



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Aria* Flor Peeters

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

FAITH IN ACTION *190 Years of College Ministry* Budge Gere

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, rejoice in the goodness of the Lord!

**All: Our God creates us in love and surrounds us
with beauty and possibility.**

One: Come, let us live in the light of the Lord.

All: Let us rejoice and sing praise to God!

* **HYMN 476** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you create us with care and bless us with a variety of gifts and abilities and with different kinds of beauty and talent. You love us all with a grace we do not deserve. We confess that we do not see ourselves or one another as you see us. Out of insecurity or arrogance, we condemn others. We fear differences and choose competition over cooperation, rancor over reconciliation. We flaunt our achievements rather than recognizing those who have taught and encouraged us and we fail to acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts. Forgive us, O God, for short-sightedness, prejudice, and pride. Forgive us for refusing to honor our common humanity and love one another. Restore the ruptures among us and make us whole, for 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 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

Kathy Hillig (8:00)
Bob Crawford (9:30)
Charlotte Anderson (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:2-4

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 Hebrews 12:1-2

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 393** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

BOURBON

WELCOME

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

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *O Holy Jesus* Jonathan Willcocks

O holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, may I know Thee more clearly, love
Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

St. Richard of Chichester (13th century)

* **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)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Mark and Lindsay Van Zandt present their son, Aidan James Van Zandt, born April 18, 2016, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

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 364**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

* **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.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (9:30)

* **POSTLUDE** (11:00) *St. Thomas Processional*

G. Hancock/C. Muehlig

* 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.

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. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz, Barb and Dick Carlisle, Diane Hockett, and Deb and Mike Lisull. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Dick and Jinx Cooke, Olivier and Nicole Jolliet, Angela Yang, Len Rezmierski, Carol Smith, Kay Fuller, and John Yao; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, and Jeannette Middleton 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. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Nancy Fox, Carol Gottliebsen, Katie Parker, and Cyndy Colton. Parenting expert Brené Brown finds inspiration in a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that,” she quotes. “My prayer is for love and light.”

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Dr. Julian Hoff by his wife Diane and their family; in loving memory of Kathleen Martin by Julie, John, Mary, and Graham Corey; and in celebration of the baptism of Aidan James Van Zandt by his grandparents Dr. James and Kathy Ashton-Miller, and Mike and Sue Van Zandt.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Isla Ave Ann Parker, born August 26, daughter of Matt and Krista Parker. Grandparents are Bill and Katie Parker.

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).

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace (weather permitting) immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service and congregational meeting. **Cookie bakers** are Kim Byers-Granito, Barb Carlisle, and Donna Nussdorfer. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Are you ready to join First Pres? Please do! Regular attenders, know that we want you to become a part of our church family. There is a new member class today, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Lunch is provided. New members will join next Sunday, September 25. All are welcome at First Pres!

We welcome our First Graders to worship at 9:30 a.m. today. Each first grader has been 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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| Callie Crawford | Oskar MacArthur | Alexandra Strauss |
| Finn Dubin | Nathalie Norman | Drew Warner |
| Drew Groves | Gwen Richert | Ian Williams |
| Ian Hale | Chloe Rink | William Wood |
| Vivian Licata | | |

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service today for the purpose of electing church officers and the 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee. Nominees for Elder – Class of 2019 are Linda Dabrowski, Tim Dickinson, Kay Fuller, Henry Johnson, Lynne Lande, Karla Olson-Belfi, Rick Platte, and Pat Tamblyn. Nominees for Deacon - Class of 2019 are Rob Bauman, Lisa Danielson, Jim Dickinson, Carol Downton, Mark Endicott, Lee Evans, Becky Gaffney, Gail Grady, Ellen Johnson, Holly Majorprice, Chris Queen, Sue Rigterink, Nancy Rugani, Norm Samuelson, Judy Slade, Jean Song, and Gayle Stevens. Nancy Fox is nominated to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2017. Nominees for the 2017 Congregational Nominating Committee are Catalina Esguerra, Sean Hoskins, Bill Parker, Susan Sweet Scott, Barry Swartz, and Cynthia VanRenterghem.

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.

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| Crib | Room 103 | First Grade..... | Room 302 |
| Toddler | Room 104 | Second & Third Grade.. | 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 is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

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.

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| Sixth & Seventh Grades..... | Room LL-4 |
| Eighth Grade Confirmation..... | Curtis Room |
| High School..... | Youth Room |

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 League, Room 3, Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. If you are a college student visiting First Pres for the first time or a regular attender not already plugged into First Pres College, please introduce yourself to Rev. Jim Monnett, Transitional Campus Minister, or to Peer Ministers Lex Allum and Jenna Harms today. If you don't connect today, please email Jim at jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room to explore the Gospel of Luke. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for "The Wired Word: Praying for Healing."

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

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "Gifts of Imperfection: Raising Children with Courage, Compassion, and Connection." This conversation among parents of elementary through high school students is facilitated by Rev. Sanderford.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "Race (Still) Matters: Finding Ourselves in the Story of Race" with Revs. Ervin and Ryo.

Orchestra rehearses at 2:00 p.m.

T2A2, the young adult group for people in their twenties and thirties, launches a weekly small group tonight at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite you to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. We will meet at Chris Wahl's house. For more information, please contact Rev. Ryo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study begins this Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall. All women are invited to participate in this 9-part series "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." The program following our study session, to which all are invited, 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 Wednesday.

Saturday Suppers will be served Saturday, October 15, in the homes of First Pres families who welcome small groups to our first potluck of the season. Everyone cooks a little, talks a lot, rekindles old friendships, and makes new friends. Sign up online before October 2, or in-person during Coffee Hour Sunday, October 2. If you have questions, contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com or 662-5350).

Mature Singles meet this Friday, September 23, 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

Are you in your 40s or 50s? Single or couple? It's time for an Immature Ministries Party! Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy and Bob Crawford. Bring friends! Sign up with Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firsptresbyterian.org), or in the Church Office. We have a "locally-grown foods" theme for this meal, but bring anything you'd like!

Save the date! The annual Philippines Dinner is Saturday, October 29, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person with a family maximum of \$35.00.

There are several open dates to donate chancel flowers this year. Your donation remembers those you love, beautifies the Sanctuary, and celebrates the glory of God. After worship your donation brightens the days of those who are unable to attend church or brings comfort to those who are ill or grieving. Open dates are October 23 and 30, November 13, and December 11. The cost is \$50.00. Contact Lori Wolters (223-5980 or loriwolters@yahoo.com.) or sign up on the church website.

WEDNESDAY@FIRST
September 14 – November 9

5:15 p.m. – Opportunities for all ages

- "Talking with the Text" (a look at the next Sunday's scriptures)
- "Story Song: Time for Preschool Children"
- "Awesome Adventures for Elementary School Students"
- Prayer Group

6:00 p.m. – Dinner in the Social Hall

6:45 p.m. – Devotion, Music, and Prayer

This week's menu includes beef tacos, Spanish rice, chips and salsa, fresh fruit, and dessert. For the best value, make your dinner reservation and pay today (\$7) in the Church Office. Pay Wednesday and the cost is \$9. Children ages 5 and under eat free.

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

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Peer Ministers:

Lex Allum

Jenna Harms

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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