



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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APRIL 30, 2017
LEGACY SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Now the Green Blade Riseth* Kevin McChesney

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Rev. Ryo (9:30)
Rev. Béghin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all God's bounty to us?

All: We will offer to God a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

One: Let us pay our vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

All: In the courts of the house of the Lord, we praise the Lord!

* **HYMN 113** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, creator and sustainer of us all, we thank you and praise you for all the ways you bless us. Despite your goodness to us, we turn away from you and from others. We take your blessings for granted rather than rejoicing in your constant faithfulness. We set out our desires and expect you to fulfill them. We confess our self-centeredness. While you treat us with mercy, we treat others with harshness. Forgive us, O God. Turn us again to you that we might know the true joy of life, which is living for you and in you.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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.

*** 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."

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Carol German (9:30)

Georgia Goodman (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Chronicles 29:10-18

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

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Sanderford

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 12:1-3, 14-15a

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin (8:00)

Sharing God's Grace Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*

We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love. We do not fully comprehend who God is or how God works. God's reality far exceeds all our words can say, but God is known to us in Jesus Christ. Jesus' involvement in the human condition is God's involvement. His compassion for all kinds of people is God's compassion. His demand for justice, truth, and faithfulness is God's demand.

His willingness to suffer rejection is God's willingness. We believe God works beyond our imagining throughout the universe, and we acknowledge no other God. To worship God is highest joy. To serve God is perfect freedom.

* **HYMN 364** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* GRAND ISLE

WELCOME Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* John Rutter
Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say, Alleluia!
He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!
Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven, how we too may enter heav'n: Alleluia!
Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away, that we all may sing for ay, Alleluia!
Words by Michael Weisse (c. 1480–1534)
Translated by Catherine Winkworth

* **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)

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 151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

* **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**

* 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 Barbara Mueller and Pam Rinker. **Church Office** volunteer is Jane Bartman.

Greeters are Ginny Horan and Meg and Paul Brown at 9:30 a.m.; and Ellen Johnson and Valerie and John Yodhes at 11:00 a.m.

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, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, and Dean Gilchrist at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Jeanette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Carolyn Schultz and Michele Derr after the 9:30 a.m. service; and Katie Parker and Angela Noble after the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Our prayers lay the track down on which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails." – Watchman Nee

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Julian T. Hoff by his wife Diane Hoff and family.

The pink rosebuds celebrate the births of:

Annaliese Emira Andren, born March 10, 2017, daughter of Katie and Aaron Kitchen Andren.

Vivian Eve Keller, born March 24, 2017, daughter of Patrick and Carolyn (Smith) Keller. Vivian's grandmother is Mary Kerrick Smith.

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 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 Karen Wisniewski, Jennifer Stahl, Nancy Fox, and Julie Morrison. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Endowment and Special Gifts Work Group in honor of our Legacy Partners. More than 100 member households have planned a future gift to First Pres by including the church in their wills. Their generosity will continue to support the church and its ministries for generations to come. Please join us for cake and an opportunity to thank our Legacy Partners. Refer to the bulletin insert for additional information about our Legacy Partner program.

A New Member Class is in the Curtis Room, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please join us if it's time to make First Pres your official church home.

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 Youth Room.

Sunday School classes meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Keystones youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library to study Luke and Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Today's discussion is on "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say."

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. to discuss "Mission Reimagined: Beyond Charity to Transformation, A Model for Mission and Ministry that Goes Beyond Toxic Charity." Presenters are Helena Prince, Carol Smith and Revs. Ryo and Sanderford.

Families at First: Wholehearted Parenting meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Vance Room. If you are a parent of school-aged children, please join us as we learn about creating meaningful family dynamics and share about living as faithful parents in the 21st century. Childcare is provided.

Clayton Farmer, First Pres high school junior, will present an organ recital this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with works by Tchaikovsky, Berlioz, Mendelssohn and others. All are welcome to attend.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. 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 or financial contributions for Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meets this Friday, May 5, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome!

College Graduates will be recognized in the June edition of our newsletter. Please let us know by Wednesday, May 10, if someone in your family has completed college or graduate school – son, daughter, or grandchild. Submit names online or by contacting the Church Office.

High School graduates will be recognized in worship Sunday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. Please submit name, high school, and future plans to the Church Office or online by Wednesday, May 10.

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, show God's love and grace, enjoy fellowship, and make a difference in the lives of our partner family.

Do you love flowers? Help plant our beautiful annuals on Saturday, May 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Bring your trowel, a kneeling pad, and garden gloves. Contact Kathy Clark if you have questions (761-8519).

Help plant the Reboth Interfaith Garden on May 21. Join other volunteers from First Pres, Michigan Hillel and the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church on our Hill Street property at 2:30 p.m. The produce we grow will again be donated to Food Gatherers to feed the hungry in Southeast Michigan. All you need to bring are your hands and gloves.

Be part of our annual spring planting of vegetable and flower gardens at Cass Community Social Services in Detroit on Saturday, May 13. Carpools will leave from the church at 7:30 a.m. We should wrap up our work in the early afternoon. Please sign up on our website or by emailing Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com).

