



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Cultivate...
Our Labors in Christ

✿ Gathering ✿

PRELUDE

Sonata in D Major (8:00/11:00)

Prelude on "Mit Freuden zart" (9:30)

Improvisation on "Dix" (9:30)

Franz Joseph Haydn

T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. McGowan (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Silent Retreats

Annette Fraser and Doug Gottliebse

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew Frazier (8:00)

Rev. Ruhf (9:30)

Rev. Johnson (11:00)

One: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

All: We are here to worship and to work.

One: Fill our hearts with compassion

All: And a thirst for justice.

One: Teach us to be co-creators with You,

All: In a world where all belong.

One: May we share in the abundance you have given us.

All: Praise be to God.

* HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty and pain, struggle and strife. Our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. At times, our work has failed to end an unjust system and perpetuated injustice. Help us to work for the common good, using our hearts and hands for the healing of the nations. Forgive us. Redeem us. Transform us.

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 God's people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is Hymn 587, Alleluia! (CELTIC ALLELUIA)

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Fox (8:00)

Callie Feyen (9:30)

Cyndy Colton (11:00)

FIRST READING

Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1–8

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

SERMON

The Lowest Place

Rev. McGowan

Responding

* HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Mares (11:00)

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

BLESSING OF OUR LABORS

Beca Torres-Davenport

Leader: May God bless the callings that you have received.

People: **We give thanks to God for you. Your labor matters.**

**May you cultivate your life's calling through the grace
and gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Improvisation on "Dix" (8:00/11:00)

Charles Callahan

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (9:30)

John Ferguson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Johnson (9:30)

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

*Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers
are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. Please come forward to
receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be
served in their place.*

Communion Music

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (9:30)

Harold Friedell

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

As we sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets. Please sing Stanzas 1–4.

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.**

* POSTLUDE

Canzona in C Major

Matthias Weckmann

* 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**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession were adapted from *Labor Day Sunday* liturgy from the UCC.

Musical leadership at the 9:30 a.m. service is provided by Kellie McInchak, clarinet, and Chancel Choir.

Acolytes are Chloe Majorprice, Aidan Majorprice, and Callie Crawford.

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. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jean and Nicholas Song and Carol Gottliebse (9:30) and Cyndy Colton (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Jean and Nicholas Song (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Len Rezmierski, Angela Yang, Ken Westfall, Dean Gilchrist, Spaulding Clark, Holly, Aidan, and Chloe Majorprice, Elsa and Dick Stuber, and Carol Smith (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jim Douglass (captain), Gregg and Stacey Pakela, Jeannette Middleton, Cindy Lambrides, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** are Nancy Fox and Gary Stahl (9:30) and Carol Downton (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is the way we escape the gravitational pull of the flesh and enter God's orbit." —Mark Batterson

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Sally Carpenter by Claire Holdgate; in loving memory of Lewis and Maxine Profit by Kirk Profit; and to the glory of God and in honor of Eldon and Katie Beery on their 90th birthdays this year and their 69th wedding anniversary today, given by their family.

A red rosebud celebrates the birth of Bryce Shah Dayton, son of Aaron and Khoosh Dayton, born August 16, 2019. Grandparents are Berit Ingersoll-Dayton and the late John Dayton.

A red rosebud celebrates the birth of Theodore James Reinhardt, son of Sarah and Chris Reinhardt, born August 19, 2019. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Gates.

TODAY'S EVENTS

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

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. Financial contributions and food donations are for the Back Door Food Pantry, a joint mission of St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Social Services.

Today is Super Sundae Sunday! Join us for an ice cream social on the Circle Terrace following the 9:30 a.m. service. Create a super sundae with a choice of flavors and toppings.

Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during the Ice Cream Social. Buying Fair Trade ensures that more of the money we spend on coffee reaches the hardworking farmers who actually grow it.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Worship. Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Children are invited to stay with their families during the service. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available to children joining in worship.

Welcome Back College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes undergrads to College Lunch on Sundays. Meet today in the Welcome Center following the 11:00 a.m. service.

T2A2 Welcome Picnic is at 12:30 p.m. All in their twenties and thirties are invited to attend. Check with Haley Brown, Chris Wahl, or Rev. McGowan for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church building will be closed tomorrow, September 2, in observation of Labor Day.

Christian Education Strolling Coffee Hour. Next Sunday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m., we will have a Strolling Coffee Hour on all floors to highlight the various Christian Education opportunities this coming year. Come prepared to explore and cultivate with us a stronger community in Christ!

