



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Toulon*
Cantabile

Richard Warner (8:00)
César Franck (9:30/11:00)

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. McGowan (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Security Implementation

Paul Smith (8:00/11:00)
Aidan Majorprice (9:30)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord!

All: **The Lord's name be praised!**

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God;

All: **God is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.**

* HYMN 457 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we confess that we are not steadfast in our devotion to you. Too often we allow ourselves to follow the crowd rather than taking the path of discipleship. We are short-sighted in our decision-making and seek easy answers. We deny your commandment to love God and one another and turn away from the demands of the gospel. Give us courage, O Lord, to seek your justice, to live out your mercy, and to rejoice in your grace. We ask it in Christ's name.

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ginny Rezmierski (8:00)

Dan Edwards (9:30)

Jason Lindauer (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 1:1–9

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 8:27–38

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

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)

Reclaiming Jesus

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

* **HYMN 426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30/11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Psalms 150

César Franck

Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord in His sanctuary;
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His power.
Praise ye Him for His mighty acts,
Praise ye Him according to His majesty.

Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet
Praise ye Him with the psaltery and harp.
Praise ye Him with timbrel.
Praise ye Him with the dance.
Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments.

Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals.
Praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise, praise the Lord,
Yea praise ye the Lord.

* **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**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

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 263** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

Please sing stanzas 1–3.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

* **POSTLUDE** Hymn - Prelude on *St. Denio*

Percy Whitlock

* 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.

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 is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there is Jane Myers. **The Church Office** is staffed by Jane Bartman. **Greeters are** Ginny Rezmierski and Ginny Horan (9:30) and Pat Gilbreath and David and Carol Downton (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Roger Hsiao (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Ken, Ali, and Ava Westfall, Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Kay Fuller, Angela Yang, and Holly, Aidan, and Chloe Majorprice (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jim Douglass (captain), Jeannette Middleton, Cindy Lambrides,

Gregg, Stacey, and Vincent Pakela, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Deborah Campbell and Jean White (9:30) and Deborah Campbell and Cyndy Colton (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble.” – Philip Melanchthon

We welcome our new music staff. They are Paul Haebig, Interim Organist, Simon Suboski, Interim Youth Choir Director, and Kellie McInchak, Interim Children’s Choir Director.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of fellow choir member, Sally Carpenter, by the Chancel Choir.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Errol Alexander Hendrickson, born August 17, 2018, son of Nyle Hendrickson and Cristina Podlusk. Grandparents are Carole and George Hendrickson.

TODAY’S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 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).

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace, or in the Social Hall in case of inclement weather, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookies** are provided by Ginny Horan, Holly Majorprice, and Sue Dempsey. **Coffee Hour flowers are given in honor of Lois Jelnek’s 90th birthday** by her family who invite you to enjoy a special celebration in her honor during Coffee Hour.

Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes the First Pres commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it’s “just” coffee.

Children’s Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Classroom Assignments:

- CribRoom 103 First Grade.....Room 302
- One Year/Toddlers.....Room 104 Second & Third Grades...Room 303
- Two Year OldsRoom 101 Fourth Grade.....Room 305
- Three/Young FoursRoom 100 Fifth GradeRoom 304
- Fours/Young Fives/
- KindergartenRoom 102

11:00 a.m. Childcare Classroom Assignments:

- Crib Room 103
- One Year/Toddlers Room 104
- Two Year Olds. Room 101
- Three Year Olds – KindergartenRoom 100

Children's Choir rehearses 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300. Children's Choir will rehearse every Sunday when Sunday School is scheduled. There will be no rehearsals on Family Sundays.

Sunday School Open House is today in our education wing. Families with children from crib room through fifth grade are invited to join us for a fellowship gathering on the third floor following the 9:30 a.m. service.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All 6th – 12th grade students and their Sunday School teachers are invited to a fun morning of donuts and community building during the 9:30 Sunday school hour. We will meet in the Youth Room on the lower level. Everyone is welcome. We hope you'll join us!

All-Youth Kickoff begins with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Youth Groups meet at 6:00 p.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. This year's theme is "The Bible Speaks to You about the Important Ideas." All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group that offers a safe, supportive gathering to discuss religious and spiritual topics. In September the group explores Adam Hamilton's book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. Today's topic is "The Reformed and Presbyterian Traditions and Political and Civic Engagement." The presenter is Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler, Professor of American Religious History at Vanderbilt University.

