



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MARCH 5, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *Trio in G minor* Rheinberger

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Ryo (9:30)
Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all. The Lord's compassion
is over all creation.**

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

**All: God's greatness is beyond our grasp or comprehension.
Praise God's mighty name!**

* **HYMN 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are eternal and mighty, infinite and gracious. We are weak and prone to error. We easily disregard our sins rather than owning them. We dictate our wishes to you rather than trusting your will. We are quick to make excuses or to shift blame rather than taking responsibility when we have done wrong. Humble us. Open us to your leading and increase our faith so that, in the confidence of your love, we will earnestly pray "Thy will be done."

SILENT CONFESSION

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.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*** 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**

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Sheldon (8:00)
Dan Edwards (9:30)
Gerry Leckrone (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 143:1-10

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

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:7-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 589**

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven

As indicated, please sing the response "Hallowed be Thy name."

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Lord's Prayer

Edwin Gerschefski

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Ervin (9:30)

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. At 9:30 a.m. the elements are passed. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. At 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available at the front center serving station. Those unable to come forward will be served in their places.

Communion Music *Let Us Break Bread*

arr. Moses Hogan

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* **HYMN 417** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* REGENT SQUARE
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.

* **POSTLUDE** *A Lamb Goes Forth, Our Sins to Bear* Marcel Dupré

* 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 Heidi Dodson and Linda Upton. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Volunteers are Nick Gardner and Sarah Krein.

Greeters are David and Carol Downton, Nelly Petrock, Jane Hayes, and Linda Lampman. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Ron Greiner at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Len Rezmierski, Angela Yang, Nicole Jolliet, Dean Gilchrist, Kay Fuller, Rick Boothman, Karen Gardstrom, Spaulding Clark, and Daniel Torres-Davenport at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Pam Rinker and Catherine Kendall after the 9:30 service and Ralph Winter after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Prayer is where the action is.” – John Wesley

Musical leadership is provided by Laurie Ann Taylor, soprano, and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John Skalsky by Mary Engelhardt and children.

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 is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (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. Hope Clinic, an ecumenical Christian organization in Ypsilanti that provides help to those in need, is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Sue Dempsey, David and Carol Downton, Diane Johnston, and Karen Gardstrom. 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 our commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

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.

Children's Choir is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

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

Sunday School classes meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Mids youth group meets 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:

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 4, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

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. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. The current study book, *The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right* is available in the Church Office for \$15.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. to begin "Our Artists Are Our Prophets," a six-week Lenten series. This week we will explore the Stations of the Cross as well as the refugee motif in scripture and the refugee crisis in our world today. On subsequent Sundays during Lent, we will hear from select artists on how they interpret scripture artistically in light of displaced peoples. Come join us as we make our way to the cross!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is Resident Ministry Interview Weekend. Since the beginning of the program in 2001, First Presbyterian Church has launched over twenty Resident Ministers into key pastoral leadership positions across the Presbyterian Church (USA). This weekend First Pres welcomes young pastors to Ann Arbor for interviews and conversations about joining

the Resident Ministry Program. A new cohort of talented Residents will begin ministry in this congregation in August 2017. The present Residents, Reverends Emily Béghin, Daniel Ervin and Angela Ryo, will complete their two-year residency this summer and move into ministry positions.

Are you receiving our Lenten Email Devotionals? If not, you may sign up online or by contacting the Church Office. These insightful devotionals are written by members of our church family to enhance our spiritual journey through Lent.

Lenten Bible Study at Glacier Hills begins this Tuesday, March 7.

Join us Tuesdays through April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Interfaith Chapel at Glacier Hills for a Bible study, discussion, and fellowship as we journey through Lent together. Our study is based on *Creed* by Adam Hamilton.

Are you pondering about what you can do as a spiritual practice during Lent? Consider coloring one of the Stations of the Cross posters either individually or as a family. The posters will be part of the Stations of the Cross Exhibit during Holy Week in the Social Hall. Your finished poster will be collected the week of April 2. Please pick up your copy in the Church Office today and throughout the week while supplies last and color your way to the cross!

