



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ervin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Strength is commanding

All: the wind and sea to obey.

One: Strength is wielding

All: a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.

One: Strength is accepting vulnerability

All: from inside the boat.

One: Strength is standing in solidarity

All: with the powerless.

One: Strength is turning a cheek.

All: Strength is loving an enemy.

One: We come to worship a God

All: who redefines our vision of strength.

* HYMN 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We love to hate our enemies and fail to love our neighbors. We love to quote commandments and fail to love our God. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us the way of your Word, and transform our living to show the wonder of your love. In Jesus 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

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Calvin Shaw

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:4-10

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Béghin

Children through grade five are invited forward to meet with a pastor.

Blessing of the Backpacks

One: When it's the night before going to school, and we're picking out our clothes and making sure we have all our school supplies,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're waking up and eating a healthy breakfast to start the day,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we meet our teachers and new friends in our classes,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're playing with our friends at recess,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're telling our families about our day at school,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: When we're praying at night and thanking God for our families, our friends and our schools,

Children: Jesus is with us.

One: Let's pray together:

All: Bless, O God, our cherished children. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their faith and their gifts. Amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 6:27-38

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* **HYMN 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers

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

COMMISSIONING OF CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMS

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory Hymn 219 *To God Compose a Song of Joy* Edwin Taylor
The choir will sing Stanzas 1-3. Please remain seated to sing Stanzas 4-6.

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

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Communion Music

Pie Jesu

Edwin R. Taylor

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem . . . sempiternam.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest . . . eternally.

Prayer After Communion

🌿 Sending 🌿

* **HYMN 332** *Live Into Hope* TRURO
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Edwin R. Taylor
The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you: the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and
give you peace. Amen.

* **POSTLUDE** *Paterson Processional* Edwin R. Taylor

* 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 are available from the ushers.

Some worship materials are adapted from *Liturgies Outside the Box* by K Hawker.

We welcome guest musician Edwin Taylor, son of Leroy Taylor and brother of Martha Farmer. Commencing his 15th year as Minister of Music/Music Director of First Congregational Church, Ridgefield, Connecticut, and nurturing a music ministry of two children's choirs, a handbell choir, an adult choir, an interfaith community concert choir, and a concert series, Edwin celebrates his 64th birthday today. Several of his musical works are integral to today's worship, including a solo sung by his wife, Faith Ferry.

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 Nancy Pflasterer and Jill Binkley. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Meg and Paul Brown, and Peggy Jensen. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Len Rezmierski, Angela Yang, Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Carol Smith, Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, Kay Fuller, and Lee Roberts. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 a.m. service. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs and Carol Gottlieb. "Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening." – Mahatma Gandhi

The chancel flowers are given in honor of 200,000 people who walk at least a portion of the Camino de Santiago in Spain each year, and the 24 people from our own church who will walk this ancient route in September and October.

The red rosebuds celebrate the births of:

George David Merkel, born August 7, 2016, son of Peter and Jessica Merkel.
Great-grandparents are David Schmidt and Jane Myers.

Frederick John Maier, born August 3, 2016, son of Michael and Lauren Maier.
Grandparents are John and Julaine LeDuc.

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.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. The Back Door Food Pantry, a joint effort between St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Social Services, is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations.

Join us for Coffee Hour outside (weather permitting) on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Today enjoy an **ice cream social** sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee during Coffee Hour. **Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, Marge Higley, and Julie Morrison.

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.

ConnectEd Conversations are at 10:45 a.m. in the French Room and are centered around today's scripture reading, worship, and sermon.

Today we commission two teams of Camino de Santiago Pilgrims. The Spanish Way pilgrims traveling September 10-21 are Tom Brandt (leader), Larry Farris, Pat Farris, Doug Gottlieb, David Kershaw, Martha Kershaw, Mark Lindley, and Jeffrey Sweet. The Portuguese Way pilgrims traveling October 9-24 are Chris Black, Sue Cares, Jan Fisher, Kay Fuller, Carol Gottlieb, Lynne Lande, Lisa McKarns, Angie Miller, Susie Reynolds, Mel Rogers (leader), Angela Ryo, Marita Servais, Lisa Sprague, Marcy Toon, Mary Jane Tramontin, and Deanne Woodruff.

