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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *Sonata in G Major, Op. 1, No. 5* G. F. Handel

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25:16-20

One: Turn to me, O God, and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

**All: Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.**

One: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

**All: Guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to
shame, for I take refuge in you.**

* **HYMN 84** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you are faithful despite our waywardness. You stand with us though we are prone to wander away from you. As we examine ourselves and see the many times we fail to be the people you create us to be, lift us from despair with your grace and set us back on the course of following where you lead, trusting in your goodness and mercy. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* **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."

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Fox (8:00)
Lori Richert (9:30)
Nancy Oliver (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1-10

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

SUNG PSALM Psalm 25:1-10

Please sing the refrain:

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

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A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30) Rev. Rogers

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:9-13

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

CHORAL RESPONSE *Heavenly Light* Alexander Kopylov

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 282** *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

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WELCOME

Rev. Buckley (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray* C. H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray,
Ever in Thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide
Hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,
Or the world a tempting snare,
I am safe, when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill
Naught I fear when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from Thee:
Dying let me still abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

*** 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)

See Communion Card

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

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

Aimee and Chad Gibbs present their daughter, Anastasia Nicole Gibbs, born February 21, 2009, 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

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

KINGDOM

COMMISSIONING OF NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM (11:00)

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.

Sending

* HYMN 83 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* DEO GRACIAS

* 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.**

* POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Charles Callahan

* 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. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Judy Landau and Peggy Jensen. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters are** Sara Vander Voort and Catherine Kendall (9:30), and Pat Liljestrang and Linda Lampman (11:00). **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Beth Sanderford, Dean Gilchrist, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Dick 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. **Sound system operators** are Roger Hsiao (9:30), and Bryan Magnuson (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 Nancy Fox and Mary Kay Gray (9:30), and Pam Rinker and Linda Lampman (11:00). "Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God."
— Oswald Chambers

Musical leadership includes Laura Schipper, flute; Simon Suboski, soloist; and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Laurin and Delia Hunter by Molly Dobson.

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 Nancy Fox, Marilyn Gibson, and Angela Yang. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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 preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All-Youth Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir (grades 6 – 12) rehearses at 4:30 p.m.

All-Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. After dinner all youth are invited to meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

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 for "CrossWords: A Lenten Series on Callings."

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, for fellowship and faithful conversation. For more information, contact Revs. McGowan, Buckley, or Koenig-Reinke.

“Tell Me More About This Church” is at 12:15 p.m., in the Vance Room. Rev. Dr. Fair hosts a one-hour conversation with lunch included. All prospective members and interested non-members are invited to ask anything you wish about our theology, worship, polity, history, and mission.

All adults are invited to “First Forums: A Fresh Conversation,” 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. The topic is “#MeToo, #ChurchToo, Part 2.” 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. Lunch is available for a \$5 contribution.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl’s house at 7:00 p.m. to continue a discussion of Adam Hamilton’s *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say*. Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to bring your questions and insights as we build community. For more information about all opportunities for twenties and thirties, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 for one of many groups meeting in various locations. Don’t miss this powerful opportunity to find faith in the midst of a world of fear, a faith that help us to more deeply understand CrossWords.

“CrossWords: A Lenten Series on Callings” is at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall on Sundays during Lent beginning this morning. 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 with families and friends for “Peeps and Pizza” on Saturday, March 3, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall, to create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using those “crazy marshmallow Peeps.” Bring your favorite Bible story and your creative ideas for a fun, imaginative morning here at church. We’ll supply the Peeps, the shoe box, and crafting supplies. The pizza lunch is \$5 per person. Make a lunch reservation by completing the Wufoo registration form on the church website. Contact Debbie MacVey if you have questions.

All are invited to a free, informal concert this Wednesday, February 21, at 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., in the Community Lounge of the UM School of Public Health. Laura Schipper and Tom Granum will repeat today’s prelude. You are invited to bring your lunch to enjoy as you hear music performed on the school’s Létourneau pipe organ.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 23, at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Are you ready to become a member of First Pres? The next New Member Class is Sunday, March 11, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided and childcare is provided upon request. The class is informative, fun, and a meaningful way to learn more about First Pres, the PC(USA), our church staff, and your fellow members! Contact Rev. Rogers or the Church Office if you are interested.

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with First Pres friends at a March 17 Saturday Supper. Enjoy a potluck supper in a church member's home with a small group gathered for fellowship, good food, and fun. Register on-line or look for the in-person sign up table at Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 4. Contact Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

Families at First meet next Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m., in the Founders Room. At this first meeting of 2018, we will discuss your concerns and joys of parenting and brainstorm ideas about future meetings. Come ready to make friends, share, laugh, and connect with other parents whose children are similar in age to yours, to help you raise strong, kind, curious, faithful and compassionate children. This is a safe space where we can be candid with one another and offer each other support and encouragement as we journey through parenting together as a community of faith. Refreshments will be served. There will be activities for children while parents meet. RSVP to Rev. Buckley.

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