



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 17, 2016

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ryo

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22

One: I will declare your name to the community;

All: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

One: Praise the Lord, you that are God-fearing;

All: Stand in awe of the Lord, O offspring of Israel;

One: All of you of Jacob's line, give glory.

* HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from *Book of Common Worship*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Georgia Goodman

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22:1-11

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

SUNG PSALM *My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

Andrew Moore

Please sing when indicated:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 19:23-30

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

SERMON

It Is Finished

Rev. Dr. Stroup

Responding

* **HYMN 441**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

WELCOME

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* **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**

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 750**

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

* **HYMN 749**

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

* **POSTLUDE**

* 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.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. George Stroup, a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Professor Emeritus of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

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 Brad Taylor and Mark Lindley. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Diane Hockett. **Greeters** are George and Carole Hendrickson, Catherine Kendall, and Dianne Santinga. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), and Cyndy Colton.

After the service a minister or prayer team member is available at the Communion Table for prayer. Prayer team members are Catherine Kendall and Pam Rinker. "Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." – Mother Teresa

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. outside (weather permitting). **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamannarbor.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Kellie McInchak and Beth Caldwell.

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.

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the French Room/Library. This is a time of sharing, learning, and conversation together in community around God's Word.

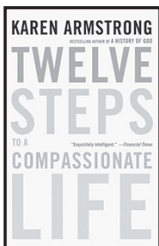
Free garage parking vouchers are available today for Art Fair parking next Sunday. Parking will be allowed as usual on Hill Street and Washtenaw Avenue next Sunday, July 24, but youth will be selling our parking spaces to the public beginning at 11:10 a.m. to raise money for youth mission. The parking vouchers are for the Republic Garage at 650 South Forest Avenue, one block from the church, for all who worship at the 11:00 a.m. service and any 9:30 a.m. worshippers who want to enjoy the Fair after worship. If you are an 11:00 a.m. worshipper and have mobility issues, please park at the church. See Rev. Dr. Monnett immediately following the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. service today to obtain a voucher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Support the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons tomorrow, Monday, July 18, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall.

All hands on deck for Art Fair Parking July 21 – 24. Raise money for youth mission trips by working a morning, afternoon, or evening shift. Use the SignUpGenius link on the church website to volunteer.

Join the Technology Team at First Pres. Volunteers are needed who want to learn our sound and light systems both in the Sanctuary and in Monteith Hall. If you are interested, contact Rev. Sanderford.



Question of the week: Passionate conversations about many vital issues are swirling all around us today. Armstrong writes "... before you embark on an argument or a debate, ask yourself honestly if you are ready to change your mind." So, are you? If not, what are your barriers to open dialogue and compassionate conversations?

Work at the Big House Saturday, July 30, noon – 6:00 p.m. to raise money for missions. Sign up on the church website.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, July 22, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

First Pres Kids Read! *Each Kindness*

by Jacqueline Woodson with illustrations by E. B. Lewis



Summary:

Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. How can you see opportunities for kindness and practice showing kindness to others?
2. Gather your family or a circle of friends around a bowl of water and practice the teacher's lesson from *Each Kindness*. Drop a stone into the water and watch the ripples. Let each person drop a stone into the water and as you watch the ripples grow, tell one thing you have done to show kindness. As each person tells something, affirm their actions by saying "we love, because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

Last call for a trip to the Detroit Tigers v. Boston Red Sox, August 18, 1:05 game. Transportation and parking provided, ticket includes a food voucher, \$35. If you are interested, contact Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, 734-355-2351, as soon as possible.

Are you in your 40s or 50s? Join the Immature Ministries group on Thursday, August 11, for "Thirsty Thursdays." We will carpool to the Sandhill Crane Vineyard near Jackson, arriving around 6:00 p.m. for wine-tasting, food, live music, and conversation. Sandhill's entrance fee is \$5. Sign up with Rev. Rogers, Sandy Talbott, or in the Church Office.

Summer Building Hours: May 23 – September 5

- 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.

Please note: The Sanctuary Circle Terrace Door will be open during worship services and other events taking place in the Sanctuary. It will otherwise be locked. Everyone is asked to use the side entrance doors to the building during the weekday.

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