

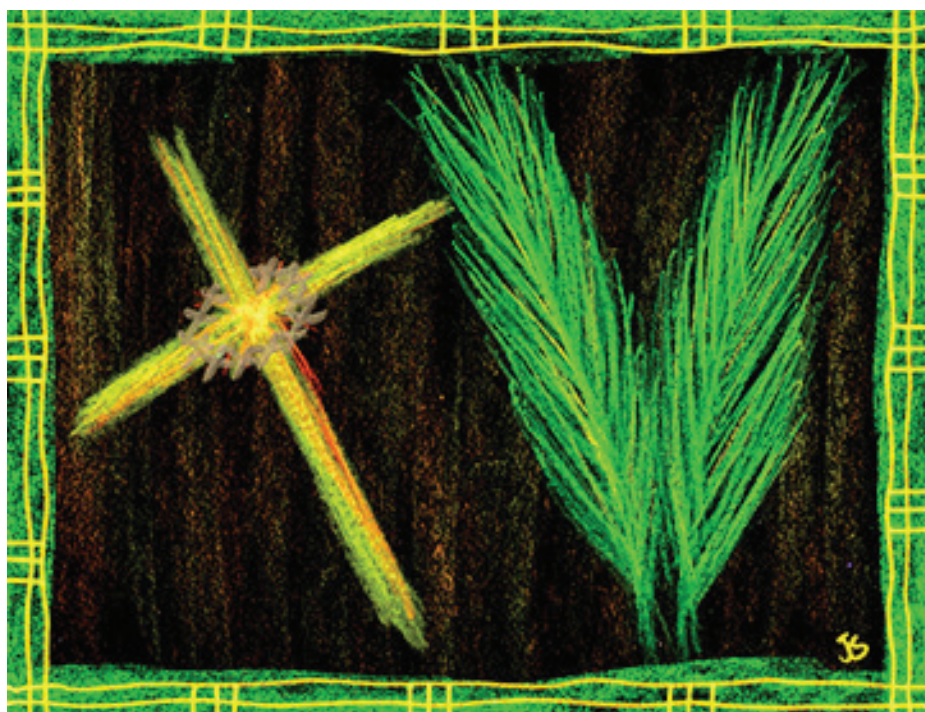


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PALM SUNDAY

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



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Gathering

PRELUDE Variations on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Michael Burkhardt

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

FAITH IN ACTION One Great Hour of Sharing

Susan Cares (8:00)

Carol Smith (9:30)

Bob Wallin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Rejoice! Shout aloud! Our king comes to us

All: triumphant and victorious is he,

One: humble and riding on a donkey,

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

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

INTROIT

Hosanna filio David

Michael Burkhardt

Hosanna filio David: benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Rex Israel: hosanna in excelsis.

*Hosanna to the son of David: blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
To the king of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.*

Hosanna

Christian Gregor

arr. Michael Burkhardt

HYMN 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Please remain seated for the extended introduction and stand
when indicated.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and compassion, how quickly we change from shouting “Hosanna!” to walking away from you. How swift we are to distance ourselves from your example of humility and service. Despite our tepid faith, accept us as we bow before you, aware of the many ways we have stoked divisions, pointed fingers of blame, and betrayed the love you have for us. Restore us to communion with you and one another. We ask it in Christ’s name and for his sake.

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

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

Nancy Fox (8:00)

Scott Ellsworth (9:30)

Jason Lindauer (11:00)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:1-11

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

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:5-11

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

Responding

* HYMN 367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

WELCOME

Rev. Buckley (9:30)

Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

My Song Is Love Unknown

Michael Burkhardt

* 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 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

The congregation will remain seated and stand to sing when indicated.

Stanza 1 – soloist

Please stand.

