



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MARCH 20, 2016
PALM SUNDAY

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



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🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Michael Burkhardt

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Ryo (11:00)

COMMISSIONING OF THE NICARAGUA MISSIONERS (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Zechariah 9:9

One: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

All: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

One: Lo, your king comes to you;

All: triumphant and victorious is he,

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

All: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

* HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, while we seem glad to voice shouts of praise and eager to wave palm branches, we admit that we quickly fall away when faced with opposition to your way. We join Judas in betraying you. We join Peter in denying you. We join the crowd in turning from you. During this Holy Week, bless us with eyes to see your deep love for us and faith to walk with you. We pray in Christ's name and for his sake.

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

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)
Marc Buchanan (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 24:7-10

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

ANTHEM (11:00) *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

William Mathias

Lift up your heads, O ye gates and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord
strong and might, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of
hosts, he is the King of glory. — Psalm 24:7-10

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:29-40

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

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)
Peace in Heaven, Conflict on Earth Rev. Dr. Fair (11:00)

🌿 Responding 🌿

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

* **HYMN 76** *My Song Is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN
**My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?**

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (11:00) *Wondrous Love*
arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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 90** (Stanzas 1-3) *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

THE KING'S MAJESTY

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.**

* 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 Linda Upton and Chris Argersinger. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Jeff and Cyndy Colton and Prue and Dale Heikkinen for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m., and 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 Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Prayer team members are Don Redding and Meg Brown. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." – Alfred Lord Tennyson

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of James F. and Margaret P. Brinkerhoff by the Brinkerhoff-Sample family.

Pink rosebuds celebrate the births of:

Emmie Ye-A Black, born March 8, 2016, daughter of Mina Hong and Ariel Black. Emmie's grandmother is Cheong-Hee Chang; and

Gabriella Rose Pappas, born February 29, 2016, daughter of Marcelo and Rachel Embree Pappas. Grandparents are Sandy and Tony Embree.

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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, Gail Grady, and Beth Johnson. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. **Russian Apple Cakes and Easter Cakes pre-ordered from the Russia Mission Team may be picked up during Coffee Hour today.**

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. **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:

Lunch immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service. There is no charge for college students. Meet in the Welcome Center.

Adult Education Opportunities:

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

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor. This book is a window into the world of faith, doubt, and personal expression. Class members are presenters.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for Dr. Bradley Taylor's presentation "Inextinguishable: The Social Impact of the Heidelberg Project." All who are registered for the Heidelberg Project tour on March 31 will find this presentation of particular interest.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "To Do Justice." Today we explore themes of forgiveness and restorative justice as we screen segments from *Unlikely Friends*, a series of short video essays exploring the stories of victims of crimes who encounter their perpetrators. The presenter is Rev. Sanderford.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering will be accepted during worship on Easter Sunday. OGHS is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Projects are currently underway in more than 100 countries. Please give generously next Sunday.

Struggling with mental illness in your family? First Pres staff and members facilitate a support group called Restore Hope for family members who have loved ones coping with mental illness. The group meets twice per month. We have parents, siblings, children, and extended family members of those with mental illness attending for mutual support, encouragement, and a safe place to talk. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome.

The Suds 'n Sheets Campaign was a success! Thanks to the generosity of many donors, 136 rolls of paper towels and 52 containers of laundry detergent were collected for Cass Community Social Services, a mission partner in Detroit.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style);
- request to have your child baptized;
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information;
- let us know if you are hospitalized;
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events;
- request to have an announcement in the Sunday bulletins. The deadline for submissions is Monday noon.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

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 intended for all ages.

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 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.

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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Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

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Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Peer Ministers:

Alexis Allum

Andy Spaulding

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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