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MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Alpha House

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Remember, O Lord, your tender mercies
and your loving kindnesses.

**All: Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions;
according to your mercy remember me, O Lord.**

One: Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**All: Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.**

* HYMN 184

How Blest Are Those

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all nations and creator of us all, where you bless us with diversity, we see differences that divide us. Where you call us to unite, we fracture and divide. You model patience; we flare with impetuosity. Halt us in our tracks of willfulness. Restore among us a spirit of love and mutual concern. Open us to receiving your light and sharing it with others in the gentle and merciful fashion you use to guide and direct us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who came that we might all be one.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

This response is Hymn 572.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, believe the good news of how God deals with us, even though we are sinners.

All: God hates our sin but never stops loving us. God's Son, Jesus, sacrificed his life for us by dying on the cross. He showed his victory over death by rising from the dead. He removed our guilt and gave us new, unending life.

One: Children of God, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* 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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)

Gail Grady (9:30)

Sallie Parker (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 32

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

PSALM RESPONSE (9:30/11:00) *You Are My Hiding Place*

Michael Ledner

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:18-21

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

SERMON

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

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

🌿 **Responding** 🌿

* **HYMN**

Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart

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Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Bm Em D G Am7 Bm7 Em *Fine*

Je - sus knows the in - most heart: noth - ing can be hid - den.

Em Bm Am Em C Am Em

1 This our sin - ful hearts re - quire: flame of God's re - fin - ing fire,
2 Je - sus knows our deep - est fears, knows the pain of hid - den tears.
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Em Em7 Am D7 Em Am7 Bm7 Em *to Refrain*

work - ing in us day by day till the dross is burned a - way.
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his for - give - ness sets us free, saves us for e - ter - ni - ty.
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WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. McGowan (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; His pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Text by Charles Wesley

* **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)

See Communion Card

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Aimee and Chad Gibbs present their daughter, Anastasia Nicole Gibbs, born February 21, 2009, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

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 223** (stanzas 1-4) *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* STUTTGART

* **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.**

This response is Hymn 371.

* **POSTLUDE**

Lift High the Cross

John Leavitt

* 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 Rob Bauman and Ann Nicklas. **Greeters are** Catherine Kendall and Al and Sheryl Powell (9:30), and Gail Grady and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Roger Hsiao (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Carol Smith, Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, Florian Trouvain, Catalina Esguerra, and Spaulding and Kathy Clark (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, and Cindy Lambrides (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 Judy Slade and Nancy Fox (9:30), and Martha Kershaw and Carol Downton (11:00). "You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might pray also in the fullness of your joy and in your days of abundance."—Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*.

Musical leadership includes Brooke Phillips, soprano; Luke Panning, violin; Joshua Marzan, piano; and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Emily Ann Andrea by her family, Katie, Dave and Elizabeth Andrea.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are John and Dawn Pankopf, Judy Landau, and Sheryl Powell. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Russia Mission Team.**

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:

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

Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin 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. **Keys and Mids youth groups** meet after dinner.

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 for study and robust discussion.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *Me, Too*, Rev. Rogers' November 26 sermon. 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 Brad Taylor presents "Sites of Memory and of Magic: Building a Path to Social Healing through the Museum Gallery."

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. Questions? Contact Revs. McGowan or Buckley.

All are invited to join the Philippine Mission Team at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library.

The New Member Class is in the Curtis/Founders Rooms, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

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. For more information contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presentation on postpartum depression is tomorrow, Monday, March 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall with Dr. Maria Muzik, MD, Co-Director of the UM Women and Infants Mental Health Program. All are welcome.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 16, at Panda House Restaurant, 229 Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

A Divorce Support Group will meet on Tuesdays, March 13, 20, and 27, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Vance Room. This will be led by Rev. Annette Fraser who has lived through it. If you have questions, contact Rev. Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) or Rev. Rogers.

Our annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services is this month. Drop off paper towels and laundry detergent during the month of March in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center. Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com) if you have questions.

Want some instant gratification? Participate in the Deacons' Blood Drive on Thursday, March 22, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up during Coffee Hour on March 11 and 18 or online (www.redcrossblood.org). Questions? Contact Lisa Shultz (973-464-1847; whybenormal@verizon.net).

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. Following Easter worship the plants will be delivered by our deacons to those who are sick or otherwise homebound. Lilies are \$17 and may be ordered online or in the Church Office.

Presbyterian Women meet Wednesday, March 21. Bible Study is at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room followed by a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. Carpool for a tour of Hope Clinic departs at 11:00 a.m. Executive Director M. Douglas Campbell of Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti will lead the tour. Lunch is at 1:00 p.m. at Bona Sera, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti. RSVP to the Church Office at 662-4466. All are welcome.

A team of missionaries to Quebrada Honda, Nicaragua, has returned to First Pres. Our team worked with residents and our partners at CEPAD, the Protestant Council of Churches in Nicaragua, to wire classrooms in the community school. Team included Miriam Ernest, Catalina Esguerra, Downs Herold, Paul and Carol Smith, Tim and Marti Wendler, Katrine Weismantle, Abigail Ziemann, and Rev. Dorothy Parks-Piatt.

The church building will be closed next Saturday, March 17. Christian Meditation will not be held.

Join us for First Forums next Sunday, March 18, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis Room, for the second segment of “#metoo#churchtoo.” We will have a speaker from the UM School of Social Work facilitate a discussion about what we can do to address sexual harassment in our context and beyond.

Families at First – Wholehearted Parenting welcomes Jan MacKenzie, MA in School Guidance and Counseling and retired middle school educator, next Sunday March 18, at 11:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room. In light of the recent tragedy in Florida, Jan will lead us in a two-part discussion: first, how do parents deal with their fears for their children; and second, how do we help our children deal with their own fears about places where they may not always feel safe. This discussion is especially designed for parents of school-age children. Come join us for this timely discussion. While the adults meet there will be activities provided for our elementary and younger middle school children.

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.

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

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