



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JULY 24, 2016

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

FAITH IN ACTION

Stephen Ministry

Cary Tripp

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1; John 4:22-23

One: Come let us sing to the Lord.

All: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: The hour is coming, and is now here.

All: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and truth.

* HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We are quick to quarrel and condemn and slow to receive your gift of grace. Forgive us by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us. Teach us your holy way. Help us to love others as you have loved us, with a desire to know one another more deeply. We forget that you are always with us in our joys and in our sin. Please walk with us now as we strive to follow your example of compassion and ultimate love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

**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.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jim Mulcrone

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-14

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:8-14

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SERMON

Rev. Béghin

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.**

WELCOME

Rev. Ervin

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Highland Cathedral

Scottish

* 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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

* 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.

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 Lynn Milroy and Angie Miller. **Church Office volunteers** are Lorna Prescott and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Barb and Dick Carlisle, Val and John Yodhes, and Marilyn Gibson. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Jim Cameron (captain), Marolin Bellefleur, Catalina Esguerra, and Angela Yang.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the worship service. Prayer team members are Tom Brandt and Martha Kershaw. “There are many things that are essential to arriving at true peace of mind, and one of the most important is faith, which cannot be acquired without prayer.” – John Wooden

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John R. Laird by his family. **The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Cooper Leno Pickard, born June 25, 2016, son of Andrew and Beth Pickard. Cooper is the grandson of Lori and Bruce Pickard, and the great-grandson of Evelyn Pickard.

We thank Beckett McMath for playing bagpipes this morning.

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 Diane Knibbs, Carol German, and Carole Hendrickson. **Coffee Hour is sponsored today by Stephen Ministry.**

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.



Question of the week:

Karen Armstrong says that our pain becomes an education in compassion. How can you use your past to spread compassion to those who may be very different from you in our world today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keystones Float Down the Cascades. All new ninth through outgoing twelfth graders are invited to the Argo Canoe Livery this Tuesday, July 26, at 4:00 p.m. as we join the high school youth groups of Grosse Pointe Memorial and University Presbyterian churches to float the river before heading to the Tichenors' house for a cookout. Bring your own tube or rent one for \$10. RSVP to Rev. Dr. Monnett.

Work at the Big House next 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 29, 5:30 p.m., at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

Did you know we have a prayer chain? If you are a praying person, are willing to pray for special requests, or are considering ways to have a more compassionate faith, you can receive prayer requests by email. Contact Rev. Rogers to participate. Prayer requests come from church members and friends about once a week and those on the prayer chain commit to holding these needs in the light of God's grace in their personal prayers.

Struggling with mental illness in your family? First Pres staff and members facilitate a support group called Restore Hope for family members who have loved ones coping with mental illness. The group meets twice per month. We have parents, siblings, children, and extended family members of those with mental illness attending for mutual support, encouragement, and a safe place to talk. For more information, contact Rev. Rogers.

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.

Contact the Church Office for the following:

- 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 (\$12) for use at home

First Pres Kids Read! *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon



Summary:

While out searching for food, fruit bat Stellaluna and her mother are attacked by an owl. Stellaluna is separated from Mother Bat and taken in by a family of birds where she must put aside her bat habits to fit in with her new family. But one fateful flight when she is separated from her adoptive siblings, Stellaluna is reunited with her bat family and learns that even though we're different, we're very much the same.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. In what ways is Stellaluna shown the love of a neighbor?
2. How can you see God at work when bad things happen to Stellaluna?
3. What do Stellaluna and her bird friends discover about themselves?
4. How are we like Stellaluna?

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

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