

MARCH 24, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

# So Gathering Solution

PRELUDE (8:00) Chorale Partita on Christus, der ist mein Leben

Johann Pachelbel

**PRELUDE** (9:30/11:00) Fairest Lord Jesus

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Jacques M. Kearns arr. Susan Ullom Berns

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00) Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

One: One thing we ask of the Lord, one thing that we seek:

All: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

One: Hear us, O Lord, when we cry aloud, All: Be gracious to us and answer us!

One: Come, let us seek God's face together.

All: Your face, Lord, we do seek.

\* HYMN 179

God Is My Strong Salvation

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and our salvation, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to live in the light of your love. Help us to walk in the light of your love, that we may be transformed by your love and trust in the promise of your peaceful realm.

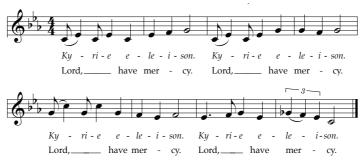
SILENT CONFESSION

#### **KYRIE**

# Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON

Please sing first in Greek and then in English.



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#### 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

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.



# PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00) Marti Wendler (9:30) Jean White (11:00)

# OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27:4, 7–13

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

# **ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00) Land of the Living

Waterdeep

One thing I ask of you, this is what I seek,

That I may dwell in your house, feel your pleasure wash over me

One thing I ask of you This is what I need That I may hide in your hands Feel your presence fall over me

And I am confident of this one thing That my eyes will be blessed When they gaze upon your beauty And my lips will be sweet When they whisper words of praise And my heart will be dancing When it knows that you are with me And I will see your goodness In the land of the living.

## A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

# **NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 10:38–42

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

**SERMON** 

Messy Faith: Only One Thing

Rev. McGowan

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\* **HYMN 333** Seek Ye First LAFFERTY

WELCOME

Rev. Piatt (9:30/11:00)

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

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

## Offertory

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (9:30/11:00) Jean Berger The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of ev'ry living thing, of ev'ry living thing, of ev'ry living thing. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. The eyes of all wait upon thee, wait upon thee.

# \* 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.

**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.

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Dedication



\* **HYMN 420** God of Grace and God of Glory CWM RHONDDA Please sing stanzas 1–4.

#### \* BENEDICTION

#### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

\* **POSTLUDE** (9:30/11:00) *Prelude in G Major* Horatio Parker

\* 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.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Gayle Stevens, piano (8:00); Sanctus Ringers Hand Bell Choir; Heidi Hess-Willis, vocalist; Matt Person, guitar; Dorothy Piatt, percussion; and Chancel Choir, Shayla Powell, guest conductor (9:30/11:00). **Crucifers** are Barbara DeLancey (9:30) and Heidi Hess-Willis (11:00).

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 Susan Morville. The Church Office is staffed by Jane Bartman. Greeters are Anne Kloack and Doug and Carol Gottliebsen (9:30) and Carol Fletcher and Prue Heikkinen (11:00). Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Jean Song (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, Spaulding Clark, Carol Smith, Keith Molin, Richard Lord, Sue Jeffers, and Jim Douglass (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jeannette Middleton (captain), the Pakela family, Sandy Herold, Cindy Lambrides, and Jim Douglass (11:00). Sound system operators are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Roger Hsaio (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 Jeanette Kibler and Nancy Fox (9:30) and Carole Hendrickson (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart." —John Bunyan

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Tom and Ellen Miller Mullett by their daughter Barbara Ladewski and their granddaughters Lisa Ann Whitehead and Kathryn Ladewski and their families.

#### **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 Carole Hendrickson, Linda Lampman, and Marilyn Gibson. 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 11:00 a.m. worship.

Children's Choir does not rehearse today.

# **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

Confirmation class meets at 9:30 a.m.

If you are a middle school or high school student who loves music, and want to share your gifts and talents with your church family, contact Simon Suboski (ssuboski@firstpresbyterian.org) about youth music opportunities. We hope you'll join us!

**There are no Youth Group activities** due to Ann Arbor Public Schools' Spring Break.

# **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. This year's theme is "The Bible Speaks to You about the Important Ideas." All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

**First Friends** meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. Today's discussion is on *An Odd Couple, Jonah and Ruth: Lessons for Our Fractured World*. All are welcome to attend.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore our Lenten theme "Abide: Blessed in the Mess." All are welcome to attend.

