



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MAY 6, 2018

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

Traditional American tune

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Peace in Our Time

Felix Mendelssohn

arr. John Behnke

Celebration

Fred Gramann

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00/11:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

One: What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

**All: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

One: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence
of all God's people.

All: I will offer to God my all and call on the name of the Lord.

* HYMN 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, eternal, gracious, loving, and steadfast: we come into your presence knowing that your mercy is beyond our deserving. None of us is worthy of your tender care. We confess before you our sins of self-righteousness, pride and possessiveness. Remove our blinders to our faults and increase our sensitivity to those around us. Renew your peace within us, that we may approach you with confidence and serve you with joy. We ask it through your Son, our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

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 God's 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

Linda Strodtman (8:00)
Ginny Horan (9:30)
Sue Ashford (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22:25-31

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING I John 4:7-21

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

SERMON

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00/11:00)
Abiding in God's Love Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 366**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Sanctus

*Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of Hosts.*

*Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Charles Gounod

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* HYMN 507

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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This response is Hymn 594.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

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 is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Margie Perrett and George Hendrickson. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz and Catherine Kendall (9:30) and Elsa and Dick Stuber (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Beth Sanderford, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, Elsa and Dick Stuber, and Chris Queen (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Karen Cox, Joe Cox, Jeanette Swartz, and Barry Swartz (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 Catherine Kendall (9:30) and Carol Downton and Nicole Jolliet (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” – Alfred Lord Tennyson

Musical leadership is provided by Ben Boskoff, tenor; Joshua Marzan, piano; Sanctus Ringers; and Chancel Choir.

Chancel flowers are in loving memory of Lewis and Maxine Profit by their son Kirk; and in loving memory of Stuart A. and Beth L. Reading by their children Carl C. and Ann E. Reading.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Maia Rose Fuller, born March 21, 2018, daughter of Brian and Liz Fuller. Grandparents are Jeff and Carol Teucke.

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).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Elsa Stuber, Lynn Millward, and Kam DeLano. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

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 studying The Acts of the Apostles and meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to view and discuss the DVD *Acts: The Acts of the Apostles*. 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 "Choosing Our Religion: The Spiritual Lives of American's Nones, Part 1." Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and local experts.

Join us for First Forum: "The Theology of Gun Violence and

Violence Prevention" in the Curtis and Founders Rooms at 12:15 p.m.

First Forum is an opportunity for open dialogue and faithful disagreement about social issues. Join our discussion on how faith informs this issue and what we can do about it. Lunch is available (\$5). **If you cannot attend this session, it will be repeated this Thursday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room.**

T2A2 Small Group does not meet today and will resume next Sunday, May 13. For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make it official! The last new member class before fall will be held

May 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2 :00 p.m. in the Curtis Room (lunch and childcare provided) with joining on Sunday, June 3, at the 9:30 a.m. service. We want all guests and regular attenders to join First Pres and unite with this wonderful church family. Contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) or the Church Office to make your reservation.

Hilltoppers, a lunch and learn opportunity for those 60 and up, is this Thursday, May 10, at noon in the Social Hall. Lunch (\$5) is following by "Life on Purpose," a presentation by Vic Strecher, Professor and Director for Innovation, UM School of Public Health. Sign up in the Church Office.

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, is enjoying a summer break from regular activities. If you are a college or graduate student here this summer, please contact Revs. McGowan or Buckley at campus@firstpresbyterian.org. We would love to be in touch and invite you to special gatherings!

Spring is here and that means it's time for "Plant Some Gardens at Cass" workday Saturday, May 12. This is a fun way to show Cass and its residents that we care. The vegetable gardens impact the quality of over one million meals served by Cass each year. The flower gardens provide evidence to people served by Cass that we support renewal and growth in nature and in people. Come be a part of our group. Sign up online.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, May 11, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Join the Philippine Mission Team next Sunday, May 13, at 12:15 p.m., in the French Room/Library. Learn more about the work of and mission with our Filipino partners. The love, warmth, faith, and gratitude of the Filipino people is overwhelming. For more information contact Hank McQueen (mcqueen1143@comcast.net).

Sign up now for our annual All-Church Picnic. There will be fun for all ages! The beach-themed picnic is June 10, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy Slow's BBQ from Detroit, the smooth jazz sounds of the Paul Keller Jazz Quintet on the Circle Terrace, and inflatables (including "The Cliffhanger" slide). Cost is \$8 per person if you pay by Friday, June 8 at noon or \$9 per person if you pay at the event (maximum \$40 per nuclear family). Children 5 and under are free. Sign up online or in the Church Office.

Volunteer at Alpha House Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. First Presbyterian continues to serve the families at Alpha House by providing a spring clean-up of the children's playground and the front garden. In the playground we will add new mulch and repair railroad ties used in landscaping. The front garden needs dead branches removed, general clean-up, and new plantings. Sign up online. Contact Gail Einhaus (gail.einhaus@gmail.com) for more information.

Mission and Vision Task Force Listening Sessions

You are encouraged to attend a one-hour listening session so that we might gain clarity on the mission and vision of who God is calling us to be at First Pres as we enter the third decade of the 21st Century. Your participation is important. We will provide a brief overview of the visioning effort and then listen to your ideas on the future direction of our church. Contact the Church Office if you are in need of childcare.

Today, Sunday, May 6, 11:00 a.m. (Families at First)	Lewis Room
Thursday, May 10, 11:00 a.m.	Monteith Hall
Tuesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.	Curtis & Founders Rooms
Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m. (Newer Members)	Lewis Room

This session is for members who joined 2015–2018.

For additional information or to submit comments, please visit the church website or contact Lucie Audette (laudette125@hotmail.com; 717-8062).

A four-week study on the letter of Paul to the Philippians, sponsored by Presbyterian Women and open to all women, meets the first four Thursdays of May at the home of Meg Brown, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Contact Meg (lmeighbrown@gmail.com) for more information and to confirm your attendance.

High School graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. Please submit the graduate's name, parents' names, high school, and future plans to the Church Office or online by Thursday, May 10. **College graduates will be recognized in the June edition of First Press.** Submit the graduate's name, degree, and institution to the Church Office or online by Thursday, May 10.

Presbyterian Women Gather on Wednesday, May 16, for Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the Lewis Room. A business meeting, including the election and installation of officers, the awarding of seminary scholarships, and the presentation of the 2018 Lifetime Honorary Membership Awards, follows at 10:15 a.m. in Monteith Hall. At 11:00 a.m. Rev. Vicki Lovell of Zion Lutheran Church presents the history and future plans of "Roast for Roofs," a program where coffee provides housing for homeless women. All (men, too!) are welcome to attend to learn about this innovative program. Lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall. RSVP to the Church Office.

The Russia Mission Team and St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church invite all to attend their annual evening of Russian desserts and musical entertainment at St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church, 9900 Jackson Road, on Friday, May 18. The event is free but donations for the camp in Davydovo, Russia, which both our churches support, are welcome. Questions? Contact Linda Speck (aa3013@wayne.edu or 730-4525).

Summer Vacation Bible School, open to children from young fives through fifth grade complete, is June 19, 20, and 21, 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults are invited to volunteer. Register online. Questions? Contact Debbie MacVey or Cindy King.

SUMMER OFFICE AND BUILDING HOURS

Our summer office and building hours schedule begins May 25. The Church Office may be open at times that the building is locked. You may enter the building at those times by calling the Church Office (662-4466). If there are no scheduled activities, the building may be closed earlier than the times listed.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Building Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
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Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor
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Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister
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