Join us for First Forum in the Curtis and Founders Rooms at 12:15 p.m. Today's topic, presented by Dr. James Hudnut-Beumler, Professor of American Religious History at Vanderbilt University, is "Obedience to God and Resistance to Evil." Lunch is available for \$5.

All are welcome to join the Philippine Mission Team today at 12:15 in the French Room/Library. The love, warmth, faith, and gratitude of the Filipino people is overwhelming. Join us to learn more about the work of and mission with our Filipino partners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A memorial service for Cruse Moss will be held tomorrow, Monday, September 10, at 2:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, with a reception following in the Curtis and Founders rooms.

Welcome Back College Students! Our undergrad Campus Ministry program, UKirk@UMich, continues with College Lunch today after the 11:00 a.m. worship service and our first Wed@8 small group meets in the Michigan League this week. Our weekly events include College Lunch on Sundays at 12:00 p.m., Coffee Crew on Monday afternoons in the League, and Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League. Please

contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at campus@firstpresbyterian.org for more information. We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life!

University Sunday is next Sunday, September 16. Dr. Gerald McKenny, an ordained Presbyterian minister and a biotechnology ethicist at Notre Dame, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and will join in a lunchtime discussion with the First Pres University community.

Join us for a special University Luncheon next Sunday, September 16. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, students, alumni, and staff associated with the University of Michigan and other nearby colleges are invited to the Social Hall for a lunchtime discussion with guest preacher Rev. Dr. Gerald McKenny about how our church engages with campus communities. RSVP online or in the Church Office. There is no cost but donations are appreciated. Contact Revs. Koenig-Reinke and McGowan (campus@firstpresbyterian.org) to volunteer or obtain more information.

On Tuesday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m., First Pres will be one of several host congregations for a progressive dinner, a hospitality event for University of Michigan students. Congregations will prepare tapas/small plates, so we need church members to prepare dishes. If you would like to provide an appetizer, contact Rev. Buckley or sign up online.

Mature Ministries Kick-off is this Tuesday, September 11. Join us for a special lunch between two great presentations by local authors and leaders! The first presentation is in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Ken Wilson and Rev. Emily Swan, co-authors of *Solus Jesus!* will speak. At 12:45 p.m., following lunch, there is a presentation in the Social Hall. Dr. Andy Hoffman will speak on "Finding Purpose: Environmental Stewardship as a Personal Calling."

Our fall ministry at Alpha House, a shelter for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness, is this week. If you signed up to provide a meal or other service and have questions, contact Gail Einhaus, Lucie Audette, Paula Doering, or Anne Gere.

Join us in "Feeding Our Neighbors." First Presbyterian Church collects food from the UM Stadium and Crisler Arena after football and basketball games with the support of the Sodexo organization. The food is given to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, both in Detroit. Volunteer online on our First Pres website under Local Missions.

Are you "Meeting the Members"? Our email goes out once a week that introduces you to one of First Pres' amazing people. To get these emails, go to the church website to subscribe, or leave a note for Lisa Haddrill in the Church Office. Want to be "met"? We need people who are willing to share something of their journey. Email or call Rev. Rogers to share your story!

Make First Pres your church home! Join us as members by attending the New Member Class on September 23, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child-care are provided. The New Member Breakfast is on September 30 at 8:00 a.m. (childcare provided), and new members are introduced in worship that morning. We would love to welcome you to formal membership! Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series presentation, “Ten Ways to Have a Better Conversation,” A TED Talk with Celeste Headlee, on Monday, September 10, in Monteith Hall, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Celeste Headlee has worked as a radio host for decades, and she knows the ingredients of a great conversation: Honesty, brevity, clarity and a healthy amount of listening. In this talk, she shares ten useful rules for having better conversations. This is a short video presentation, followed up with a group discussion.

Coming soon is a new security system to better protect our staff, children, and those who use our building during and after business hours. The new system, conceived by the Safety Work Group, has been approved by the Property Committee and Session. Questions? Please leave your written questions in the box provided outside the Church Office. All questions will be answered.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, September 14, at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuesday Morning Women’s Bible Study begins this Tuesday, September 11 at 9:15 a.m., in the Curtis Room. The fall study will use *The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis* by Nancy Guthrie. Books will be available for purchase Tuesday. Contact Lois Nissley (lfnissly@gmail.com) or Anne Kloack (annekloack@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions. All women are welcome.

Please contact the Church Office to:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$9 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request a baptism
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee for use at home (\$12)
- sign up to sponsor Chancel Flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$50. There are several available dates this fall.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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