A presentation on a recent college mission trip to Puerto Rico is today, noon–1:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. All are invited to hear stories from our college students and their work with hurricane recovery efforts, to sample authentic Puerto Rican food, and to see photos and videos from the trip.

# **College Students! UKirk@UMich Campus Ministry Opportunities**

We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life! Contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at campus@firstpresbyterian.org. All are welcome!

**Enjoy lunch** with us today in the Social Hall at noon.

**Take a study break** with the Coffee Crew on Tuesday afternoons, 3:00–5:00 p.m., in Room 2 of the League. Our treat!

**Have faithful conversations at our Small Group** on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League.

**20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group** meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss the Lenten book *Final Words From the Cross* by Adam Hamilton. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Piatt.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services in Detroit is this month. Please drop off paper towels and laundry detergent, items always in demand at Cass, during the month of March in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center and outside the Church Office. Questions? Contact Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com).

**Volunteer for our Alpha House ministry to children and families experiencing homelessness.** This is our host week, March 25–29. If you have questions about how you can help, contact Gail Einhaus, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, March 29, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Register now to attend the All-Church Gathering at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island from Friday, May 3, to Sunday, May 5. More information is available on our website.

**Some names are still missing from our April 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday Suppers guest list.** Is yours one of them? Online registration continues until midnight tonight or you may sign up in person today at Coffee Hour. Contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**Presbyterian Women is now accepting scholarship requests** for the 2019–2020 school year. Men and women beginning or in seminary, or religious education, are encouraged to apply by the end of April. Contact Joan Bentz, Scholarship Committee (jdbentz@comcast.net) or Virginia Bell, Moderator (virginiabell2013@gmail.com). The application may be downloaded from the PW page of the church website.



# 2019 Lenten Series—ABIDE: Blessed in the Mess

Bless this Mess: Our Real Lives Photo Challenge, March 1–April 10

**Lenten Contemplation** on Wednesdays, 9:00–9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall, through Wednesday, April 17.

Lenten Small Groups are exploring Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton, alongside our Lenten theme of "Abide: Blessed in the Mess." Books (\$15) are available in the Church Office. In life, in death, and even in the mess, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful.

Messy Movie Nights are Wednesdays, April 3 and April 10, 5:30–8:00 p.m. Explore faith with family and friends as we eat, watch a movie, and discuss how Christ is present in mess. Dinner is \$5 per person.

Our annual Peeps and Pizza Fair is Saturday, April 13, 11:00 a.m.— 12:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Team up with family and friends, enjoy a pizza lunch (\$5/person), and create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using Peeps.

Donate an Easter Lily to decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one. Each lily costs \$17. Orders may be placed online or by contacting the Church Office. The deadline is Monday, April 15, at noon. Please remember that our Deacons will deliver <u>all</u> the Easter Lilies, following worship, to those who are grieving, ill, recovering, or shut-in.

Contact the Church Office for more information on these and other Lenten opportunities. Sign up for events online or in the Church Office.

# **Holy Week Worship Services**

#### Palm Sunday, April 14

Worship is at 8:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

#### Maundy Thursday, April 18

Worship is at Glacier Hills at 10:30 a.m. and in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

#### Good Friday, April 19

Worship is at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

# Easter Sunday, April 21

Worship is at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Philippine Task Force is collecting and shipping donated fabric to Habitat villages in Dumaguete for women and men who are learning to sew. If you have lightweight fabric – cotton, linen, silk or rayon – that you would like to donate in quantities of at least one yard or more, please bring it to church. A marked box is in the Welcome Center until Sunday, March 31. Spring clean your sewing closets and send love wrapped in fabric to our friends in Dumaguete.

**Child Care volunteers are needed for Easter Sunday** at the 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. services. Please contact Beca Torres-Davenport for more information or to volunteer.

**The Russia Mission Team is selling homemade Easter goodies.** Sign up at Coffee Hour on April 7 and pick up at Coffee Hour on April 14. All proceeds go to support the summer camp at Davydovo for children with disabilities and for their caregivers.

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