



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

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

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,

Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

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

Barb Ladewski

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22:1-11

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

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**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.

I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:

Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Monnett

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.

Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

* **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.

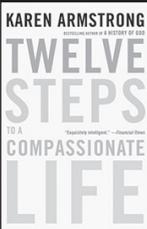
Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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), Karla Bellfi (captain), Omer Bellfi, Bill and Katie Parker, and Angela Yang.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the worship service. Prayer team members are Carolyn Schultz and Carole Hendrickson. "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

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jerry D. Jernigan by Carey Jernigan. **The pink rosebud** celebrates the birth of Mae Margaret Gere, born May 20, 2016. Mae is the granddaughter of Anne and Budge Gere. **The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Orin Peter Hendrickson, son of Nyle and Cristina Hendrickson, born June 24, 2016. Orin is the grandson of Carole and George Hendrickson.



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?

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.

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

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)

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