



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

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

Gathering

PRELUDE *Sonata in B-flat Major: Allegro; Arioso* C. P. E. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Security Implementation
Doug Gottliebsen (8:00)
Ali Westfall (9:30)
Luke Rogers (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. McGowan

One: Holy One, Source of all Wisdom,

All: You created us in your image.

One: You gave us the ability to learn and discover

All: the wonders of your world.

One: May all knowledge serve your purposes.

All: Let us worship God in truth and love.

* **HYMN 358** *Help Us Accept Each Other* BARONITA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know our deepest thoughts and inmost beings. We are created in your image, yet often we fail to reflect the love and the light you share freely to all the world. Forgive us when we fail to open our minds to truth, our hearts to love, and our hands to serve. Forgive us when we choose anger over compassion, selfishness over justice, and war over peace. Root us in your wisdom, and help us to trust in the hope you have for all humanity.

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

Linda Strodtman (8:00)
Kari Michalowski (9:30)
Ed Koster (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 12:1–10, 13–14

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

Colossians 1:9–20 (8:00)
Ephesians 4:7–16 (9:30/11:00)

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SERMON

Rev. Buckley (8:00)
Speaking the Truth in Love Rev. Dr. Gerald McKenny (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

* **HYMN 392**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Heavens Are Telling (The Creation)

F. J. Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night,
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.
The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

* **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 525**

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

Please sing stanzas 1 and 2.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

* **POSTLUDE** *Sonata in B-flat Major: Allegro; Arioso*

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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 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 today is Michele Madden. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters are** David Schmidt and Jane Myers Schmidt (9:30) and Linda Lampman and Carol

Fletcher (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Roger Hsiao (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Pflasterer (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Angela Yang, Ali, Ken, and Ava Westfall, Kay Fuller, Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Spaulding Clark, Carol Smith, and Florian Trouvain (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 service and in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 service. Prayer team members are Annette Fraser and Brad Taylor (9:30) and Don and Gale Redding (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “The fewer words, the better prayer.” – Martin Luther

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Julian Hoff by his wife Diane and their family; and in loving memory of Kathleen Martin by Julie, John, Mary, and Graham Corey.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Luca John Lindke, born September 6, 2018, son of Drew Lindke and Maureen Wurster. Luca is the great-grandson of Keith Molin and the late Peg Molin.

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).

Today we celebrate University Sunday. Rev. Dr. Gerald McKenny, an ordained Presbyterian minister and a biotechnology ethicist from 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.

We welcome our first graders to worship at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday. Each first grader is given a Milestone, a red tote bag with a personal notebook to bring to church each week, and a “church passport” with eight different activities to do during the week as they explore “Worshiping Together.” Welcome, first graders! We are so glad you are a part of our church family!

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| George Cowen | Gable MacArthur |
| Wylie Elkins | Zoe Millward |
| Lawson Falconer | Henry Pipe |
| Averie Faulk | Hannah Tayter |
| Charlie Grabowski | Carter West |

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 Karen Wisniewski, Margie Van Tuyl, and Pam Wood.

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:

Crib	Room 103	First Grade.....	Room 302
One Year/Toddlers.....	Room 104	Second & Third Grades..	Room 303
Two Year Olds	Room 101	Fourth Grade.....	Room 305
Three/Young Fours	Room 100	Fifth Grade	Room 304
Fours/Young Fives/ Kindergarten	Room 102		

11:00 a.m. Childcare Classroom Assignments:

Crib	Room 103
One Year/Toddlers	Room 104
Two Year Olds	Room 101
Three Year Olds – Kindergarten	Room 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.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All youth grades 6–12 are invited to join us for our regularly scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome. We hope you’ll join us! Munch and Mingle begins at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the Lower Level. Sunday School and Confirmation classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

Sixth and Seventh Grades	Lower Level 4
Eighth Grade Confirmation	Curtis/Founders Rooms
Ninth through Twelfth Grades	Youth Room

Youth Monthly Mission: Humane Society of Huron Valley is today, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This mission is all about caring for creation and all God’s creatures. All youth are invited to meet in the Youth Room after Sunday School to carpool to the Humane Society.

Youth Choir rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor. **All-Youth Dinner** is 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 “Is Jesus Political?” Rev. Sanderford will lead a discussion of the relationship between our religious and political beliefs in the context of today’s charged political atmosphere.

The University Community Luncheon follows 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 Dr. Gerald McKenny about how our church engages with the campus community.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book of Revelation. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back College Students! Our undergrad Campus Ministry program, UKirk@UMich, invites you to College Lunch today after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Our weekly events include College Lunch on Sundays at 12:00 p.m., Coffee Crew on Monday afternoons at Beansters 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 meet you and take you out to coffee or lunch!

Make First Pres your church home! The new member class for September 23 has been postponed to October 30 and November 6, at 7:00 p.m. Please let Rev. Rogers know if you can attend. We would love to welcome you to formal membership. Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351).

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 signup online.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study meets Tuesdays, 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 in class. Contact Lois Nissley (lfnissly@gmail.com) or Anne Kloack (annekloack@sbcglobal.net) if you have questions. All women are welcome.

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 21, at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Join us next Sunday, September 23, for First Forum in the Curtis and Founders Rooms at 12:15 p.m. Today's topic, presented by Rev. Katherine Lee Baker, Chaplain and Coordinator for Spiritual Care at Mercy Health St. Mary's in Grand Rapids, is "Christians View Today's Political Divide: The Sarasota Statement, Part 2." Rev. Baker, one of eight young Presbyterian clergy members who wrote the Sarasota Statement, will focus on how we do theology today. A light lunch will be served (\$5). Copies of the Sarasota Statement are available in the Church Office.

The Haiti Nursing Foundation needs your support for the 4th annual "Support a Healthier Haiti" fall event on Friday, September 28, 2018, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Ann Arbor City Club. Tickets are \$75 each. There will be great food, an engaging program, and amazing items for live and silent auction. Contact the Haiti Nursing Foundation Office (887-6359) for more information.

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
- support our Fair Trade mission project by purchasing 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.

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy – The Bible & Brahms' Requiem

On Sunday, November 4, the Chancel Choir will present Brahms' *Requiem* as part of our All Saints' Day observances. To prepare, a seven-class adult education series will be offered, providing an in-depth study of the Biblical foundations of the *Requiem*. You are invited to attend the class with two options:

Monday class meets September 17 – October 29, 10:30 a.m. – noon, in the Vance Room. Kathy Wirstrom is the leader.

Wednesday class meets September 19 – October 31, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Ed Koster is the leader.

Sign up online or in the Church Office. A Kerygma resource book (\$16) is available in the Church Office. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

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