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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

Aria

Cynthia Dobrinski

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Daniel Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Ryo (9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of all, we come seeking good judgment and knowledge.

**All: Keep us humble in our wisdom and obedient
in our devotion to you.**

One: Let your steadfast love be our comfort

All: and our trust in you never fail.

* **HYMN 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, O God, that we are quick to reach judgments about another's guilt and slow to see your mercy in times of trial. We want fast explanations and easy solutions. Help us trust in your mercy and your providence, to see your guiding hand throughout all of life, and to be confident in your goodness and grace. We pray in the name of your Son, who came to show us how to live and how much you love 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.

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rick Platte (8:00)

Carol German (9:30)

Doris Granum (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 5:1-7

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *As the Hart Longs* Felix Mendelssohn

As the hart longs after the water brooks, so longeth my soul for Thee, O God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward to meet with a pastor.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 13:1-9

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

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 336** *As a Chalice Cast of Gold*

INWARD LIGHT

Please remain seated for stanza 1.

Stanza 1 - soloist

Please stand to sing when indicated.

Stanza 2 - all

Stanza 3 - choir

Stanza 4 - all

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Seek Ye the Lord* J. V. Roberts
Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous one his thoughts, and return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon. – Isaiah 55:6-7

* **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)

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** *Sovereign Maker of All Things* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**Sov'reign Maker of all things, God of covenant and grace,
Ev'ry creature knows your pow'r
quakes with fear before your face.
But your mercy far exceeds what our minds can comprehend;
Deep compassion stays your hand,
chast'ning not, though we offend.**

**You have promised to forgive contrite sinners who repent;
So I come with humbled heart, by your word made confident.
I have sinned, Lord, I have sinned: well I know my wickedness.
Yet I make this prayer to you: Lord, forgive me, heal, and bless.**

**Let me not be lost in sin, banished to eternal night;
God who hears the penitent, let your goodness show your might.
Though I be unworthy, Lord, your great mercy will I claim,
Till I join the hosts above who forever praise your name.**

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* **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**

Kyrie

François Couperin

* 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.

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 Dale Leslie and Barbara Mueller. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Jennifer Hoy, Chris Queen, and Harriet Brouwer for the 9:30 a.m. service; and Gail Grady and John and Dawn Pankopf 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, Karla Olson-Bellfi, 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 Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Dianne Santinga and Sharon Dort following the 9:30 service; and Marolin Bellefleur and Diane Hockett following the 11:00 service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays." – Søren Kierkegaard

Musical leadership is provided by Jason Berger, tenor; the Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir; and the Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given by Earl Avery in loving memory of his sister Nancy Avery Webster; and by Richard Cheng in loving memory of Mignonette Cheng, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

The rosebuds celebrate the births of:

Hutchinson Lee McCammant, son of Matt and Shannon McCammant, born February 17, 2016; and

Jacob Anthony Whitehead, son of Lisa and David Whitehead of Frederick, Maryland, born January 27, 2016. Jacob is the grandson of Barbara Ladewski.

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 Fox, Beth Caldwell, and Kim Gernant.

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. **Keys Sunday School** special guest today is Jeanne Bishop. **Youth Choir** meets 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. There is no **Youth Dinner** or **Mids** youth group tonight. **Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

College Ministry Opportunities:

There is NO Lunch today due to UM Winter Break. College Lunch resumes next Sunday. Please pray for the College Mission Team in Jamaica this week.

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 Way Is Made by Walking, An Introduction to Labyrinths." Join Rev. Ryo, Resident Minister, and other leaders to explore the power of walking and the spiritual experience of a labyrinth. Walk the path, explore the deep connections of moving with and toward the Holy, and deepen your practice of faith.

Common Ground meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. Join member and financial advisor Luke Panning and Daniel Ervin for "Faith and Financial Wellness." Christian perspectives on money, creating household budgets, holding family conversations about money, and more are slated for our conversation. Come and bring your questions!

T2A2 Does Bible meets in the Founders Room at noon. If you are in your 20s or 30s, please join us.

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 today, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room, and officially join at the new member breakfast on March 13. Lunch and child care are provided, and the class is both fun and informative.

Join us for *Change of Heart* at 4:00 p.m. today in Monteith Hall. 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. Jeanne will sign books in the Welcome Center at 3:00 p.m. Her book is available for purchase in the Church Office this morning for \$12.00. Jeanne’s presentation follows the book signing.

All are invited to attend a *Service of Healing and Hope* following Jeanne Bishop’s presentation. Join us for this short service at 5:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Rev. Dr. Fair is preaching.

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 Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. The mission of Hope Clinic is to provide compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect.

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 in the Social Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Worship in Monteith Hall

Dinner 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. Béghin leads worship this week where we will learn about lesser-known Biblical character Ebedmelech, introduced in Jeremiah 38:1-13.

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. Contact Polly Pan, Quad C Leader (ppan3650@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Quad D Potluck Brunch is Sunday, March 13, at noon in the Social Hall. Members of Quad D (48108 zip code plus Saline, Chelsea, Brighton, South Lyon, and Whitmore Lake) are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, fruit, or dessert to share. For more information, contact Nancy Pflasterer, Quad D Leader (njpfasterer@comcast.net).

Would you like to meet our college students? We are looking for volunteers to host a Sunday lunch for our college students. Please contact Peer Minister Andy Spaulding for more information.

Mature Ministries invites everyone age 60 and up to these events:

Hilltoppers, Thursday, March 10, at noon in the Social Hall. Following lunch (\$5), John Hartig, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Manager, will present "Bringing Conservation to Cities." Reservations may be made by contacting the Church Office.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome.

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;
- purchase Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

Peeps and Pizza Fair!

Join with families and friends next Saturday, March 5, 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" and enjoy a pizza lunch. Decide on a favorite Bible story and bring your creative ideas for a fun, imaginative morning here. We'll supply the Peeps and crafting supplies. Our pizza lunch will be served at noon. Contact Debbie MacVey if you would like pizza or with questions about the event. The dioramas will be on display in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour Sunday, March 6.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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Reverend Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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