The Mature Singles' annual Labor Day picnic is tomorrow, September 2, at 1:00 p.m., at Lillie Park South (4365 Platt Road). Bring a dish to pass. RSVP to Marcy (995-2519). **Mature Singles** also meet this Friday, September 6, at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road, at 5:30 p.m.

A new member class begins next Sunday, September 8! A three-part series, each one-hour class will be focused on learning about God, the PCUSA, our church, and most importantly, one another! Join us as we grow in faith and take steps to unite with this church family. We meet September 8, 15, and 22, from 11:00–noon, in the Curtis Room. Come for the classes you can attend. Led by staff and members of the Congregational Life Committee, the joining occurs on September 29 at 8:00 a.m. Sign up, please, with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

The Congregational Life Committee invites your help in many areas on Sundays. Greeters, ushers, cookie bakers, lay readers, Chancel flower providers, and Prayer Team members are always needed. Training will be provided upon request if needed for reading and ushering, and questions can be easily answered. For most of these things, please sign yourself up online. For ushering or reading, please contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 17, at 9:15 a.m., in the Curtis Room. The study will use *The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy* by Nancy Guthrie. For additional information or questions, please contact Anne Kloack (annekloack@sbcglobal.net) or Lois Nissly (lnissly@comcast.net). All women are welcome.

Ministry at Alpha House. During the week of September 9, First Pres will support Alpha House families who are experiencing homelessness. We provide meals, childcare, overnight support, and human connection. If you are interested in participating, sign up online or during Coffee Hour. If you have questions, contact Gail Einhaus, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere.

Welcome Back College Students! Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service, coffee breaks during the week and other fun fellowship opportunities. Follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information and to get involved.

Team First Pres is Back! Join us for the Gallup Gallop (3.2 miles/5K) on Friday night, September 6, to support Food Gatherers. Spots are limited so sign up online today and let Rev. Ruhf know you will be there. We will gather at a central location, so let us know you are running so we can gather before and after and support one another. Watch for an email for participating runners a few days before with more details.

A cancer conversation group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 5:30–6:30 p.m., in Room LL-1, beginning Tuesday, September 24. Contact Rev. Rogers for more information, or just show up.

Mature Ministries Book Club meets on Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss David Brooks' *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life*. We will meet in the home of Mary Smith, 273 Scio Village Ct, Unit 128, Ann Arbor. Join us for snacks, drinks, and great conversation. This event is limited to 15 participants. Sign up with Rev. Rogers or contact the Church Office. Please purchase the book on your own.

The Philippine Mission Team's Annual Pig Roast will be held on Saturday, October 12, in the Social Hall. Your support will help the mission team to continue their work in the Philippines in a mental health center, a dental and medical clinic, schools, and a prison. Look for more information soon; meanwhile, save the date!

Children and youth (grades K-12) are invited to be acolytes. They will participate in the processional at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. worship, carrying in the Christ Light, Cross, and Bible. A coordinator will be available each week to assist them. Acolytes may attend their Sunday school class or stay for worship. Sign up or find out more on our website.

First Presbyterian's Feeding Our Neighbors Program needs volunteers! During our eight years of operation, the program has expanded from just picking up the cooked, but unsold, food at football games to include all Big Ten Basketball games, and food from the athlete's kitchen. Contact Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com) to volunteer. Join us and have a great time while serving others.

On the Road with Mature Ministries. Sign up online or call the Church Office to register for these trips:

September 19 to the MSU Museum in East Lansing, with lunch at the Beggars Banquet. Cost is \$25.

Thursday, October 17, to Applewood Estate, Flint, and the White Horse Inn, Metamora. Cost is \$30.

November 12 to the Detroit Parade Company with lunch at Buddy's. Cost is \$40.

Fall Start-Up is Next Sunday, September 8

Adult Education Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30**
First Couples

11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith**

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders

10:30 a.m. **Sunday School Open House**

11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

9:20 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway

9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**

5:30 p.m. **Youth Group Kickoff** (grades 6–12)

T2A2 - Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor invite the participation of all young adults looking to build community.

What do we do?

- Serve the community through organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Circles, and Feeding our Neighbors: Stadium Food Rescue.
- Meet for small group on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. to discuss faith-related questions and grow with one another spiritually.
- Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. to hang out and catch up.
- Get together for special events such as brunch, kayaking, cross-country skiing, apple picking, concerts, watching the Super Bowl, and game nights. You name it; we probably do it!

Upcoming T2A2 special events include:

- **Small Group Kick-off** on Sunday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Mini-Golf** on Saturday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wiard's Orchards** on Saturday, October 12, at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Haley Brown (habrown989@gmail.com), Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu), or Rev. Evans McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org).

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