



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

MAY 15, 2016
DAY OF PENTECOST

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE (11:00) *Benedictus* Alec Rowley

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

FAITH IN ACTION Pentecost Offering Martha Kershaw (8:00)
Bob Wallin (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: I will pour my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and daughters shall prophesy,

All: **your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.**

One: Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

All: **Let us call upon the name of the Lord,
who alone has given us salvation.**

* HYMN 130

Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, it is so easy to stray from the best we know. Before we realize it, we are lost in our fears, dominated by life's shadows, preoccupied with our own suffering. We complain of our lot, even though our cups overflow with your goodness and mercy. We are reluctant givers and ineffective followers. Turn us around, God, for we want to be disciples.

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 forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,
Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Was not the church we love commissioned from above?
Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

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 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Hillig (8:00)
Becky Donally (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:24-34
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM RESPONSE *Send Forth Your Spirit, O Lord*

Steven C. Warner

Please sing the refrain when indicated.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.
Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

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A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-13

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

SERMON

Bewildered

Rev. Dr. Monnett

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 127**

Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

WELCOME

Rev. Ryo (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (11:00) *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Joe Cox and Jody Lindh

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.
See how we trifle here below, fond of our earthly toys;
Our souls, how heavily they go, to reach eternal joys.
In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Text by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

* **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**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON (8:00)

Ross Anderson will be ordained and installed.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00)

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 525**

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Come, O Spirit, fill Your church, making strong our mission;
Fill Your daughters and Your sons with a mighty vision,
Till the great and glorious day when the whole creation
Sings Your praise as Lord and King, giver of salvation.**

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* **POSTLUDE** (11:00) Chorale and Variation on *Veni Creator Spiritus*
Maurice Duruflé

* 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 are Sheila Bilby and Roy Mast. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Jane Myers, Dave Schmidt, and Catherine Kendall for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Linda Lampman, Kim Byers-Granito, and Harry Granito for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Jennifer Wilson, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, Chris Queen, Bill Parker and Katie Parker at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Karen Cox, Joe Cox, Jeanette Swartz, and Barry Swartz 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 Sharon Sheldon, Fred Beutler, and Sharon Dort following the 9:30 a.m. service and Don Redding and Angie Miller following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them." – Vincent de Paul

Musical leadership is provided by Gayle Stevens, piano; Gale Kramer, organ; Paulo Debuque, director; and the Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of C. Robert Ferris by his family.

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 Betty Anderson, Dawn Pankopf, and Linda Cameron.

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 100 level hallway. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Mids** youth group meets for the final meeting of this school year 6:00 – 7:30 in the Curtis Room. **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 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 Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. Today's discussion centers on the "Wired Word." Using stories from the headlines, the group will discuss current events from a biblical viewpoint.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore the topic "Who Is My Neighbor?" George Lambrides of the Interfaith Roundtable will guide us through some important questions about our neighbors, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, Christian, and the Nones.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "Light and Darkness: Examining Ideas of Faith." Carol Gottlieb, presenter, will guide the discussion on themes of light and darkness using *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, by Barbara Brown Taylor, *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, and *My Name is Lucy Barton*, by Elizabeth Strout.

New Member Class is in the Curtis and Founders Rooms, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child care are provided. Please join us if it's time to make First Pres your official church home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Grief and Loss Support Group at First Pres starts this Thursday, May 19. So many in our congregation have lost a loved one in the last few months and are coping with a new reality of grief and transition. The group, facilitated by Rev. Rogers, will meet for four sessions on Thursday evenings, May 19 and 26 and June 2 and 9, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., in the Vance Room. This is open to our church, friends, and community. If you know of someone who would benefit from this, please encourage them to attend. All are welcome, and there is no charge to participate. Please sign up with the Church Office or contact Rev. Rogers if you would like to come.

The church orchestra will play for services next Sunday, May 22. You are invited to arrive early for an extended Prelude, Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture*, played to honor the members of First Pres who are returning from Iona, one of the Hebrides Islands.

College Graduates will be recognized in the June edition of our newsletter. Please let us know by this Friday, May 20, if someone in your family has completed college or graduate school – son, daughter, or grandchild. Names may be submitted online or by contacting the Church Office.

High School graduates will be recognized in worship June 12, at 9:30 a.m. Please email your or your child's name, high school, and future plans to RJ (jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

Summer youth intern positions are available. Present high schoolers are eligible to apply for a youth ministry summer internship at the church working with RJ and Lex. We are hiring 1-3 students for 20-30 hours a week beginning June 30. Applications are available on the table outside RJ's office.

At the April Session meeting the banner "One Human Family: We support refugees and our Muslim neighbors" was unanimously approved for display on church grounds. This initiative is sponsored by the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ) and the Interfaith Round Table (IRT) as part of a campaign to counter anti-Muslim and anti-refugee rhetoric in our society at present.

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 lives of our partner family.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- 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; and
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

On Sunday, May 29, the First Pres veterans group will host Coffee Hour in memory of those veterans who have died. A slide show honoring veterans who are former members of our church, friends, or relatives of church members will be shown. If you wish someone to be honored in the slide show, please send two photographs of the veteran, one current and one in military uniform, as well as a description of military involvement to Gary Stahl (stahl.gary@sbcglobal.net). All are invited to a remembrance ceremony led by Rev. Eldon Beery in the Memorial Garden at 12:15 p.m. The names of the veterans interred there will be read. Contact John Kinzinger (994-0444) if you have questions.

Are you passionate about food justice in Washtenaw County? Please help plant the 2016 Rehoboth Interfaith Garden on our Hill Street property. Last year we harvested 365 pounds of produce to feed our hungry neighbors. We'll meet in the garden next to the playground next Sunday, May 22, at 12:15 p.m. We hope to see you there.

J2A2: Congratulations! We have walked from Jerusalem to Ann Arbor (and beyond!). Please follow our journey as mapped out from the 4th floor, down the backstairs, through the nursery hallway, and ending in the Social Hall. Thanks to all who contributed miles through walking, running, biking, and rowing, and those who led our group walks. Look for another collective walk next spring!

Summer building hours: May 23 – September 5, 2016

- Mondays – Thursdays 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sundays 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Summer worship schedule changes:

- 11:00 a.m. service is in Monteith Hall June 19 – September 4
- 9:30 a.m. service is outdoors July 3 – 31

Mark your calendars for these summer opportunities:

- Israel Palestine Mission Team Retreat Saturday, June 4
- Guest Preacher Rev. John Buchanan Sunday, June 5
- All-Church Picnic Sunday, June 12
- Vacation Bible School June 21 – 23
- Camp Westminster (2nd – 8th graders) July 31 – August 6
- First Pres' 190th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, August 21

Go online or contact the Church Office for more information and to register for these events.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

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Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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