The Congregational Life Committee welcomes cookie bakers! We are grateful to all those who bake cookies throughout the year and help enhance our fellowship times together. Email Rev. Rogers if you would be willing to bake 4 dozen cookies to share at Coffee Hour this summer.

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

Today we celebrate Legacy Partner Sunday. Legacy Partners are members and friends of First Presbyterian Church who have included the church in their wills. On behalf of our church, thank you. Legacy Partners received carnations as they entered the church today and a special bookmark as a small token of our appreciation for their commitment. The following is a partial list of our Legacy Partners. Several Legacy Partners have chosen to remain anonymous.

David Anderson	Marilyn Gibson	Margaret McClamroch
Joan Anderson	Clement Gill	Bruce McCuaig
Christine Argersinger	Margo Gill	Lisa McKarns
Wilbur Argersinger	Jayne Gissiner	Tom McKarns
Lucie Audette	Steve Gissiner	Bill McPherson
Alfred Barber	Carol Gottliebson	Carol Mohrlock
Ruth Barnard	Doug Gottliebson	Jane Myers
Eric Bates	Yvonne Greull	Angela Noble
Nancy Bates	Cheryl Gulbranson	Edwin Ounsted
Robert Bauman	Ron Gulbranson	June Ounsted
Virginia Bell	David Gunderson	Pauline Pan
Marolin Bellefleuer	Linda Gunderson	Lisa Pasbjerg
Joan Bentz	Alice Hartman	Silvia Pedraza
Ward Bouwsma	Karl Hauser	Evelyn Pickard
Tom Brandt	Dale Heikkinen	Mary Polkowski
Barbara Bryant	Pru Heikkinen	William Polkowski
Robert Buckler	Sandy Herbertson	Gerald Prescott
Victoria Buckler	Downs Herold	Lorna Prescott
Drury Burton	Sondra Herold	Alan Price
Jane Burton	Daniel Himebaugh	Patricia Price
James Clark	Joyce Himebaugh	Charles Reinhart
Fernando Colón	Bonnie Hughes	Harold Rex
Lois Colón	Berit Ingersoll-Dayton	Linda Rex
Cyndy Colton	Nancy Janz Clark	Ardelle Roeske
Jeffrey Colton	Lois Jelneck	Jim Rogers
Gregory Czarnecki	Beth Johnson	Melissa Anne Rogers
Linda Dabrowski	Diane Johnston	Rosemarie Rowney
Brian Dabrowski	Anne Keesor	Kelly Salchow
John Debbink	Bill Keesor	David Schmidt
Sue Dempsey	Catherine Kendall	Carolyn Schultz
Becky Donally	David Kershaw	Marita Servais
Rebecca Donally	Martha Kershaw	Eleanor Shaw
Dallas Dort	Chris King	Carol Smith
Sharon Dort	Cindy King	Paul Smith
Beryl Edwards	Lloyd Kooyers	Marlene Stoeffler
Daniel Edwards	Marge Kooyers	Victor Stoeffler
Jennifer Edwards	Martha Krehbiel	Judy Stuart
Karen Edwards	David Larrouy	Dick Stuber
Robert Ellis	Maxine Larrouy	Elsa Stuber
Holly Ellis	Myra Larson	Sandy Talbott
Patricia Findlay	Linore Latham	James Thomson
William Findlay	Sue Leong	Mary Lynn Thomson
Margaret Fisher	Mark Lindley	Linda Tubbs
Carol Fletcher	Debra Lisull	Bill Upton
Robert Fletcher	Michael Lisull	Susan Upton
Ilene Forsyth-Hauser	Jim Lombard	Burton Voss
Dan Francis	James MacArthur	Karen Walter
Margaret Francis	Bryan Magnuson	Marian West
Bob Gardstrom	Benjamin McCallister	Jim Wheaton
Ruth Gardstrom	Elizabeth McCallister	Julie Wheaton
Anne Gere	Ozora McCarthy	Bill Wood
Brewster Gere	Harris McClamroch	Pam Wood

An Interim Youth Ministry Committee has been called to plan for the transition of our Youth Ministry program. The committee is tasked with finding an interim youth minister and helping with transitional programming until the interim minister is on board. Committee members are Linda Dabrowski, Ben Carlisle, Carol German, Sarah Glinka Endicott, Jim Mulcrone, Miah McCallister, Sean Tichenor, Nicole France, David Endicott, James Dabrowski and Jay Sanderford. If you have questions about the work of the committee or suggestions, contact Rev. Sanderford or Linda Dabrowski (linda.dabrowski@gmail.com).

All are welcome for our May Hilltoppers meeting, Thursday, May 11, at noon, in the Social Hall. We welcome Lew Klatt, Professor of English Literature and Writing, Calvin College, who will speak on "The God-Pleasing Creative Life." Lunch is \$5. Sign up in the Church Office!

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Organist and Handbell Director

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Lex Allum, Peer Minister

Sandy Talbott, Wellness Coordinator/Parish Nurse

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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Adrian Prundeanu, Facilities Manager

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