



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2016  
UNIVERSITY SUNDAY

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**

*Gloria (Mass in F)*

J. S. Bach

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Rev. Rogers (8:00)

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

**FAITH IN ACTION** (9:30/11:00) *Haiti Medical Mission Team*

Hilda Alcindor

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are standing on holy ground.

**All: Give thanks to God and call upon God's name.**

One: God calls us and promises to be with us in all of life.

**All: Sing to God and praise God's holy name!**

One: Let us rejoice in God's wonderful works!

\* HYMN 488

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of merciful kindness, we confess to you our failures. You have called us to be your people and like Moses, we find excuses. You promise to be with us but we turn from you and worship false gods. Like Peter, we are stumbling blocks rather than proclaimers of the good news of your love for us.

We confess our failure to

hold fast to what is good;

love one another with mutual affection;

be patient in suffering;

contribute to the needs of others;

and be hospitable to all your children.

O God, give us wisdom to discern what is right, courage to deny ourselves, and strength to turn to you for all things. We pray in the name and for the sake of Jesus the Christ.

adapted from *Call to Worship*

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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\* **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**

**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**

Jenna Harms (8:00)  
Andrew Martin (9:30)  
Cynthia Wilbanks (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 3 and 4, selected verses

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

**ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00) *Go Down, Moses* arr. Mark Hayes

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)  
Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 10:17-22

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Béghin (8:00)  
*Saying 'Yes' to a Call* Dr. Bruner (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 333** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* LAFFERTY

**WELCOME**

Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *Jesus Calls Us* Philip M. Young

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wide restless sea,  
day by day his voice is sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

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Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

\* **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 438**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.  
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Tune*

Jeremiah Clarke

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\* 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 (in the Sanctuary) and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

**Today is University Sunday.** For our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Robert Bruner, University of Virginia Distinguished Professor of Business Administration, the Dean Emeritus of the Darden School of Business, and a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Reading scripture at 9:30 is Andrew Martin, Dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, and a professor of political science and statistics at the University of Michigan. At 11:00, we welcome Cynthia Wilbanks, Vice President for Government Relations at the University of Michigan. Both are active members of our congregation.

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**Our Faith In Action speaker** at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services is Hilda Alcindor, BA, RN, FAAN. She serves as Dean of FSIL, the Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti, the first four-year baccalaureate school of nursing in Haiti. Our Haiti Medical Mission Team played an important role in the launching of FSIL and continues to offer vital support to the school.

**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Nancy Oliver and Dianne Santinga. **Greeters** are Carol German, Jill Baumhover, Prue and Dale Heikkinen, and Shannon and Matt McCammant. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Dick Cooke, Jinx Cooke, Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, John Yao, Jim Cameron, Sean Hoskins, and Kay Fuller at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, and Rohn Federbush at 11:00 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 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Diane Knibbs, Carol Fletcher and Angie Miller. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Be not forgetful of prayer. Every time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education.” – Fyodor Dostoyevsky

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her family and friends.

**We thank** Benton DeGroot, soloist; and Chancel Choir for providing musical leadership this morning.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 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](http://www.waamradio.com)).

### **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:**

*Please note the new room numbering system now in place.*

Crib .....	Room 103	First Grade.....	Room 302
Toddler .....	Room 104	Second & Third Grades..	Room 303
2's.....	Room 101	Fourth Grade.....	Room 305
3's & Young 4's .....	Room 100	Fifth Grade .....	Room 304
4's /Kindergarten .....	Room 102		

**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.

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**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 between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

**Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Sunday School** is a great place to meet new people, learn about God, and discover something new about yourself. We begin at 9:20 a.m. with **Munch & Mingle** in the Youth Room on the lower level for Washtenaw Dairy Donuts and community followed by **classes**, 9:35 – 10:30 a.m.

**Sixth and seventh graders** meet in Room LL-4. **Eighth grade confirmation** meets in the Curtis Room on the second floor. **High school** meets in the Youth Room on the lower level.

**Youth Choir** rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor.

**Youth Dinner** is at 5:30 p.m. in the Founders Room on the second floor.

**Mids, our middle school youth group,** meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones, our high school youth group,** meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**First Pres College Opportunities:**

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet the Peer Ministers in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM Union in the Tappan Room this Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

If you are a college student visiting First Pres for the first time or a regular attendee not already plugged into First Pres College, please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Transitional Campus Minister, or to Peer Ministers Alexis Allum and Jenna Harms today. They look forward to meeting you and telling you more about First Pres College. If you don't connect today, please email Jim at [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration centered on the Gospel of Luke. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**First Couples** meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for "Living the Questions: Prayer Is Intimacy with God."