We Choose Welcome. Learn how to put faith and compassion into action at an information session in the Lewis Room at 12:15 p.m. Find out how you can be part of helping refugee families settle into their new homes after a perilous journey and lengthy vetting process. First Presbyterian is part of the ecumenical Washtenaw Refugee Welcome (WRW). There are many ways for you to get involved, from collecting and transporting donated items to technology assistance in coordinating this massive effort.

Question of the week:

Karen Armstrong observes that for human society to work well, and for life to continue on in possibility, we must find a way to “‘yield’ to one another.” In practical terms, what are ways you can ‘yield’ to your opponent or ‘love’ your enemies so there is a possibility for peace? Might you practice such yielding with someone you disagree with this week?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for Sunday, September 18, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2019 and for the 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee.

The church building will be closed tomorrow, September 5, in observation of Labor Day.

The Mature Singles’ annual Labor Day picnic is at Lillie Park, 4365 Platt Road, at 1:00 p.m., tomorrow, September 5. Bring a table service, beverage, a dish to pass, and a folding chair. Call Marcy (995-2519) with questions.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, September 9, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. Newcomers are always welcome.

Your help is needed for the Feeding Our Neighbors project to collect food after UM home football games. This annual project recovers almost 8,000 pounds of food which is delivered to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Detroit. Sign up during Coffee Hour or on the church website. For more information contact Don Redding (dredding58@yahoo.com).

Volunteer for Alpha House, a local shelter for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness. First Pres will provide meals, childcare, and overnight support for children and families the week of September 12-18. Sign up to help on the First Pres website or at Coffee Hour today. If you have questions Lucie Audette, Anne Gere, or Nicole Jolliet will be happy to answer them.

You will notice some door and floor name changes in our building. These changes are to help in a case of emergency and to help visitors find their way through our beautiful, but sometimes confusing building. For more details, see the latest newsletter or our website.

Fall Start-Up is around the corner!

Join us for these opportunities to worship, serve, learn, meet new friends, and join in Christian fellowship. Contact the Church Office for more information.



September 11 **Kick-Off Sunday**

University Sunday - Dr. Robert Bruner preaches at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

- 9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30**
First Couples
- 11:00 a.m. **Common Ground**
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 & Children's Choir Rehearsal**
- 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** (a great place to meet new people, learn about God, and discover something new about yourself)
- 4:30 p.m. **Youth Choir** (grades 6-12)
- 5:30 p.m. **Youth Dinner**
- 6:00 p.m. **Mids and Keystones Youth Groups**

First Pres College Opportunities:

- 12:15 p.m. **Free Undergrad Lunch**

September 13 **Women's Bible Study Kick-Off**

September 14 **Wednesday@First Kick-Off**
First Pres College at the Michigan League Kick-Off

September 18 **New Member Class**
T2A2 Small Group Kick-Off

September 21 **Presbyterian Women Gathering on gun violence**

October 6 **Mature Ministries Kick-Off**

First Pres Kids Read! *The Story of Ruby Bridges*
Written by Robert Coles with illustrations by George Ford



Summary:

The year is 1960. Six-year-old Ruby Bridges and her family have recently moved from Mississippi to New Orleans in search of a better life. When a judge orders Ruby to attend first grade at an all-white school, Ruby must face angry mobs of parents who refuse to send their children to school with her. This is the story of Ruby's courage, faith, and hope.

Questions for Parents and Kids:

1. What part does the church play in Ruby's family life?
2. What part does prayer play in preparing Ruby for school?
3. Try to imagine what it would be like to walk through an angry mob shouting at you each day. What feelings would you have?
4. Find Luke 23:24 in the Bible. Ruby modeled her prayer after this Bible verse.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor
Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor
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