



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 2, 2017
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

Gathering

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

FAITH IN ACTION

Costa Rica Mission Trip

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 89:15-16

One: Happy are the people who know the festal shout,

All: who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

One: they exult in your name all day long,

All: and extol your righteousness.

* HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

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!

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*HYMN

God Welcomes All

THEMBA AMEN

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, our Creator! Yet we respond with doubt and indifference to you and to your creation. We proclaim “God welcomes all!”

Yet we sometimes ignore the strangers in our midst while welcoming our friends and those most like us. We sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. Yet we fail to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Forgive our sin, and help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Please 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."

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Brandt

FIRST READING

Romans 6:12-23

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

SUNG PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Please sing when indicated:

**I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING

Matthew 10:40-42

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHERE PONI

Refrain: **Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain**

**Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race;
neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain**

**These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain**

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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

James Fillmore

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Thy tender care.
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, Thine we are;
Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

* 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 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 Martha Froseth and Lynne Lande. **The Church Office** is staffed by Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Nancy and Gary Oliver and Prue and Dale Heikkinen at 9:30 a.m.; and Valerie and John Yodhes at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers are** Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Angela Yang Beth Sanderford, and Peggy Hodgson at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head) and Ralph Winter at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in the Vance Room after the 9:30 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services a minister or prayer team member is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Catherine Kendall (9:30) and Gail Grady (11:00). "Spending time with God through prayer and His Word is a prerequisite for having a great life and fulfilling your purpose." – Joyce Meyer

The flowers are given by the Mature Ministries Program in honor of First Pres member Gerry Leckrone. Two times each year, Gerry helps our group take the food collected in worship to the designated recipients. Because of his help, hundreds of pounds of donated food are donated to the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank (in May) and Hope Clinic (in July.) Thank you, Gerry! **The flowers also celebrate** the 55th wedding anniversary of Bob and Carol Fletcher, and Carol's 80th birthday, this month. As a gift to them, friends and family collected a large amount of food to add to our donation to Hope Clinic this week.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Jameson Peggs, May 28, 2017, son of Andrew Peggs and Melanie Truelove Peggs. Jameson is the grandson of Peg Talburtt and Jim Peggs.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. outside 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 is celebrated at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services today. Communion Food Collection is today at all three services. Food donations and financial contributions are for Hope Clinic.

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Margie Van Tuyl, Doris Granum, Eleonora Charlson, Nancy Fox, and Kathy Wirstrom. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

During Coffee Hour today we say farewell to Peer Minister Lex Allum. We will celebrate her two-year ministry among us and wish her well as she begins her studies at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary under the care of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor.

Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serve Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour today or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two and **Christian education classes** are held for age three through kindergarten. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to Monteith Hall for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Adult Ministry Opportunities:

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45a.m. in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Along with the day's scripture readings, our summer reads around justice, mercy, and humility will be the foundation for this time of casual conversation and reflection. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Presbyterian will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day. The building will also be closed at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 7, and all day Saturday, July 8, for routine floor maintenance.

Try something new this summer – a healthier Coffee Hour. For the month of July, we will offer fresh fruit instead of our regular famous donuts. If you are able to bring fruit (washed, cut up, ready to eat), email Sandy Talbott (stalbott@firstpresbyterian.org).

Help is needed to set up chairs for Sunday outside worship at First Pres through July 30. This is a great family activity. Arrive at 8:30 a.m. Sign up online or contact Sheryl Powell (spowell@lentel.com).

Your donation of flowers beautifies our 9:30 a.m. worship, celebrates the glory of God, and honors and remembers those you love. There are open dates for flowers in July and August. If you are interested in donating flowers, contact Lori Wolters (loriwolters@yahoo.com; 223-5980).

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meets twice this week. All are invited to an Independence Day picnic at 1:00 p.m. Call Marcy Toon (995-2519) if you can come and if you need directions. Bring a dish to pass. The group meets again this Friday, July 7, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's Restaurant, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome!

The next Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is Thursday, July 13, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. To donate, sign up at www.redcrossblood.org or at Coffee Hour. Contact Barb Brewster (646-5571; dexter4brews@aol.com) for more information.

First Pres Kids Read! *My Two Blankets* by Irena Kobald



Summary: A young Sudanese immigrant wraps herself in the imaginary blanket of her old culture when her new country seems strange, frightening, and lonely. When a little girl asks her to play and then begins to teach her English, the newcomer begins to weave a new blanket from the words and experiences of her new home.

Questions for parents and kids:

1. The little girl wearing orange and red in this story has moved from another country. She cannot understand the language of her new homeland. What do you think it would be like if you could not understand anything people were saying to you?
2. The newcomer meets another little girl in the park. How does that girl help the newcomer?
3. Where might you see God in this story?

A copy of this book is available for you to see at First Pres. Please contact Debbie MacVey for more information.

“Be fair, be kind and walk with God” is our children’s summer reading theme from Micah 6:8.

Our “First Pres Summer Reads” series includes three remarkable books, available for purchase in the Church Office, which reflect the themes of mercy, justice, and humility. The July selection is *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (\$12). Our August book is *Reaching Out* by Henri Nouwen (\$10). Copies of *Hallelujah Anyway* by Anne Lamott (\$14), the June selection, are still available.

Join a Small Group this summer. Groups are offered on Sunday and Wednesday nights in July and August. More information is available in the Church Office and online. Let’s journey together this summer toward mercy, justice, and walking humbly with God!

Keeping in step with our summer theme of “Walking With Jesus,” we invite you to pick one of four historic walks and organize with others to pool your miles. Learn the reasons behind a selected walk, and ponder where you might find Jesus along the road. More information is available online and at Coffee Hour.

We invite you to take part in the “Adventures of Flat Jesus.” Complete instructions are available on our website. We can’t wait to see the adventures you and Jesus have this summer!

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

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