**An Adult Church School class on Washtenaw Refugee Welcome meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.** The plight of millions of modern day Muslims is heartbreaking and perilous. Some have completed their difficult journey and a lengthy vetting process and begin arriving in Washtenaw County this month. First Presbyterian is part of the ecumenical Washtenaw Refugee Welcome (WRW) helping to support this massive effort. Please consider volunteering. We need your talents and time. We'll tell you about the many ways to help during today's class with speakers from Jewish Family Services and Samaritans.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. **Cookie bakers** are Sue Ashford, Karla Olson-Bellfi, and Marlene Stoeffler. **Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today.** Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee.

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**The Haiti Medical Mission Team meets at noon** in the Vance Room with Dean Hilda Alcindor. All are welcome to attend.

**Our young adult group, T2A2,** kicks off the year with a potluck brunch at the home of Sue Cares at 12:30 p.m. today. The group gathers with Rev. Ryo in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are in your twenties or thirties, join us for good food and conversation! Grad students, this group is for you.

**Recorder Ensemble** rehearses at 12:15 p.m., and **Orchestra** rehearses at 2:00 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session** for next 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.

**Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir** rehearses tomorrow, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Handbell Room. Contact Tom Granum for more information about music ministry opportunities.

**There is something for everyone at Wednesday@First!** Join us as we kick off our fall season this Wednesday, September 14. Refer to the bulletin insert for details. For the best value, make your dinner reservation today. If you pay by noon tomorrow the cost is \$7. Price at the door is \$9.

**Are you ready to join First Pres? Please do!** Regular attenders and prospective members, know that we want you to become a part of our church family. The next new member class is next Sunday, September 18, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Contact the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers to sign up. Lunch is provided and childcare will be provided by reservation. New members will join September 25. All are welcome at First Pres.

**Volunteer for Alpha House, a local shelter for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness.** First Pres will support Alpha House guests the week of September 18. Sign up on our website or at Coffee Hour today.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, September 16, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

**The fall session of the Women's Bible Study group begins this Tuesday, September 13, 9:00-11:30 a.m. in the Curtis Room.** Join in the eleven-week study of the life of King David using workbooks (\$20) and DVDs by Beth Moore. For more information, contact Lois Nissly (761-2959) or Mary Kay Gray (971-7079).

**"Poets, Priests, and Prophets: A Travel Seminar to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland" led by Rev. Dr. Fair is scheduled for May 18-27, 2017.** If interested, please attend an informational meeting Monday, September 19, 7:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room.

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**Volunteers are needed to work at the Cass Community Center in Detroit, Saturday, October 22.** Sign up on the First Pres website.

**The Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study begins September 21, 9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall.** All women are invited to participate in this nine-part series "Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." The program following our study session is "What Can We Do About Gun Violence?" with Pat Frucci and Rev. Barbara McRae. Lunch will follow at noon in the Social Hall. Contact Ginny Bell (virginiabell2013@gmail.com) for information about the study program. To obtain a copy of the study guide (\$8), contact Jane Myers (jemyers@umich.edu). Ingathering gifts will be collected at this meeting.

**Join the fun at a "Saturday Supper" October 15.** Join the many First Pres members and regular attenders gathering around tables at homes of members for the first of our potluck Saturday Suppers of the new season. Sign up online beginning tomorrow through Sunday, October 2. Contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

**Upcoming "Mature Ministries" (MM) and "Mature Ministries in Motion" (MMM) offerings:**

- Stratford, Ontario trip, September 20-21, *trip full*
- MM Kick-Off, October 6, 11:00 a.m.,
- Ziibiwing Center trip, October 27

**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

**New this fall – there's no need to call or visit the church to request a room for an event or meeting space at First Pres!** Check out the online form under "Signups/Forms" on our website. Also new this fall is a **computer kiosk** available for members to use in the Church Office. Come in and let us show you how to use if for the following:

- to request a room reservation
- to register for all church events
- to use a credit card to make a payment for church events such as Wednesday@First meals, books used in adult education classes, nametags, and Fair Trade coffee

**Please make note of our increased hours of operation for fall.**

These times indicate when the doors are unlocked and the alarm turned off in the morning and when the doors are locked and the alarm system activated in the evening.

Sunday	7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Monday - Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry/Transitional Campus Minister

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Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

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Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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Jenna Harms

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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