
You are with me in my times of need,
You guide me through each day.
When I cannot see what's best for me,
You are there to show the way.

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

Linda Strodtman (8:00)
Katie Parker (9:30)
Cindy Lambrides (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 59:1-2, 9-12

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Love the Lord* Austin C. Lovelace

Love the Lord, love the Lord, love the Lord with all your heart.
Love the Lord and love each other.
I will love the Lord with all my heart.

Love the Lord, love the Lord, love the Lord with all your soul.
Love the Lord with all your being.
I will love the Lord with all my soul.

Seek the Lord, seek the Lord, seek the Lord with all your mind.
In God's Word His Truth I find.
I will seek the Lord with all my mind.

Serve the Lord, serve the Lord, serve the Lord with all your strength.
Heart and soul and mind and strength –
I will love the Lord with all I am.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:21-26

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

SERMON

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

Responding

* **HYMN 347**

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

WELCOME

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

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

Elder Marita Servais

Joining the church today are Karen Al-Saadi, Martha Davison, Al and Sheryl Powell, Amanda Ross, Reid Sawtell, Florian Trouvain, Tom Venable, and Sabina Wilkanowicz.

Hymn of Welcome *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr. Dan Forrest

My Jesus, I love thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
and say when the death dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

* **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

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 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

* **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**

Lift High the Cross

Michael Burkhardt

* 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 Jean Song and Rob Bauman. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Nancy Oliver and Judy Landau (9:30), and Cathy McKenny and Carol Fletcher (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Dallas Dort (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, Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, Ali, Ken, and Ava Westfall, Spaulding Clark, Elisabeth VanViet, Richard Lord, and Sue Jeffers (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jim Douglass (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Cindy Lambrides, and Gregg, Stacey, and Vincent Pakela (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 Tom Brandt and Nancy Fox (9:30), and Pam Rinker and Deborah Campbell (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." – Mother Teresa

Musical leadership includes Emma Young, violin; Children's Choir, Doris Granum, director, and Gayle Stevens, piano; Joshua Marzan, piano; and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are given by Myra Larson in appreciation of the music ministries.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Rowan Jacob Fraser, son of Colin and Katrina Fraser, on March 11, 2018. Grandparents are Annette and Bob Fraser.

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 Sue Ashford, Kathy Wirstrom, and Nancy Fox. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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 *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 Greta Krappohl presents "Stories of Service and Sacrifice."

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

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service 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.

Join us today for this month's First Forum, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. This First Forum is part 2 of the #Metoo, #Churchtoo series. Erin Martinez-Gilliard, an accomplished social work clinician and adjunct faculty member of the UM School of Social Work, will lead a discussion about concrete ways we can address sexual harassment. She will challenge us to examine sexual harassment from the perspective of socio-cultural norms and interpersonal engagement. Lunch is provided for \$5 per person.

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 about all opportunities for twenties and thirties, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyterian Women meet this 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 Ave, Ypsilanti. RSVP to the Church Office at 662-4466. All are welcome.

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 **this Thursday, March 22, at noon**. Following Easter worship the lilies will be delivered by our deacons to those who are sick or otherwise home bound. Lilies are \$17 and may be ordered online or in the Church Office.

Participate in the Deacons' Blood Drive this Thursday, March 22, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Sign up during Coffee Hour today.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 23, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

A Divorce Support Group meets on Tuesdays in March, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Youth Room. This is 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).

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.

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. 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. Leave your email or phone number when you sign up so we can contact you.

Chancel flowers are given by members to honor the memory of a loved one or in glory to God in thanksgiving for blessings. Following worship the flowers are delivered by deacons to homebound members. There are openings on the calendar for upcoming months. Please contact the Church Office if you would like to donate flowers. The cost is \$50.

T2A2 Easter Potluck is at 1:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 1, at the home of Chris Wahl. RSVP to Chris (cgwahl@umich.edu; 358-5657). All in their twenties and thirties are invited.

The spring meeting of the College of Elders is Saturday, April 14, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. All ruling elders and teaching elders in the Presbyterian Church (USA) are invited to attend. RSVP by March 31 to the Church Office.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Palm Sunday worship is March 25 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. There will be a Palm Parade at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. service. Children will meet Debbie MacVey in the Social Hall at 9:20 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.

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