
*** 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

Nancy Pflasterer (8:00)
Georgia Goodman (9:30)
Catherine Kendall (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 11:26–29

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 Mark 9:38–50

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SERMON

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 467**

How Great Thou Art

○ STORE GUD

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Congregation is invited to remain seated and sing on stanzas 1, 2, and 5.

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

**To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

*** 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 262** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

Please sing stanzas 1–3.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to neverending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.**

* 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 are Lee Evans and Martha Froseth. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters are** Carol German and Nancy and Gary Oliver (9:30) and Gail Grady and Prue and Dale Heikkinen (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Nancy Fox (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Dean Gilchrist, Ken Westfall, Kay Fuller, Nicole and Olivier Jolliet, Carol Smith, Florian Trouvain, Holly, Aidan, and Chloe Majorprice, and Jim Cameron (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 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Tom Brandt and Nancy Oliver (9:30) and Brad Taylor and Annette Fraser (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "You do not have because you do not ask." – James 4:2

Chancel flowers are given in thoughtful memory of Shirley, Blanche, and John Andress by Cindy Andress.

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).

Living God's Love – Stewardship 2019: Today our stewardship focus is on mission work, both local and international. This work is made possible by our financial support of First Pres and our willingness to work side by side to assist others. Every pledge and commitment of time helps change lives. Thank you to all who picked up stewardship packets in church last Sunday. The remaining packets have been mailed. You can review the materials online and securely pledge at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute. Thank you for all the ways you choose to live God's love.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookies** are provided by Nancy Oliver, Lynn Millward, and Diane Johnston.

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.

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 scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome! 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.

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, presented by Rev. Barb McRae, Presbyterian pastor and Faith Engagement Lead with Mothers Against Gun Violence, is "Local Responses to Gun Violence: What Can Be Done?" All are welcome.

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

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for next Sunday, October 7, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service, for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2021 and for the 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 14, 2018, after the 9:30 service of worship for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with Rev. Dr. Fair. There will not be an 11:00 a.m. service of worship that day. A reception in honor of Rev. Dr. Fair will follow the meeting.

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 and/or financial contributions for Hunger Ministry Programs of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Next Sunday, October 7, is World Communion Sunday. The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering which exists to support the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church, will be received at all services. Twenty-five percent of this offering is allocated locally. The Mission Committee has selected the Washtenaw County Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America to be this year's recipient. The remaining 75% of your gift enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by sending funds to Presbyterian ministries of peace and reconciliation that advocate for peace and justice.

You are invited to be part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) response to Hurricane Florence. PDA assessment teams are on the ground, assessing damage and planning for the recovery efforts. Volunteer rebuilding teams will be needed in the near future; contact Rev. Sanderford if you are interested. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA: Florence" in the memo line. You may also donate directly to PDA online, through our First Pres web site. Please be in prayer for those communities ravaged by the hurricane.

Make First Pres your church home! The next new member class will meet October 30 and November 6, at 7:00 p.m. We would love to welcome you to formal membership. Please let Rev. Rogers know if you can attend or contact her to learn more (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

The fall meeting of College of Elders is Saturday, October 20, 9:00–10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are a PCUSA teaching or ruling elder, RSVP to the Church Office by October 15.

College Students, UKirk@UMich, our undergraduate Campus Ministry, invites you to join us for any of our weekly, FREE events.

Eat with us at our College Lunch on Sundays at noon (meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service).

Take a study break with the Coffee Crew on Monday afternoons, 1:00–5:00 p.m., in the League.

Have faithful conversation at our Small Group on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m., also in the League.

The French Room (Library) is available from 10:30 a.m. to noon each Sunday for snacks and studying.

Want to talk with just one or two of us? We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life! Please contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at campus@firstpresbyterian.org for more information, including information about our Yoga classes and Spring Break trip to Puerto Rico. Follow us on Instagram: @UKirkUMich.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series presentation, "Fierce Goodbye, Living in the Shadow of Suicide," on Monday, October 8, in Monteith Hall, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

This is a video presentation of a family dealing with suicide, and offers solid guidance for those who worry about the eternal fate of a loved one. It provides a reliable summary of Christian thinking about suicide.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, October 5, at Olive Garden, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

If you are a current or incoming elder or deacon, plan to attend the Church officer retreat November 9–10. Please register as soon as possible by talking to Rev. Blair Buckley. The deadline for registration is today.

Are you called to be a Stephen Minister? Now is the time! First Pres is recruiting a new class of trainees who will begin their training in January of 2019. Stephen Ministers have a heart for those who could use a Christian friend to accompany them through a difficult time in their lives. They are active and compassionate listeners, non-judgmental people. They commit to a schedule for initial training and later, regular meetings each month, in addition to meeting with the care-receiver assigned to them. Our 50-hour training program is held on Monday evenings and a few Saturdays through May 2019. Applications are available in the Church Office and are due by Sunday, November 4. Interviews will be conducted and the selection process completed by Thanksgiving. Please pray about whether this is the ministry for you, and see Rev. Rogers, one of the Resident Ministers, or a member of the Stephen Ministry Leader Team (Kathy Wirstrom, Mary McKeever, Charlie Koopman, Karen Al-Saadi, Deanne Woodruff, Rev. Bill Findlay, Rev. Rogers) if you have further questions.

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.

A beginner-friendly yoga class begins Thursday, October 11! Join Rev. Buckley from 5:00–6:00 p.m. in the Choir room on the third floor. Some props will be available but bring your own mats, blocks, and other props if you have them. Contact Rev. Buckley (bbuckley@firstpresbyterian.org) if you have questions. The class will meet again on Thursday, October 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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. A Kerygma resource book is available for purchase (\$16) in the Church Office and adult education classes are offered at the following times:

A Monday class, led by Kathy Wirstrom, meets in the Vance Room, 10:30 a.m.–noon.

A Wednesday class, led by Ed Koster, meets in the Curtis Room, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

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