# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Ann Arbor | Michigan

FEBRUARY 21, 2016 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

# 🗞 Gathering 😒

PRELUDE	When on the Cross the Savior Hung	J. S. Bach
	Prelude in A Minor	J. S. Bach
	Passacaglia in D Minor	Dietrich Buxtehude

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00) Rev. Sanderford (9:30) Rev. Ryo (11:00)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Praise the Lord, all you who are in awe of God's presence! We worship our Holy God.
- All: For the Lord our God has never turned away from us, or left us bewildered or alone.
- One: Praise the Lord, all you who are descendants of God's people! Revere our Holy God.
- All: For the Lord our God has understood our times of rejection and self-hatred; and has lifted us up out of our despair; and taken us by the hand to lead us into a future in God.

\* HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Savior and Friend, we talk much about faith yet are slow to take its risks; laud forgiveness yet are miserly in giving it; praise truth yet fudge our own integrity; extol love yet place conditions on our loving; urge hope for others yet live like cynics; honor Christ's Cross yet avoid our own. In our betrayals of the Gospel we espouse, enter the secret caverns of our souls to cleanse and reform us. We pray for your forgiveness for ourselves, but only that it can also become our way of life to deal with those around us.

#### 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 people of God. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

This response is Hymn 572.

# $\otimes$ Proclaiming $\otimes$

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00) Dan Hayes (9:30) Dan Cressman (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake 16th century attr. Richard Farrant and John Hilton Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive

that is past and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart, before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

Text from Henry Bull's Christian Prayers and Holy Mediations, 1568

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00) Children through grade five are invited forward to meet with a pastor.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 8:27-38 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

SERMON

Rev. Rogers

# $\otimes$ Responding $\otimes$

**HYMN** *I Will Come to You* YOU ARE MINE Please remain seated as the soloist sings Verses 1-2 and Refrain. Please stand to sing Verses 3-4.



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#### WELCOME

Daniel Ervin (9:30) Rev. Béghin (11:00)

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

## **OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

Offertory

Just as I Am

Raymond H. Haan

# \* 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)

### **COMMISIONING OF JAMAICA MISSIONERS** (11:00)

Being commissioned are Lex Allum, Allison Beach, Gigi Buttazzoni, Emma Cozier, Lindsay Cromwell, Catherine Curvin, Natalie Drobny, Alivia Ebenhoeh, Christina Fosheim-Hoag, Blake Gauger, Ryan Hall, Melanie Holt, Emily Karlsson, Josh King, Conrad Lather, Sarah Lather, Beth Ann Less, Madison Lull, Jenna Mangle, Tim Mayer, Maddie Mervis, Jim Monnett, Sunji Nom, Seun Oladipo, Robbie Reid, Nick Robbins, Tucker Rossmaessler, Brad Sanford, Tony Savage, Katie Simon, Sierra Smith, Andy Spaulding, Leah Strong, Alexis Valenciano, and Aly Wilson.

#### 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.



\* HYMN 370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea w

WOODWORTH

# \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

# \* **POSTLUDE** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

\* Please stand 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.

Today's Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer written by retired Uniting Church of Australia pastor Bruce Pewer. 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. Church Office volunteers are Ruth Weber and Katie Parker. Greeters are Sara Vander Voort, Chris Queen, and Anne Kloack for the 9:30 a.m. service; and Diane Johnston, Al Barber, and Carol and Doug Gottliebsen for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Bill Parker, Katie Parker, Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Jennifer Wilson, Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, and Chris Queen at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Barry Swartz, Jeanette Swartz, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Lucie Audette and Linda Upton following the 9:30 service; and Carol Gottliebsen and Angie Miller following the 11:00 service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul." – Corrie Ten Boom

**Musical leadership** is provided by Heidi Hess-Willis, soloist; Kelly McDermott, flute; and the Chancel Choir.

**The chancel flowers** are given by Molly Dobson in loving memory of her parents, Laurin R. and Delia S. Hunter.

**The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Nicholas Taylor Janz, son of Ryan and Emily Janz, born February 15, 2016. Nicholas is the grandson of Nancy Janz and Jim Clark.

# **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 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.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee and a cookie. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Cookie bakers** are Nancy Oliver, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Jeanette Swartz, and Kathy Wirstrom.

#### **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:

**Munch & Mingle** is at 9:20 a.m. in the 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Youth Choir** meets 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. **Youth Dinner** is 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. **Mids** youth group is 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

#### **College Ministry Opportunities:**

**Lunch** immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Koster.

**First Couples** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Join in as Don Redding discusses First Pres' work with Habitat for Humanity and the Big House Food Rescue program.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for the series "God's Good Creation: Water, Faith and Earth Care." The Flint water crisis is a tragedy of enormous consequence. Come and explore the impact and help create a First Pres response.

**Common Ground** meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. Join member and financial advisor Luke Panning and Daniel Ervin in a series on matters of faith and financial wellness. Christian perspectives on money, creating household budgets, holding family conversations about money, and more are slated for our conversation.

**The T2A2 Sunday Brunch** (twenty and thirty year olds) is at 12:30 p.m. at Georgia and Paul Goodman's house. If you need directions, speak to one of the pastors.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join our church family – one class only! Everyone already "belongs" at First Pres, but maybe you are ready to make it official. Come to our new member class next Sunday, February 28, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room, and officially join at the new member breakfast on March 13. If you are a prospective new member and want to learn more, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org or 355-2351). Lunch and child care are provided, and the class is both fun and informative.

# There's something for everyone at 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

Dinner which features chicken fajitas is at 6:00 in the Social Hall. The cost is \$7 per meal if payment is received by Monday each week or \$9 per person at the door. Children five and under eat free. Register on our website or by contacting the Church Office. Rev. Sanderford leads worship this week where we will learn about lesser-known Biblical character Vashti, introduced in Esther 1:1-12.

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.

**Presbyterian Women Reading Group** is this Wednesday, February 24, at 1:00 p.m., at Paesano's Restaurant.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, February 26, at 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

**Quad C Potluck Brunch** is Sunday, March 6, at noon in the Social Hall. Members of Quad C (48103 zip code) are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Join us to share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal with your deacon and fellow chapel members.

# Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style);
- request to have your child baptized;
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information;
- let us know if you are hospitalized; and
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

# Join us for A Change of Heart next Sunday, February 28. Keynote speaker is Jeanne Bishop, an attorney in the Cook County (Illinois) Public Defenders' Office, author, and activist. Jeanne is the author of Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer, the story of murder, loss, and forgiveness. Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Jeanne Bishop conversation with high school youth 3:00 p.m. Book signing in the Welcome Center. Books are available for purchase in the Church Office and on our website for \$12.00. 4:00 p.m. Change of Heart presentation in Monteith Hall

5:30 p.m. Worship Service: Service of Healing and Hope in Monteith Hall; Rev. Dr. Fair preaching

### 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 Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist **Resident Ministers: Reverend Emily Béghin** Daniel Ervin **Reverend Angela Ryo** Peer Ministers: Alexis Allum Andy Spaulding Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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