



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Eric Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving

Pat Tamblyn

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 68)

One: Be joyful! Exult before God; be jubilant with joy!

All: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name.

One: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel.

All: God gives power and strength to his people.

Blessed be God!

* HYMN 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, Lord of the powerful and the weak, we come before you knowing we fail to honor one another as we should. We weigh our opportunities to share from our abundance rather than giving with great joy. We consider what we will get in return rather than finding delight in the act of generosity. We are quick to find fault and blind to our own errors. Awaken us to the privilege that is ours to be known as your children and to live in communion with one another. As you are merciful to us, help us be merciful to one another.

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)

Callie Feyen (9:30)

Doris Granum (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-4

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Awake, My Heart*

Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
Thy maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.

Text by Paul Gerhardt, 1647

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 4:8-11

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

SERMON

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)

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

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 375**

Lord of All Good

TOULON

WELCOME

Blair Buckley (9:30)

Eric Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00)

* **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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30/11:00)

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

At 9:30 a.m. Kate Kraft and Christian Vercler present their daughter, Elizabeth Heritage Vercler, born March 23, 2017, for baptism. Daniel and Rebecca Torres-Davenport present their son, Sebastian Joseph Torres-Davenport, born August 2, 2017, for baptism.

At 11:00 a.m. Corey and John Palmer present their daughter, Emily Ann Palmer, born June 2, 2016, for baptism. Todd and Jessica DeLand present their son, Henry Robert DeLand, born May 20, 2017, 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 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

*** POSTLUDE**

* 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. Greeting you there today are Nancy Pflasterer and Betty Halliday. **Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Barbara Mueller, Jane Myers, and David Schmidt at 9:30 a.m. and Cyndy Colton and Linda Lampman at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Ron Greiner at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Dean Gilchrist, Jinx Cooke, Dick Cooke, Beth Sanderford, Kay Fuller, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Cindy Lambrides, Paul Goodman, Georgia Goodman, Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Judy Slade and Pat Gilbreath at 9:30 a.m. and Michele Derr, Linda Lampman, and Cyndy Colton at 11:00 a.m. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "He who prays as he ought will endeavour to live as he prays." – John Owen

The chancel flowers are given in honor of Rev. Jay Sanderford and in celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Congratulate him on his many years of service to our living Lord!

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Lucien Martineau Montas, son of Jane and Sacha Montas, born July 4, 2017, in Ann Arbor.

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 in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. **Cookie bakers** are Jennifer Stahl, Barb Carlisle, and Judy Landau.

Want to do something tangible and immediate to help hurricane victims in the Houston area? Help with our Bucket Brigade today at 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. We will fill 50 five-gallon buckets with cleaning

supplies to be shipped to Houston by the Presbytery of Detroit. Help fill buckets and/or donate to purchase supplies with a check to First Presbyterian with "Cleanup Bucket" on the memo line. Children, grades K-5, are invited to participate after Children's Choir.

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
- ToddlerRoom 104
- Two Year OldsRoom 101
- Three Year OldsRoom 100
- Fours/Young Fives/
- KindergartenRoom 102

11:00 a.m. Classroom Assignments:

- Crib Room 103
- Toddler & Two Room 104
- Three Year Olds – KindergartenRoom 101

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. The children will first sing for the 9:30 World Communion Sunday service on October 1.

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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| Gabriel Arreguin | Maizie Lampman |
| Maxwell Falconer | Christian Lee |
| Evan Gibbs | Will Martin |
| Vivien Gubbini | Leo McInchak |
| Ben Hanley | Matthew Mullinix |
| Josie Hollingsworth | Claudia Schneider |
| Emily Kloack | Daniel Suh |
| Alexis Ladley | Miles Swenson |

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All-Youth Munch & Mingle is in the Youth Room at 9:20 a.m.

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) will participate in today's hymn festival. There will be no 4:30 p.m. rehearsal.

All-Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the presenter. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

First Couples joins **Exploring the Faith** at 11:00 a.m. **Exploring the Faith** meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "The Reformation: Then and Now." Today's session, "Tinder all Around: Europe, the Church and the Beginnings of the Reformation," is presented by Rev. Ed Koster, Presbyterian minister, attorney, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit, and a teacher and active participant in the life of First Pres.

