



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019  
UNIVERSITY SUNDAY

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



## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

*In the Garden*

C. M. Miles/M. W. Kim

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

FAITH IN ACTION

Campus Ministry

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 113) Rev. Sanderford (9:30)  
Rev. McGowan (11:00)

One: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: From the glory above the heavens to the depths of the sea,

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: From the poor to the princes, from the barren to the bountiful,

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: Let the name of the Lord be praised,

**All: Both now and forevermore.**

\* **HYMN 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (adapted from Psalm 79 and Luke 16)

**Gracious and Loving Lord, we have come to your temple expecting our inheritance. Yet we have not followed in your footsteps to get here. We have neglected our neighbors, favoring the rich and forgetting the poor. We have split off into silos, disavowing our connection to others. We have been dishonest in our dealmaking and boastful when bearing fruit. In your grace, remember us, Lord. Put us back together again. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name. Deliver us, restore our faith, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

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## 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

**There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.**

*This is the refrain of Hymn 792, There Is a Balm in Gilead (BALM IN GILEAD)*

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dana Larson (9:30)

Kim Byers-Granito (11:00)

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:1–10

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

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 22:6

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

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

### SERMON

*Cultivating a Communal Calling*

Rev. Dr. Jason Santos

## Responding

### \* HYMN 340

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

### WELCOME

Rev. Ruhf (9:30)

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

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## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### Offertory

*Exultate Justi in Domino*

L. G. da Viadana

*(Refrain)*

Exultate justi in Domino,  
Rectos decet collaudatio.

*Triumph and rejoice in the Lord,  
Ye just, for the Lord is worthy to be praised.*

Confitemini Domino, in cithara,  
In psalterio decem chordarum.  
Psallite illi, cantate ei,  
Canticum novum,  
bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Sing ye praises unto the Lord upon the harp,  
With the ten stringed lute sing unto God.  
Sing praises to God, O sing unto God.  
Sing to God a new song,  
sound the harp in God's presence and  
shout unto God with gladness.*

*(Refrain)*

### \* 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 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

*This is Hymn 698 Take, O Take Me as I Am (TAKE ME AS I AM)*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (9:30)

*Please be seated following the 9:30 a.m. service for the purpose of electing church officers –elders and deacons–for the Class of 2022 and for electing the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee.*

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\* **POSTLUDE** (11:00) *Chorale Fantasia on “Lasst uns erfreuen”*

Flor Peeters

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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.

**We welcome to lead us in worship the Reverend Jason Brian Santos, PhD**, the PC(USA) Mission Coordinator for Christian Formation and Small Church Support, which includes: Christian education, children, youth, college, young adult, older adult, camps and conference ministries at the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He is an ordained teaching elder in the PC (USA) and holds a Ph.D. in practical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. Reverend Santos is the author of *A Community Called Taizé* (IVP, 2008) and *After Paradise* (IVP Academic, forthcoming). He currently resides in Louisville, Kentucky, with his wife, Shannon and his two sons, Judah and Silas (aka Tutu). In his spare time, he plays and designs board games.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Kristine Clair Galano, violin; Josh Marzan, piano; and Chancel Choir.

**Acolytes** are Aidan Majorprice, Chloe Majorprice, and Brianna McLaughlin.

**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Laurin and Delia Hunter by their daughter Molly Dobson and in loving memory of Dave and Pat Clyde on their anniversary by their offspring.

**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 Jean Song. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Jan Fisher and Al and Sheryl Powell (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and Pat Liljestrand (11:00). **Sound system operators** are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Jean and Nicholas Song (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Angela Yang, Ken Westfall, Peggy and Carter Hodgson, Spaulding Clark, Holly, Aidan, and Chloe Majorprice, Len Rezmierski, Lynn Milroy, and Ron David (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Jim Douglass (captain), Gregg and Stacey Pakela, Jeannette Middleton, Cindy Lambrides, and Sandy Herold (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. **Prayer team members** are Carole Hendrickson and Diane Knibbs (9:30) and Linda Lampman (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Sometimes we need to say something to give God something to work with.”  
—Steve Backlund

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

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

### Adult Education Opportunities:

- 9:30 a.m. **The Bible @ 9:30** in the French Room  
"How the Bible came to be." Who wrote it, when, why, and most of all, how did it all become Bible?
- First Friends** in Monteith Hall  
"Pray and Wash: A New Movement Brings Church to the People."
- 11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** in Monteith Hall  
"Presbyterian Perspectives on Scripture." Presenter is Rev. Ed Koster, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit and noted Bible teacher.
- Dr. Koster's presentation is part of the series "Faith Seeking Understanding: Being Presbyterian Today." Although not required, two resource books by Donald K. McKim are available for purchase in the Church Office: *Presbyterian Faith That Lives Today* (\$14) and *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* (\$12).

### Children's Ministry Opportunities:

- 9:30 a.m. **Sunday School classes** for crib through fifth graders  
10:30 a.m. **Children's Choir**  
11:00 a.m. **Childcare** available for crib through Kindergarten

### Youth Ministry Opportunities:

- 9:15 a.m. **Munch & Mingle** in the Lower Level hallway  
9:30 a.m. **Sunday School**  
4:30 p.m. **Youth Group/Dinner** (grades 6–12)  
Youth will participate in International Game Night.

**The final new member class meets today, at 11:00 a.m., in the Curtis Room.** New members join next Sunday, September 29.