Stanza 2 – all (unison)

Stanza 3 – choir

Stanza 4 – all (unison)

Stanza 5 – all (unison)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine:
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

* POSTLUDE *The Royal Banners Forward Go* Wilbur Held

* 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 Gail Grady and Rob Bauman. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jane and David Schmidt and Sara Vander Voort (9:30), and Linda Lampman and Jane Hayes (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Roland Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (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, Ali, Ken, and Ava Westfall, and Spaulding and Kathy Clark (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Jim Douglass, 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 Meg Brown and Diane Knibbs (9:30), and Linda Lampman and Ralph Winter (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer.” – F. B. Meyer

Musical leadership includes David Magumba, tenor; Doris Granum, soprano; Angie Noble, oboe; Jack Pakela and Ian McKenny, trumpet; Chris Haddlesey and Henry Pakela, trombone; ensemble from Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir; Treble Ensemble; Chancel Choir; and Michael Burkhardt, guest organist and composer-arranger for much of today’s music.

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

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Gus Howard Rosaen, son of Karl and Cara Rosaen, born on February 10, 2018. Grandparents are Jane Dutton and Lloyd Sandelands. Great-grandmother is Kate Dutton, and great-aunt is Anne Keesor.

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 Linda Tubbs, Carol and David Downton, and Karen Gardstrom. 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.

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.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *The Life of Meaning*. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "CrossWords: A Lenten Series on Callings." First Pres member Amanda Becker Carlisle presents "Uprooting Homelessness and Poverty."

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.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 6:00 p.m. for a Passover Seder. For more information about all opportunities for twenties and thirties, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be received during worship on Easter Sunday, or you may give today by texting OGHS and the amount to 734-441-6148, through the GivePlus mobile app, on our web page, or by marking your check OGHS.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services on Sunday, April 8. **Communion Food Collection** will be received that day. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations and/or financial contributions for the Detroit Hunger Ministry.

This is the final week of our annual Suds 'n Sheets Campaign for Cass Community Social Services. Drop off paper towels and laundry detergent during the month of March in the baskets provided in the Welcome Center.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, March 30, at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Join our all-church outing to the Men's Gymnastics Big 10 Championships at Crisler Arena 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.

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 April 9 to the Church Office.

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.

Hilltoppers meet Thursday, April 5, at noon in the Social Hall. Following lunch (\$5), Mark Heppner, Vice President for Historic Resources at the Historic Ford Estates, will be our featured speaker. Come for a preview of our June 28 trip to Henry and Clara Ford's Fair Lane Estate in Dearborn. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

All are invited to Dr. Sheryl Kurze's presentation, "Advance Care Planning, Part 2," sponsored by Stephen Ministry Continuing Education on Monday, April 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. If you have a specific question you would like Dr. Kurze to answer, submit your inquiry to Deanne Woodruff (dewoodruff@att.net). Those who did not attend the first session are welcome.

Presbyterian Women is offering scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year to current seminary students or those who will begin seminary and who have a connection to First Presbyterian Church. Those interested should fill out the application found in the PW section of the church website. Completed applications should be sent to Joan Bentz (jdbentz@comcast.net) or Virginia Bell (virginiabell 2013@gmail.com) by May 1. Recipients of the 2017-2018 scholarships were Andy Spaulding and Lex Alum.

Our next host week at Alpha House begins tomorrow. Sign up during Coffee Hour or online if you are available to volunteer. Contact Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Please join us for First Forum, our monthly opportunity for open dialogue and faithful disagreement about social issues, Sunday, April 15, 12:15 – 1:45 p.m. We will watch *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*, a documentary from the Presbyterian Church (USA) followed by a short discussion where all viewpoints are welcome. Lunch is available for \$5.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday worship is this Thursday, 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 this Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday worship is next Sunday, 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, coffee, and juice.

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.

Three spaces remain for a 24-Hour Silent Retreat, May 4 – 5, at St. Augustine Lutheran Monastery in Oxford, Michigan. Both men and women are invited to attend. The cost is \$35.00. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) as soon as possible if you are interested.

Please contact the Church Office for the following:

- 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 (\$12)

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