's *Preach the Story*. The Prayer of Confession is by Ruth C. Duck.

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 Peggy Jensen and Gail Grady. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Nick Gardner will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Doug and Carol Gottlieb, Steven Engel and Jennifer Griggs, and Carol Fletcher.

Ushers include members of the Confirmation Class of 2020: Russ Endicott, Isabella German, Katie German, Shannon Hoy, Matthew Kozma, Aidan Majorprice, Katie Maugh, Jack Mikhail, Heath Monsma, Luke Rogers, Lauren Sansbury and Calvin Shaw, and leaders Carol Detmer and Charlotte Anderson. Also serving as ushers are Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Beth Sanderford, Dean Gilchrist, and Karla Olson-Belfi.

We thank our youth providing leadership in worship today: Nicole France, Claudia Morville, Charlie Rogers, Aedan Mulcrone, Ben Kunec, David Endicott, Abby Wilson, Sean Tichenor, Anna Kaehr, Laura Stahl, Claire Morville, Miah McCallister, and Peer Minister Lex Allum.

We thank our youth providing musical leadership today. The Youth Choir includes Trip Apley, Will Brinkerhoff, Kira Collins, Margaret Crawford, Riley Day, Zach Edwards, Russ Endicott, Clayton Farmer, Anna Gehrke, Denali Gere, Willie Glover, Riley Lewis, Tyler Lewis, William Lewis, Aidan Majorprice, Heath Monsma, Anna Nicklas, Brooke Phillips, Sarah Sewell-Conley, Savannah Sewell-Conley, Emmett Shaw, Calvin Shaw, and Cassie Spisak. **Instrumentalists**

playing this morning include Margaret Crawford, Allison Dabrowski, James Dabrowski, Riley Day, Zachary Edwards, David Endicott, Clayton Farmer, Erik Firehammer, Anna Kaehr, Hana Kaehr, Kate Knibbs, Marina Lancaster, Riley Lewis, Tyler Lewis, William Lewis, Aidan Majorprice, Will McKarns, Anna Nicklas, Jack Pakela, Luke Rogers, Calvin Shaw, Emmett Shaw, and Laura Stahl. **Adults assisting with the musical leadership** include Charlotte Anderson, Chris Haddlesey, Ian McKenny, Henry Pakela, Julia Pakela, Jacob Rogers, Max Trombley, and Nina Yamakado.

The children and youth of First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor serve God in many ways including participation in mission trips to Indiana, Florida, Costa Rica and the Pittsburgh Project; tutoring, choirs, confirmation, Sunday School, youth groups, Big House Mission, Youth Choir, Church Orchestra, Raking Day, Vacation Bible School, Scouting, Camp Westminster, Believe Youth Conference, and First Sunday Food Collection.

Youth Ministry is led by the Youth Work Group of the Christian Education Committee of our Session: Renee Mulcrone, Chris King, Lex Allum, Charlotte Anderson, Betsy McCallister, Ruling Elder Tim Wendler and Director of Youth Ministry Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett (RJ). The Youth Work Group is seeking two more adults to serve a two-year term and two active youth to serve a one-year term on the Work Group. See Rev. Monnett to learn more.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, after the service. Prayer team members are Sue Beutler, Carolyn Schultz, and Nancy Fox. "Prayer is in fact the recognition of our limits and our dependence: we come from God, we are of God, and to God we return." – St. John Paul II

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband, Keith Molin; and in loving memory of Rick Herrmann by his wife, Trish DeBoer.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Melania Reagan Munoz, born February 4, 2017, to Hannah and Charles Munoz. Grandparents are Melissa and Tom Wilkins, and first-time great-grandparents are Bill and Judy Slade.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Jennie Stahl, Betsy DiMaggio, and Nancy Fox. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Quad C Brunch is today. Members of Quad C (folks who live in zip code 48103) and their families and friends are invited to attend the annual potluck brunch at noon in the Social Hall.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Children's Choir** is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Mids youth group meets 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Zap Zone. **Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. off-site.

College Ministry Opportunities:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 9:30 a.m. service today (meet in the Welcome Center). **College students participating on the Belize Mission Trip** should attend a training event tonight, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., on campus. Contact Rev. Dr. Monnett if you have questions.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library to study Luke and Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *Uppity Women of the Bible* using a DVD series by Hebrew Bible professor Dr. Lisa Wolfe.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for “Flourishing Together: I Am Because We Are.” Come for an exploration of *\$2.00 A Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America*.

T2A2 (20s and 30s in Ann Arbor) Opportunities:

T2A2 Brunch, hosted by Brad and Simone Taylor, is today at 12:30 p.m. Come for great food and fellowship. Meet in the Welcome Center by 12:15 p.m. to carpool.

Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have been considering joining First Pres, now is a great time!

Classes are informative and childcare is available upon request. Learn more about us, let us know you, and become a First Pres member! We’d love to see you there. The next class series is Wednesday evenings, February 15 and 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the Curtis Room on the second level. New members will join Sunday, February 26, at 8:00 a.m. There will be a second opportunity this spring, a one-time class, Sunday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. New members will join Sunday, May 14, at 8:00 a.m. Contact the Church Office or Rev. Rogers to sign up.

The initial response to the request for a one-time, above-and-beyond gift to fund necessary repairs to our sanctuary trusses has resulted in receipts of \$41,975 as of Wednesday, February 8. We have signed a not-to-exceed contract of \$150,000, the materials portion of which must be paid for soon. Work is scheduled to begin in the Sanctuary June 12. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church noting “Building Fund” on the memo line, or donate online.

All women are invited to join Presbyterian Women for Bible study

Wednesday, February 15, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room, followed by Jeanette Kibler's presentation, "Finding Peace in Christian Meditation," in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. You are invited for all or any part of the morning as well as for a light lunch in the Social Hall. Contact the Church Office for reservations.

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

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 17, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome.

Small Groups for the Lenten Season will meet in the homes of members. Stay tuned to announcements about how you can become part of a small group in your part of town. Marjorie J. Thompson's book, *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, will focus our time together.

Calling all artists, musicians, and dancers of all abilities for a creative Lenten project and exhibition. You can participate individually, as groups, 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, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin by Friday, February 17, and come to the informational meeting Sunday, February 19, at 12:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room.

All parents of children ages 7 – 12 are invited to "Families at First," an event sponsored by the Christian Education Committee 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.

We begin our observance of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

Join us for one or both of our worship services and enjoy dinner as well. Family worship is at 5:00 p.m. and an ecumenical Taizé service is at 7:30 p.m. Supper is at 6:00 p.m. The menu features vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, garden salad with creamy avocado dressing, chocolate cake, and fresh fruit. The cost of the dinner is \$7 per person (\$28 for a nuclear family of 4 or more) if paid ahead of time, or \$9 per person at the door. Please register on our website or in the Church Office by Monday, February 27.

The Russia Mission Team invites participants for an All-Generations Mission Trip to Davydovo, Russia this June. Missioners will fly to Moscow and travel by train to the small town of Davydovo to help in a camp for disabled children and their families. We will stay in a dormitory, refurbished with donations from First Pres, owned by the Russian Orthodox church in Davydovo. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the love of Christ shared through Christian fellowship. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent travel with them. Those interested should contact Rev. Sanderford, Rev. Béghin, or Marti Wendler (wendlerme@gmail.com).

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