



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 1, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP (from I Chronicles 16)

One: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell of God's salvation from day to day.

**All: Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

One: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**All: Honor and majesty are before the Lord;
strength and joy are in his place.**

* HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,

God made their glowing colors;

God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain***

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them everyone. *Refrain***

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of joy and laughter, God of good times and author of delight,
thank you for the bounty of reasons we have to be glad in you.**

**We are blessed by the beauty of creation and the almost infinite
variety of plants and animals with whom we share this world.**

**Forgive us for being such poor stewards of creation. Increase our
sensitivity to all living things and help us treat all life with respect
and love. We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

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**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ava Westfall

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:4-7

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 22, selected verses

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SERMON

God's Sense of Humor

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sending

* HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!**

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

* 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**. **Large-print bulletins** 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. **The Church Office** is staffed by Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Sara VanderVoort and Barb Carlisle (9:30) and Gail Grady and Linda Lampman (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Kathy and Kurt Hillig (8:00) and Chase Colligan (9:30). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Barry and Jeanette Swartz, Spaulding Clark, and Joe Schmidt (9:30); and Bill Austin (head) and Cyndy Colton (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00

service. Prayer team members are Pam Ehrhart and Marolin Bellefleur (9:30) and Linda Lampman (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “If the Christian does not allow prayer to drive sin out of his life, sin will drive prayer out of his life.” – M. E. Andross

Music leadership for worship includes David Magumba, tenor, and Simon Suboski, baritone.

Chancel flowers are given by Kay Erdman in loving memory of her husband Keith J. Horngren and her parents Theodore (Ted) H. and Blanche S. Erdman, and in loving memory of Ursula France by her son, Chet France, and his family.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. on the Front Lawn (weather permitting). **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 Hope Clinic, an interdenominational Christian nonprofit organization in Ypsilanti, that provides compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect.

A Blessing of the Animals takes place during the 9:30 a.m. service. Gifts of pet food for the Humane Society of Huron Valley will be accepted.

Join us for Coffee Hour immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

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 Education Opportunities:

ConnectEd is an opportunity to gather after worship and discuss the theme of that morning's service and the summer books, *Credo* and *The Book of Joy*. Discussion will focus on the day's scripture, books, sermon, or music. ConnectEd meets for open conversation from 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library. A skilled facilitator guides the discussion.

T2A2 gathers for a potluck BBQ at 12:30 p.m. Contact Rev. Parks-Piatt for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The building will be closed for routine floor maintenance at 4:00 p.m. Monday, July 2, and will reopen Thursday, July 5, at 8:00 a.m., following the observance of Independence Day.

Mature Ministries invites all, ages 60 and better, to join us for a morning on Belle Isle and lunch at the Grosse Point Yacht Club on Thursday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$35.00, payable in full no later than August 23. This includes transportation by chartered bus to Detroit, admission and tour at the Dossin Museum, and inclusive lunch at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Register by contacting the Church Office or Rev. Rogers.

All are invited to attend two Mature Singles outings this week:

Contact Marcy (995-2519) for more information.

Wednesday, July 4, Picnic, at Lillie Park North, 4365 Platt Road, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, July 6, at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Tom and Doris Granum on Sunday, July 29, their final Sunday at First Pres. Tom, our Director of Music Ministries for six years, has accepted the position Director of Music Ministries and Organist, Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Macon, Georgia. Help us honor and say farewell to the Granums at the July 29th Coffee Hour. If you would like to contribute to a purse for the Granums, checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Granums" on the memo line may be brought or sent to the Church Office. Cards and notes may also be dropped off in the Church Office.

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.

A Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by the Deacons, is Thursday, July 12, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please sign up to donate during Coffee Hour today.

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.

First Pres is currently seeking candidates for the position of Transitional Coordinator of Children's Education and Family Ministry. We encourage those with a heart for young families, a background in education, and strong organizational skills to apply. A position description and application information can be found on our First Pres website. Questions may be directed to Kate Silbert, Chair of Christian Education, or Linda Dabrowski, Chair of Personnel.

Restore Hope, a support group for families coping with mental illness, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Come anytime you feel the need to talk with others who understand the unique challenges of caring for someone in your family who is struggling with chronic concerns. Join us in Room LL4 at 7:00 p.m. on July 10 and 24. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

There is an opening for a woman to participate in the Pilgrimage to Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago, October 21 – 31. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Rogers immediately.

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-Belfi (karlaolsonbellfi@gmail.com; 730-2665).

Is the world too loud for you? Are you looking for time to meditate, contemplate, and grow in faith? Our next 24-hour Silent Retreat at St. Augustine's House, Oxford, is the weekend of September 27–28. Cost is \$45, payable to First Pres two weeks before the retreat. Contact Rev. Annette Fraser (nnttfraser@gmail.com) for more information.

The Ann Arbor Art Fair is July 19–22. For worshippers on Sunday, July 22, parking will be allowed as usual on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue. First Pres youth will sell our parking spaces to the public beginning at 11:10 a.m. to raise money for youth mission. If you are able to park at the Forest Avenue Parking Structure that day, thank you! Free parking vouchers are available in the Church Office beginning today through Friday, July 20. This parking pass enables people to park on Sunday, July 22, attend any of the morning worship services and then go to the Art Fair at no additional parking cost. For more information, contact Essie Koenig-Reinke, Youth Ministries Coordinator.

All are invited to tour the 2018 Habitat House of Faith on Tuesday, July 17. Carpools will be formed and will leave from the church parking lot at 5:15 p.m. RSVP to Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com; 276-8426).

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
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Currently, there are many available Sundays in July and August. Cost is \$50.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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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