**University Community Luncheon is at noon in the Social Hall.** All those connected to the University are invited to have lunch with Dr. Santos.

**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. **Cookie bakers** are Jean Song, Carol German, Sheryl Powell, and Mel Rogers. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

**Kay Cee Galano performs in concert at 4:00 p.m.**, at University Commons, 817 Asa Gray Drive, playing Bach's *Partita No.2 in D minor*, *Sonata No. 3 in C major* and *Partita No 3 in E major*. Reservations are required to ensure available seating. Contact Ginny Rezmierski (971-6221).

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**Intergenerational Game Night and Dinner** begins at 4:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. In his spare time, Dr. Santos plays and designs board games. Enjoy an evening of fun, food, and laughter. Games begin at 4:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m. We will wrap up at 7:00 p.m.

**T2A2—Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor**—invite the participation of all young adults looking to build community. **Small Group** meets tonight, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss the Gospel of Luke. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey. Contact Haley Brown (habrown989@gmail.com), Chris Wahl (cgwahl@umich.edu), or Rev. Ruhf for more information about this and other T2A2 opportunities.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a category 5 hurricane on September 1.** The First Pres Mission Team says the best way to respond is with monetary donations. You may give via First Pres by marking your check for Hurricane Dorian or by mailing a check to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

**A Men's Study Group** meets the first and third Friday mornings, 8:00–9:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room for coffee, study, and conversation. The fall book is *Simply Jesus* by N. T. Wright. Books are available in the Church Office (\$15). Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, September 27, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Welcome Back College Students!** Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, welcomes you to College Lunch on Sundays following the 11:00 a.m. service, coffee breaks during the week, and other fun fellowship opportunities. Follow us on Instagram @UKirkUMich for future events and past photos. Contact our Campus Pastor, Rev. Evans McGowan (campus@first-presbyterian.org) for more information and to get involved.

**Children and youth (grades K-12) are invited to be acolytes.** They will participate in the processional at the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. worship, carrying in the Christ Light, Cross, and Bible. A coordinator will be available each week to assist them. Acolytes may attend their Sunday school class or stay for worship. Sign up or find out more on our website.

**Please support First Pres as we participate in the American Red Cross, MICHIGAN vs OSU 2019 Blood Battle,** on Tuesday, October 29, 1:00–7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Sign up to donate online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Questions? Contact Barb Brewster (646-5571; [dexter4brews@aol.com](mailto:dexter4brews@aol.com)).

**Fabrics from around the world are needed for World Communion Sunday on October 6.** Fabrics are due by Monday, September 30. For more information, please contact Dave VanderMeer, Minister of Music & Fine Arts ([dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dvandermeer@firstpresbyterian.org)).

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**The Wisdom Project: Sharing what is most important with those who are most important to us.** Join us for a workshop on Tuesday mornings in October, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., in the French Room. This workshop is limited to 20 people, age 50 and up., who can commit to all four gatherings. What is the Wisdom Project? Our Personal Faith memories can be grouped in four tracks or categories — Creative Expression, Joy and Happiness, Harmony, and Adversity. Each week we will focus on one of these topics, identifying our own faith memories and how we might share them with others we care about. Our facilitator is First Pres member Howard Deardorff. Sign up by this Wednesday, September 25, by contacting Rev. Rogers.

**Join us next Sunday, September 29, for a First Pres Forum on “Constructive Theology: Healing Our Broken Humanity,”** presented by the Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Religion, Earlham, Indiana, in the Curtis Room, 12:15–1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served (\$5).

**Journeys Book and Bible Study will study the Psalms this fall with our Resident Minister, Andrew Frazier.** We meet on September 26, October 10 and 24, November 7 and 21, and December 5 and 19. Each week we will explore a different theme in the Psalms such as lamentations, thanksgiving, praise, wisdom, and trust in God. All are welcome to join in from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., in the Founders Room. Bring a sack lunch. We focus on fellowship and discerning the word of God alive amongst us.

**Save the Date!** You do not want to miss this Artist Workshop with Ellen Phillips from Black Mountain, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 12, 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Ellen will give a lecture on the creation of Liturgical/ Visual Art in the context of Worship. Art will be created for our upcoming Advent Season. Snacks and a light lunch will be served. (\$15.00 per person.) Register online or in the Church Office.

**A Grief and Loss Support Group** will meet on Tuesdays, October 1–November 5, 7:00–8:30 p.m., in Room LL1. Facilitators are Al Barber and Deanne Woodruff with support from Rev. Rogers. Cost is \$10 for materials, payable before the first day. Contact Rev. Rogers if you have questions.

**There are openings on the Chancel Flower calendar for several Sundays this fall.** If you would like to honor a loved one in this way, contact the Church Office. Cost is \$50.

**Join a Bible Study or a Reading Group!** There are six Bible studies and/or reading groups and many activities for women at First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor. Check out the PW Bulletin Board across in the Welcome Center for more information. Opportunities include:

**Knit Night**, the second Friday, at 7:30 p.m.

**Horizon’s Bible Study**, the third Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m.

**Journeys Book/Bible Study**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, at 11:30 a.m.

**William Barclay Commentary Bible Study**, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.–noon

**Women’s Bible Study**, Tuesdays, at 9:00 a.m.

**Women’s Reading Group**, the fourth Wednesday, at 1:00 p.m.

**Evening Horizon’s Bible Study**, the third Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Robin Agnew, Administrative Assistant

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