



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JUNE 17, 2018

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**      *Prelude on BEACH SPRING*      arr. Charles Callahan

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**      Rev. McGowan (8:00)  
Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30/11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION** (9:30)    PCUSA Mission in Niger    Michael Ludwig

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    based on Lamentations 3:22–33

One: We will put our hope in the Lord  
because we have not been destroyed.

**All: For God's everlasting mercies are new every morning.**

One: Great is God's faithfulness and unfailing is God's love.

**All: Let us worship God, for the Lord is our portion.**

\* **HYMN 276**      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      FAITHFULNESS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. We confess that we don't always devote our energies to helping others grow in this same way. Sometimes we let our own agendas become more important than yours, and we forget what you have said and done for us. Forgive us and help us to show the fruits of your mercy, love and undying life. Help us remember that your wisdom and your Kingdom may seem as foolishness to the world. Grow us in grace and wisdom, O God.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*You are invited to share the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."*

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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

🌿 Proclaiming 🌿

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doris Granum (8:00)  
Katherine Panning (9:30)  
Paul Goodman (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Lamentations 3:22–33

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

HYMN-ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Draw the Circle Wider* BEACH SPRING  
*Please sing the refrain when indicated:*

Draw the wel - come cir - cle wid - er. Gath - er  
friends and stran - gers in. Formed of ho - ly breath and  
star - dust, born of God, we all are kin.

From the hedgerows and the highways, summon each unlikely guest.  
Bid the hungry eat their fill, and all the weary find their rest. *Refrain*

Doors upended serve as tables where the guests prepare to dine.  
Justice is their righteous fare while mercy is their richest wine. *Refrain*

All are refuges together; all are wand'ers welcomed home, greeted by God's  
open arms, with each unique, but none alone. *Refrain*

Streaming through the arching gateway in a bright, celestial throng,  
saints from ages gone before us lead the joyous banquet song: *Refrain*

The Committee on Local Arrangements commissioned Mary Louise Bringle to write a hymn text for the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2018). The new hymn *Draw the Welcome Circle Wider* incorporates the GA's theme "Renewing the Vision: Kindom Building for the Twenty-first Century" with biblical metaphors, social justice themes, and even a surprising nod to the GA's location in St. Louis.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:31–33, 44–47

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

 Responding 

\* HYMN 560

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

NYLAND

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *Awake, My Heart*

Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,  
Thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me,  
Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;  
Thy word my nurture giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.

Text by Paul Gerhardt, 1647

\* **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 551 (Stanzas 1–3) *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide;  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Postlude*

Douglas Wagner

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\* 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Debbie Swartz and Kay Erdman. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jane Hayes and Rebecca Gaffney (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Sharon Sheldon (11:00). **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, Angela Yang, and Dean Gilchrist (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Chris Wahl, and Jeannette Middleton (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Deborah Campbell and Carolyn Schultz (9:30) and Deborah Campbell (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between His will and its accomplishment on earth." – Elisabeth Elliot

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Joseph Savarino by Maya Savarino.

**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](http://www.waamradio.com)).

**Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. **A combined Sunday School class** is offered for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

**Adult Ministry Opportunities:**

**Rev. Michael Ludwig, our Presbyterian Mission CoWorker from Niger**, will speak about his work in Niger at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. A casual luncheon (\$5 each) will follow at 12:15 p.m. in the Founders

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and Curtis Rooms. There will be further time for sharing stories, faith and a place for questions and answers. All are welcome.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Fresh fruit is provided by the Parish Nurse and Pastoral Care Program.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Celebrate Debbie MacVey next Sunday, June 24, her last day.** Our beloved Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries is retiring after 27 wonderful years at First Pres. Help us honor Debbie at the June 24<sup>th</sup> Coffee Hour with cake and a celebration. If you would like to contribute to a purse for Debbie, please send or drop off checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with Debbie MacVey on the memo line. Cards and notes to Debbie may be dropped off in the Church Office.

**Summer Vacation Bible School**, open to children from young fives through fifth grade complete, is this week, June 19 – 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.

**Volunteers are needed to provide fresh fruit for a healthier Coffee Hour this summer.** If you are able to bring fruit (washed, cut up, ready to eat), please email Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org), indicating the Sunday(s) you would like to volunteer, or sign up online.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, June 22, at Outback Streakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Volunteers are needed to pack preschool books and supplies for children and youth in the Philippines.** Packing will take place in Rezmierskis' garage from 9:00 – 4:00 on Friday, June 22 (and if needed June 23) and in Steve Brouwer's barn from 9:00 – 4:00 on Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26 (and if needed, June 27). Addresses are in the church directory. Come see what schools and parents have donated to our partners in the Philippines. We are HIS hands and this is joyful work. Snacks will be provided. Questions? Call 734-971-6221.

**Finding joy, meaning, and purpose in a world that is often filled with suffering, doubt, and loneliness is the heart of our 2018 First Pres Summer Book Read.** Two accessible books, *Credo* by William Sloan Coffin (\$11) and *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu (\$17), will be our guides for worship, conversation, and mindful exploration of the contours of a world filled with suffering and the resources of our Christian faith. Books may be purchased online or 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!

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**Summer Worship help is needed.** Planning and preparation for outdoor worship take extra work. Four helpers are needed for each Sunday in July. Volunteers should arrive by 8:00 a.m. to help staff set up chairs and help with other tasks. Please sign up online or contact Karla Olson-Bellfi (karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com; 730-2665).

**Is the world too loud for you? Are you looking for some time to contemplate, meditate, and grow in faith?** Our next 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine’s House, Oxford, is Friday, September 27–28. Cost is \$45.00, payable to First Pres two weeks before the retreat. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

## Summer at First Pres . . .

### Sunday Summer worship locations: June 24

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services	Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. service	Sanctuary

### Sunday Summer worship locations: July 1 – 29

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. services	Monteith Hall
9:30 a.m. service	Front Lawn

The Sanctuary will be used in case of inclement weather.

### Summer 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.

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.

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### 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  
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister  
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister  
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister  
Reverend Evans McGowan, Campus Ministries Coordinator  
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