Reformation resource is offered. As a companion for our "Reformation: Then and Now" series, First Pres offers *Reformation Questions, Reformation Answers: 95 Key Events, People, and Issues* by Donald K. McKim. Copies are available in the Church Office for \$10.

Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich, invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday so we can treat you to lunch. We also invite you to meet for "Wednesdays @ 8:00," a weekly gathering for fellowship, snacks, and faithful conversation at the Michigan League. For more information, please contact Rev. McGowan (emcgowan@firstpresbyterian.org) or Resident Minister Blair Buckley (bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org).

You are invited to our hymn festival, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past - Our Hope for Years to Come," led by guest organist and director Dr. Michael Burkhardt today at 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. In addition to congregational singing and Dr. Burkhardt playing organ, participants include Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir, brass quartet and percussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make First Pres your church home! Join us as members by attending the New Member Class on October 1, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch and child-care are provided. The New Member Breakfast is on October 15 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 as a full or affiliate member! Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org; 355-2351).

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for the Hunger Ministries Program of the Presbytery of Detroit.

The Children's Choir and Youth Choir will combine with other singers and instrumentalists to provide the musical leadership for the 9:30 a.m. World Communion service next Sunday, October 1.

The fall meeting of College of Elders is next Saturday, September 30, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are a PCUSA teaching or ruling elder, please RSVP to the Church Office by tomorrow, September 25.

Are you a young(ish) adult looking to connect with others in Ann Arbor? Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor (T2A2) is a great way to meet people and build community! Join us for a Wednesday evening hangout, discuss faith-related questions in a Sunday evening small group, and/or engage in service and justice-making opportunities as your schedule allows. To learn more or receive updates about events, email Rev. Parks-Piatt (dparks-piatt@firstpresbyterian.org).

Chancel Choir rehearses Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact Tom Granum.

Flowers for the Chancel are needed for next Sunday, October 1. Remember a loved one, honor a friend, celebrate a special day in addition to beautifying our worship in glory to God. Flowers are delivered by the Deacons to folks in the congregation after worship. Other dates in 2017 and 2018 are available. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

Let your love show. We at First Pres let God's love show daily in ways large and small. Your fellow church members who make up the Annual Giving work group want to provide daily inspiration for "Letting Love Show" and they need your help. Take pictures of people letting love show. Add a scripture or a very short prayer and submit them to photos@first-presbyterian.org.

Mature Ministries Book Discussion is Sunday, October 8, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Smith (A2 Westside). We will discuss *Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg. Drinks and snacks are provided. Sign up in the Church Office or with Rev. Rogers. If you need a ride, let us know.

You are invited to the Organ Improvisation Competition sponsored by the UM Conference on Organ Music next Saturday evening, September 30, 7:00 p.m., in our Sanctuary. You are also invited to an organ recital presented by Dr. Jason Alden, organ, at 2:00 p.m., Monday afternoon, October 2, in our Sanctuary, of Louis Vierne's *Symphonie IV*. Both events are open to the public at no charge.

Orchestra rehearsal begins next Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Tom Granum for more information.

Mature Singles (single men and women over age 60) meet this Friday, September 29, 5:30 p.m., at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road. All are welcome!

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 or contact Rev. Sanderford.

Guests are already signing up for Saturday Suppers on Saturday, October 21, and we hope you will join us at these small group potluck suppers hosted by First Pres families in their homes. Join us for an evening of fellowship, engaging conversation, and good food prepared by everyone who attends. Sign up online through Monday, October 9, or in person during Coffee Hour on October 8. Contact Sara VanderVoort (saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

Smart Phone Giving has launched! Have you tried our new text giving or Give+ Church app options? Check out the Smart Phone Giving brochure located in your pew and take it or the wallet card home with you for reference. We welcome your donations through any method you choose. Please contact Anna Miller, Finance Manager if you have questions.

Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Irma followed close behind, weaving a path of devastation. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by generous gifts. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA: Harvey" or "PDA Irma" in the memo line.

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