



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MARCH 4, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
FAMILY SUNDAY

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**      Sinfonia from Cantata No. 79      J. S. Bach  
*Now Thank We All Our God*      arr. Rick England

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

**FAITH IN ACTION**      Caregiving at First Pres      Ellen Johnson

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and see the works of God,

**All: God's awesome deeds among us.**

One: Come and hear, all who revere God,

**All: God's voice still speaking in our weary world.**

One: Come and touch the sacred,

**All: extraordinary in the ordinary,**

**God's presence – in water, bread and wine.**

\* HYMN 291

*O God of Earth and Altar*

LLANGLOFFAN

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**How easy it is for us to distinguish ourselves from “them.”**

**Forgive us, O God: for the times we believe we are better than others; for the times we avert our gaze so we won't have to look at their condition; for the times we wished they would all go away and live somewhere else; for the times we feel no discomfort in judging others before we even know them; for the ease with which we label people “them” and “other”; for the times we have been unwilling to meet others in need and help carry their burdens – forgive us.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

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**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**

Virginia Rezmierski (8:00)

Ava Westfall (9:30)

Mary Smith (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 66:1-4, 16-20

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

**ANTHEM**

*He, Watching Over Israel*

Felix Mendelssohn

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; He will quicken thee. Psalm 121:4

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

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Galatians 6:1-3

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Rogers

 **Responding** 

**\* HYMN**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG



- 1., 6. Broth-er, sis-ter, let me serve you, let me be as
2. We are pil-grims on a jour-ney; we're to-geth-er
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time
4. I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll
5. When we sing to God in heav-en, we shall find such



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
on this road. We are here to help each oth-er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor-row  
har-mo-ny, born of all we've known to-geth-er



let you be my ser-vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour-ney through.  
of Christ's love and ag-o-ny.

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## WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Fair (11:00)

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

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### Offertory

*For Everyone Born*

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. . . .

For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. . . .

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

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## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

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## 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.**

### 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.*

### Prayer After Communion

## Sending

\* **HYMN 427** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BLAENHAFREN

*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**

**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.**

\* 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 Alice Holderby and Heidi and Brian Williams. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Sharon Sheldon and Carolyn Schultz (9:30), and Marilyn Gibson (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Chris Wahl, Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, Ali and Ken Westfall, and Elsa and Dick Stuber (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, Cindy Lambrides, and Paul and Georgia Goodman (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 Diane Knibbs and Mary Kay Gray (9:30), and Brad Taylor (11:00). “Our prayers are sometimes answered without us realizing or, in ways that we did not ask for but always remember God’s plan is better than ours.” – Catherine Pulsifer

**Musical leadership** includes Joshua Marzan, piano; Betty Halliday, cello; orchestra; and Chancel Choir.

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Nancy Avery Webster by her brother, Earl Avery.

**The Call to Worship**, inspired by Psalm 66, was written by Katherine Hawker and is posted on “Liturgies Outside (<http://liturgyoutside.net>). **The Prayer of Confession** was adapted from a prayer by the Reverend Dr. Kwasi I. Kena.

## **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 Hope Clinic which provides compassionate and practical help to those in need, offering medical and dental care and dental to the uninsured, plus a variety of social services to minister to the whole person.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Come enjoy the dioramas from yesterday’s Peeps Fair which are on display in the Social Hall. **Cookie bakers** are Carly Groves,

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Lynn Millward, and Doris Granum. 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. Today we offer a new coffee for sale – "Sister's Blend" – honoring women coffee farmers who are active in their cooperatives, and women across the U.S. who advocate for small farmers.

### **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 and confirmation. 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.

### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Confirmation class** begins 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.

**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." First Pres member Sean Hoskins speaks on "Balancing Creative Tensions." Get to know members of the First Pres better while deepening your own Lenten journey.

**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. McGowan or Buckley.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Do Not Be Afraid: Facing Fear with Faith* by Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells. Wherever you are on your faith journey, bring your questions and insights as we build community. For more information about T2A2, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hilltoppers** meets Thursday, March 15, at noon, in the Social Hall for a hot lunch (\$5) and presentation. We welcome Jim Walsh, UM Professor of Business Administration, Management and Organizations, and Strategy. This meeting was originally scheduled for March 8.

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**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, March 9, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**A Divorce Support Group** will meet on Tuesdays in March, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Youth Room, led by Rev. Annette Fraser, who has lived through it. If you have questions, contact Rev. Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) or Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

**All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation on postpartum depression** on Monday, March 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Dr. Maria Muzik, MD, Co-Director of the UM Women and Infants Mental Health Program is the speaker. All are invited to attend and to bring others who would be interested.

**Join us and feel the** warmth, faith and gratitude of the Filipino people. Join the Philippine Mission Team next Sunday, March 11, 12:15 p.m., in the French Room/Library to learn more about the work of and mission with our Filipino partners. Contact Hank McQueen (mcqueen1143@comcast.net) for more information.

**It's not too late to 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. Sign up on the website or in the Church Office.

**Our annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services is scheduled for March.** For four years we have collected paper towels and laundry detergent, items always in demand at Cass, as part of our year-round support. Please drop off these items during the month of March in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center. Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) if you have questions.

**Are you ready to become a member of First Pres?** The next New Member Class is next Sunday, March 11, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided and childcare is provided upon request. 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.

**Join us March 17 for the first Saturday Suppers of 2018.** While enjoying a potluck supper and fellowship in a church member's home, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with old friends and meet new ones, too. Online registration closes tonight, or you can meet us at Coffee Hour today for in-person sign up and more information. Please contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

**Want instant gratification? Participate in the Deacons' Blood Drive** on Thursday, March 22, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Join us in saving lives by signing up during Coffee Hour on March 11 and 18 or online ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)). If you have questions, please contact Lisa Shultz (973-464-1847; [whybenormal@verizon.net](mailto:whybenormal@verizon.net)) or Paula Doering (904-8068; [paulahdoering@gmail.com](mailto:paulahdoering@gmail.com)).



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**Join our all-church outing to the Men's Gymnastics Big 10 Championships at Crisler Arena** on Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4 each, and parking is easy! Sign up and pay in the Church Office by Tuesday, April 3. Meet at Crisler at 6:15 p.m. to pick up your tickets and sit as a group. Be sure to leave your email or phone number when you sign up so we can contact you.

**The deadline to order Easter lilies** in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one to beautify our Easter morning worship is Thursday, March 22, at noon. Lilies are \$17 and may be ordered online or through the Church Office.

### **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday worship** is March 25 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday worship** is March 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

**Good Friday worship** is March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Easter Sunday worship** is April 1 at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Easter morning fellowship** is in the Lounge on the 200 level before the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for pastries, fruit, and beverages.

**Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day.** Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation. If you need childcare at 8:00 a.m., please contact the Church Office or Debbie MacVey.

**Please make considerate parking choices** to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 South Forest Avenue.

**Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses** located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome.

### **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor  
Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor  
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries  
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister  
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister  
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister  
Reverend Evans McGowan, Campus Ministries Coordinator  
Essie Koenig-Reinke, Youth Ministries Coordinator  
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