
* **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**

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown,
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

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 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marilyn Simpson (8:00)

Cassie Spisak (9:30)

Andy Spaulding (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 30:4-10

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

PSALM RESPONSE (9:30/11:00)

Please sing when indicated.

**All with joyful exultation let us sing to God our praise;
to the Rock of our salvation loud hosannas raise.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-20

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

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

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

 **Responding** 

* **AFFIRMATION 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. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

from A Brief Statement of Faith

HYMN 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Please be seated and sing the refrain when indicated.

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of glory mine, that were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text by Isaac Watts (1707)

*** 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 495** *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

ENGELBERG

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.**

* **POSTLUDE** *Tuba Tune in D Major*

C. S. Lang

* 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 (in the Sanctuary) 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 Peggy Jensen and Gail Grady. **Church Office volunteers** are Pat and Bill Fuerstenau.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Linda Lampman, Cindy Andress, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Judy Slade and Evonne Plantinga following the 9:30 a.m. service and Marolin Bellefleur and Carol Gottliebsen following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "At the profoundest depths in life, men talk not about God but with Him." – Elton Trueblood

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Connor Kenna Gill, April 3, 2016, son of Kevin and Becca Gill, and grandson of Margo and Clem Gill.

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 Beth Caldwell, Marilyn Gibson, and Stephanie Faulk.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Worship Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Mids Youth Group goes to the Zap Zone, 1:00 – 2:30. RSVP to Andy Spaulding. Bring \$10 cash and a signed Consent Release form.

Keystones meet at their regular time.

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 exploration and discussion on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Presenters are class members. Today's discussion centers on *Learning to Walk in the Dark* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore and experience the Celtic Way of Prayer with presenters Deanne Woodruff and Kathy Wirstrom.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for a series for families, "Parenting Today - Parents, Kids & TED Talks." Today's topic, hosted by Rev. Sanderford, is *The Power of Vulnerability* by Brené Brown. Discussion will focus on what makes us, as parents, most vulnerable.

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

J2A2: Let's go for a Dog Walk! Rev. Sanderford will lead a three-mile walk beginning at 5:00 p.m. today at Hudson Mills Metropark (8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter). Meet in the parking area near the Central Shelter. (After entering the park, turn right just after the toll station, and drive straight ahead to the parking area). Bring your own dog or pet one of the many Presbyterian dogs we expect to see there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is this Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. To donate, sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. Contact Gale Redding (276-8426 or galeredding@gmail.com) for more information.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education program tomorrow, Monday, April 11, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Representatives from The Silver Club of the UM Geriatrics Center will talk about this popular social “club” designed for people with mild dementia. The Silver Club is “a place to make friends and enjoy discussions, play fun cognitive games, create art and music, and other innovative activities, tailored to different needs. We strive to improve the memory, motivation, mood and overall well-being of our members.”

The College of Elders meets this Saturday, April 16, 9:00–10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church or Minister of the Word and Sacrament, you are invited to attend. Please call the Church Office to RSVP.

Our Local Mission Team invites all who are interested in welcoming refugees to join a discussion about a possible refugee resettlement project. Please come next Sunday, April 24, in the Lewis Room, at 12:15 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. Sanderford.

Youth News:

Believe Youth Conference is April 22 – 23 for our 6th – 8th graders. Come overnight in Holland and join 600 other mid-highs for high energy worship, teaching, and magic with illusionist Brock Gill. The cost of this great event is \$170. See Andy Spaulding or RJ to register.

Class of 2016, mark your calendars for being honored in worship Sunday, June 12, at the 9:30 a.m. worship before the All-Church picnic.

Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity House of Faith construction by contacting Lois Nissly (lnissly@comcast.net) or Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com). This is an opportunity to share our blessings, to show God’s love and grace, to enjoy fellowship, and most importantly, to make a significant difference in the life of our partner family.

Mature Ministries invites those age 60 and up to attend:

Hilltoppers this Thursday, April 14, at noon, in the Social Hall for a hot lunch (\$5) and discussion with Linda and Ryan Haywood from First United Methodist Church on the topic “Finding Inclusive Justice through the Rainbow Project,” an effort to welcome LGBTQ persons into full participation in the life of the church. Sign up in the Church Office.

Mature Singles Dinner this Friday, April 15, at 5:30 p.m., at Metzger’s German Restaurant, 305 North Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

Glacier Hills Eastertide Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at Glacier Hills in the interfaith chapel. Join us for a time of study, reflection, and fellowship. Contact Rev. Béghin for more information.

Our church orchestra will play for the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services next Sunday, April 17. You are invited to arrive early for the Prelude, which will be the first movement of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony.

Tell Me More! Join us next Sunday, April 17 at 12:15 p.m. as Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair leads an open, one-hour conversation with anyone interested in knowing more about First Pres – our history, theology, governance, who we are as a staff, and our vision. Lunch and childcare are provided but reservations are necessary. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

Volunteers are needed May 14 to plant the vegetable gardens and flower beds at Cass Community Social Services, one of our mission partners in Detroit. This is a great intergenerational mission project. Sign up your family! Sign up online or email Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com).

J2A2: A Journey from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor

We're traveling from Jerusalem all the way to Ann Arbor – collectively, that is. We're asking members to log the distances they walk, swim, or bike each week and report it to Sandy Talbott either by email or at Coffee Hour. Moving the body is good for our emotional, spiritual, and physical health, so get moving and help us reach our goal. Check out the map on our website or visit the 400-level to see how far our journey has already taken us! Join us for these sponsored walks:

A Dog Walk this afternoon sponsored by Rev. Sanderford. More information is provided elsewhere in this bulletin.

A Pilgrim's Walk next Saturday, April 16, sponsored by El Camino pilgrims who will share what the walk meant to them. Look for the time and meeting spot in Our Life Together later this week.

A Prison Prayer Walk Sunday, April 24, sponsored by Rev. Ryo and Resident Minister Daniel Ervin. Participants will meet at Arborland parking lot and walk from there to the County Jail and back. Discussion and prayers will center around justice.

Memorial Notices by e-mail are now available. If you would like to receive notices related to deaths and upcoming memorial services of First Pres members, please send your name and email address to Rev. Rogers.

PARENTING TODAY SPECIAL EVENT

Worlds Unto Themselves:
Deepening Understanding of Adolescent Development &
Exploring Effective Relational Responses to Our Teenagers

Next Sunday, April 17, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room, connect with other parents, be immersed in thoughtful presentations about teens by experienced, skilled therapists, and come to a place where you can ask and answer questions shared by all parents. Facilitators are Dr. Daniel Bingham, Dr. Hillary Fitzsimmons and Dr. Jennifer Tang of Cypress Counseling of Ann Arbor.

Mids and Keystones will run an extra half-hour on April 17 so parents can take advantage of this special workshop sponsored by Children, Family, Youth, and Adult Ministries Teams with support from Debbie MacVey, Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett and Rev. Jay Sanderford.

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