



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 7, 2016
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

The Glory of God in Nature

Ludwig van Beethoven

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 65

One: God's creation delights and astonishes.

All: Let the people pause and wonder!

One: God, the Creator, has made it all.

All: Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!

* **HYMN 263**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of splendid mystery, we confess that our ways are not your ways. We profess all the knowledge of the world, yet when your truth was born among us, we crucified him. We choose to value ourselves over others and over your creation. We do not live by your will and word, but rather by our own. Have mercy on us, O God, and humble us. Teach us the way of compassion, the way of peace, and the way of justice.

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

Chris Wahl

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 13:8-12

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 Isaiah 55:6-11

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin

Responding

* **HYMN 268** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* HOLY MANNA

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *The Gift of Love* arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass,
and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole,
Let inward love guide ev'ry deed, by this we worship and are freed.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Please receive a piece of bread and dip it into the non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at the center station.

Communion Music *Breaking the Bread* Allen Pote

Breaking the bread, drinking the wine, sharing the meal together;
Living in love, following Christ, caring for one another.

O God in heaven, hear us, we pray. Give us this day our daily bread.
O Lord, forgive us, save us from evil.
For thine's the kingdom, pow'r, and glory forever.

Breaking the bread, drinking the wine, sharing the meal together;
Living in love, following Christ as one in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer After Communion



Sending



* HYMN 358 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary gifts for the Detroit Hunger Ministry may be placed in the baskets.*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

* POSTLUDE *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*

Benedetto Marcello

* 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 and hymnals 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 Karen Walter and Gail Grady. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Rudi and Tissy Ansbacher, Ron David, Lynn Milroy, Dan and Jane Hayes, and Ruth Primas. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Nicole Jolliet, Katie and Bill Parker, and Angela Yang at 9:30 a.m.

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 Diane Knibbs and Sharon Sheldon. "Prayer is the mortar that holds our house together." – Mother Teresa

The chancel flowers are given with great joy by Tamara Thoma, in celebration of the August 6, 2016 marriage of her son Christopher Kerste to Kayla Beard.

TODAY'S EVENTS

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

Today is Communion Sunday. 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. Food donations and financial contributions are for the Detroit Hunger Ministry.

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

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. 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 the Sanctuary and Monteith Hall (11:00).

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. All are invited.

T2A2 Planning Meeting is in the Founders Room at 12:15 p.m. You are invited to attend if you are in your 20s or 30s. A light lunch will be served.

The First Pres Refugee Welcome Group meets at 12:15 p.m. in the Vance Room. Planning continues to welcome and support refugee families locally. Please join the effort. If you cannot attend today's meeting, please contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.



Question of the week: Armstrong urges our humility when seeking knowledge about ourselves, others, and our world. Have you ever encountered someone who appears certain about something that cannot be so certainly known? In what situation have you taken such a position of certainty?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you in your 40s or 50s? Join the Immature Ministries group this Thursday, August 11, at the Sandhill Crane Vineyard near Jackson at 6:00 p.m. for wine-tasting, food, live music, and conversation. Entrance fee is \$5. Sign up with Rev. Rogers, Sandy Talbott, or the Church Office.

Our mature ministries program invites members and friends of all ages to attend a one-hour presentation, "Phone, Mail & E-Scams," presented by Justine Bykowski of Michigan's Consumer Education program. Join us Thursday, September 1, 10:45 a.m., in the Lewis Room to learn how to protect yourself. Sign up in the Church Office.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, August 12, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

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

Ministry Through Music

Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays in Monteith Hall. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, contact Tom Granum. During August the Chancel Choir will sing for the 9:30 service. Beginning September 11, singers choose between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Chancel Choir presents:

Mozart Requiem, Sunday, November 6, 3:00 p.m.

Handel's Messiah, Part 1 (selected choruses) Sunday morning, December 18

John Rutter's Gloria prelude of the 5:00/7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve services

Children's Choir begins its new year Sunday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m. Children's Choir will rehearse every Sunday when Sunday School is scheduled. There will be no rehearsals on Family Sundays.

Other music ensembles are also beginning rehearsals.

Recorder Ensemble - Sunday, August 21, 12:15 p.m.

Orchestra - Sunday, September 11, 2:00 p.m.

Youth Choir - Sunday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.

Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir - Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Tom Granum for more information.

First Pres Kids Read! *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*
by Mem Fox with illustrations by Julie Vivas



Summary:

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge, a rather small boy, lives next door to a nursing home in which resides Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper, his favorite friend, because she has four names as well. When Miss Nancy “loses” her memory, the intrepid Wilfrid sets out to find it for her.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. What are the ways Wilfrid takes care of his dear friend, Miss Nancy?
2. How does God want us to care for our friends?

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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