LENT 2017: THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Lenten small groups begin this week. It is not too late to sign up and join a discussion of *Forgiveness: A Lenten Study*, by Marjorie Thompson. The book is available for purchase in the Church Office for \$10. Sign up online or in the Church Office for the group that works best for you. Some groups are already at capacity. Those with space available are listed below.

<u>Quad A (north-east)</u>	<u>Sundays at 4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 12</u>
Hosts: Dianne and Peter Santinga	Leaders: David and Carol Downton	
<u>Quad B (center-east)</u>	<u>Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 7</u>
Hosts: Harris and Margaret McClamroch	Leader: Meg Brown	
<u>Quad B (center-south)</u>	<u>Sundays at 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 12</u>
Hosts and Leaders: Doug and Carol Gottliebsen		
<u>Quad C (center-west)</u>	<u>Sundays at 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 12</u>
Hosts: Bill Brinkerhoff and Kathy Sample	Leader: Alice Holderby	
<u>Quad D (south-west)</u>	<u>Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 8</u>
Hosts: Roland and Jeanette Kibler	Leaders: Pat Liljestrand and Jeanette Kibler	
<u>Quad D (west)</u>	<u>Sundays at 4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 12</u>
Hosts: Mary Lynn and Jim Thomson	Leaders: Gus and Donna Nussdorfer	
<u>T2A2 (20s, 30s)</u>	<u>Sundays at 7:00 p.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 12</u>
Host: Chris Wahl	Various leaders	
<u>Church</u>	<u>Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.</u>	<u>beginning March 9</u>
	Leaders: staff	

We are collecting shoe boxes for the "Peeps & Pizza Fair - A Lenten Event for All Ages" to be held Saturday, March 25. Please drop off your clean shoe boxes at the Church Office.

Hilltoppers meets this Thursday, March 9, at noon in the Social Hall. Lunch (\$5) is followed by "Rapid, Reliable, Regional Transit in Southeast Michigan," a presentation by Ben Stupka from the Regional Transit Authority. We'll learn about the plan for getting from place to place as painlessly as possible in our region. Contact the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers to sign up.

Mature Singles meets this Friday, March 10, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

March is the month for our Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services Center in Detroit. Please drop off laundry detergent and paper towels in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center. Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) if you have questions.

Help Save Lives! Give blood on March 30, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate at the Deacons' Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour the next three Sundays or online (www.redcrossblood.org). Cookie bakers and volunteers the day of the event are needed. Please contact Barb Brewster (646-5571 or dexter4brews@aol.com).

A local mission opportunity is available at Alpha House March 27 – 31. Those who would like to support children and families who are experiencing homelessness can sign up at Coffee Hour today or online.

Today is the last call for Saturday Suppers. If you haven't signed up already for this event, please find us at the sign-up table in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour today. Small group potlucks will be hosted in the homes of First Pres families March 18. A wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, we especially welcome frequent visitors who would like to know us better, and new members just connecting to their church family. Online registration closes tonight. Contact Sara Vander Voort (saravoort@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Presbyterian Women will look through a new lens Wednesday, March 15 beginning with Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. At 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, Sarah Thornberg, Executive Director of Friends in Deed, will speak about "Assisting Families Out of Poverty." All women are invited to attend and to join us for lunch (\$7) in the Social Hall following the presentation. Sign up in the Church Office.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation Monday, March 13 in Monteith Hall, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Julie Frick, LMSW, will discuss "The Confusing Maze of Depression." Participants will learn about biochemical aspects of this condition.

Tax deductible donations of gently used percussion, wind, and brass instruments are requested to help create a youth band in one of the poorest villages in Peru. Call Jeff Taggart (358-4353) or Ginny Rezmierski (971-6221) for a drop-off or pick-up appointment. Instruments will be collected until March 31.

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Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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