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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *O Mortal, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall* J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Daniel Ervin (9:30)
Rev. Béghin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you,

**All: and know that steadfast love surrounds those
who trust in the Lord.**

– from Psalm 32

* **HYMN 184**

How Blest Are Those

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, we admit we are prone to wander from
your grace. We turn our backs on your mercy and follow lesser
gods. We are easily swayed by passing fads and quick to seize
earthly pleasures. Although we do not deserve your forgiveness,
we ask it. Welcome us back into your embrace and help us show
that same kind of unending love to one another.**

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
forgiven people. 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

Linda Strodtman (8:00)

Andrew Martin (9:30)

Chris Wahl (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 32

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Solo

The Penitent

Beardsley Van de Water

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

SERMON

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

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

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 517**

We Come as Guests Invited

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WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Our Father, We Have Wandered* arr. Larry Harris

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;

In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.

But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,

As distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,

Behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.

In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,

In gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.

O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving and ever caring Lord,
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease,
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon and in peace.

Text by Kevin Nichols

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Prayer After Communion



Sending



* **HYMN 356** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON
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** (9:30/11:00)

**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**

* 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 (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 is Nancy Oliver. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Tissy and Rudi Ansbacher for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Jill Binkley and Marilyn Gibson for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Charlotte Anderson, Kay Fuller, Nicole Jolliet, Dean Gilchrist, Dick Cooke, Richard Lord, Sue Jeffers, Angela Yang, and Carol Smith at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, Alice Gaujanian, Cindy Andress, and Jeanette Middleton 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 Marolin Bellefleur, Carolyn Schultz, and Kate Drinkwater following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Katie Parker and Marolin Bellefleur following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “Prayer without study would be empty. Study without prayer would be blind.” – Karl Barth

Music leadership for today’s 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services includes Daniel Washington, baritone; Sally Carpenter, alto; Kelly McDermott, flute; and the Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Cheri Beth DeHaan Erben by Hannah, Leah, and William Erben.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Madison Margaret Brooks, daughter of Kara Hendrickson Brooks and Chris Brooks, born February 11, 2016. Madison is the granddaughter of Carole and George Hendrickson.

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.

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 in Ypsilanti is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations. 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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Jane Schmidt, Kim Byers-Granito, Karen Wisniewski. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Regular, decaf, whole bean, and drip grind coffees are available. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving 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.

Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the Russia Mission Team. Stop by their table for samples of Russian Apple Cake and Russian Easter Cake. Pre-paid orders (\$10 per cake) may be placed during Coffee Hours today and next Sunday. Cakes may be picked up during Coffee Hour on Palm Sunday, March 20. Funds raised support our mission work in Russia. Contact Linda Speck (677-0620 or aa3013@wayne.edu) for more information.

Quad C Potluck Brunch is today at noon in the Social Hall. If you are a Quad C member (48103 zip code), join in the fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal with your deacon and fellow chapel members.

The Cass Community Social Services Coordinating Team meets at 12:15 p.m. in the Vance Room. This meeting is open to anyone interested in assisting in our Detroit outreach ministry.

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** rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. **There is NO Youth Dinner tonight.** **Mids** youth group is 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones** youth group meets for bowling off-site, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

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

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Join in as Harris and Margaret McClamroch speak to us about the current work of First Pres in Israel/Palestine.

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 and other leaders to walk the path, explore the deep connections of moving with and toward the Holy, and deepen your practice of faith.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "To Do Justice: A Series." Today explore themes of forgiveness and restorative justice with a follow-up conversation flowing from Jeanne Bishop's presentation on *Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer*. Presenters are Rev. Gary Oliver and Rev. Sanderford.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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. Rogers leads worship this week where we will learn about lesser-known Biblical character Rhoda, introduced in Acts 12:1-7, 13-17.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 11, at 5:30 p.m., at Big Boy, 497 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

Quad D Potluck Brunch is next 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 side dish or dessert. Join in the fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal with your deacon and fellow chapel members. If you have questions contact Quad D leader Nancy Pflasterer (npjflasterer@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.

Save the date (April 23) for the Philippines Mission Team's Spring Rummage Sale. It is not too soon to donate items. Contact Joe Schmidt (417-4921) for more information.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday worship is March 20, at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

There will be a Palm Parade at the beginning of the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. The 9:30 service will include special musical leadership by the children and youth.

Maundy Thursday worship is March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:30 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday recalls the Last Supper. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others. All are welcome to worship with our older members at Glacier Hills. The evening service is an inter-generational service.

Good Friday worship is March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

This reflective service is conducted in a darkened church and remembers the suffering and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday worship is March 27 with four worship services.

Lent is over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Dr. Fair will preach.

A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall will be led by Rev. Sanderford. This service is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred.

Easter morning fellowship is in the Lounge on the 300 level before and after the 8:00 a.m. service. Join us for Hot Cross Buns, fruit, and beverages.

Easter Sunday is Family Worship Day. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available for the 9:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. services, and for the 8:00 a.m. service by reservation.

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 Hillemonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw Avenue and Hill Street 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.

Easter lilies will grace the Nave on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website **by Thursday, March 17, at 5:00 p.m.**, to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or homebound.

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

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Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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Andy Spaulding

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