

JANUARY 20, 2019 THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

So Gathering Solution

PRELUDE *Psalm-Prelude, Op. 32, No. 2*

Herbert Howells

But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. Psalm 37, v. 11

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Buckley (9:30) Rev. Piatt (11:00)

One: Come, take off your shoes. **All:** We are on holy ground.

One: Come, bow before the burning bush.

All: We are on holy ground.
One: Come, meet the Maker of all.
All: We are on holy ground.

One: Rejoice, for you are on holy ground.

All: Praise the Lord, the Holy One!

* HYMN

Praise God for This Holy Ground

HEYMONYSTRAAT









PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, you reveal yourself in the flame of a burning bush, in the hay of a manger, in the face of a stranger. Yet too often we fail to recognize you or realize we are on holy ground. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to trust in your abiding love. Help us when we fail to love one another. Continue to surprise us. Give us courage to fully embrace the mystery of the Christ Child.

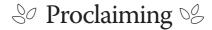
ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

* 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.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 3:1–3, 16–17

Keith Phillips (9:30) Marti Wendler (11:00)

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1–5, 10–14

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SERMON Holy Ground Rev. McGowan

Responding %

* **HYMN** (See next page.) Deep in the Shadows of the Past Kingsfold

WELCOME Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

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

* COMMISSIONING OF THE INTERIM PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE (9:30)



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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks*

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, So longeth my soul after thee, o God, My soul is athirst for God, yea, for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, While they daily say unto me Where, is now thy God.

* 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 BAPTISM (9:30)

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

Chris and Tarra Voigtman present their son, Bode Christopher Voigtman, born January 22, 2018, for baptism. Dallas Colligan and Nicholas Cooke present their daughter, Collins Marie Lynn Colligan, born May 10, 2018, 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.



* **HYMN 488** The God of Abraham Praise LEONI Please sing stanzas 1–2.

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

You have eternal life implanted in the soul; Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name; The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

^{*} **POSTLUDE** *Praeambulum in D Minor* Matthias Weckmann

^{*} 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.

Members of the Interim Pastor Search Committee being commissioned today are Helena Prince, chair; Tim Wendler, Vice Chair; Jennifer Cowen; Diane Knibbs; Martha Krehbiel; Collyer Smith; and Florian Trouvain.

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 Pam Wood and Nancy Fox. The Church Office is staffed by Robin Agnew. Greeters are Carole and George Hendrickson at 9:30; and Carol Fletcher and John and Dawn Pankopf at 11:00. Sound system operators are Bryan Magnuson (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Martin Reineman at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Dean Gilchrist, Spaulding Clark, and Keith and Sheila Bilby at 9:30; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Linda Lampman, and Jeannette Middleton at 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 Karen Al-Saadi and Jeanette Kibler (9:30) and Pam Rinker and Annette Fraser (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "They who have steeped their soul in prayer can every anguish calmly bear." — Richard M. Milnes

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Olga Staudt by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and John Barks, and their daughters Amanda and Rebecca.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Alessandra Mae Aranda, daughter of Rico and Elizabeth Aranda, born January 12, 2019. Grandparents are Chuck and Diane Hoffman.

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. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Lynn Millward, Kathy Wirstrom, and Eleonora Charlson. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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 at 10:30 a.m., in Room 300.

Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room LL-4. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in *Amazing Stuff* meets in the Lewis Room at the same time.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

All youth grades 6–12 are invited to join us for our scheduled youth programming. Everyone is welcome!

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the Youth Room on the Lower Level. **Sunday School and Confirmation classes** meet at 9:30 a.m.

There is no youth group tonight but all youth are invited to join us for our monthly mission event tomorrow, Monday, January 21, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Meet us at the Modern Languages Building (MLB) on the UM campus at 812 E. Washington for the annual Martin Luther King Children and Youth Program. Lunch is provided. First Pres Staff will be on site and volunteering during the event. We will provide hot cocoa and conversation after the event to debrief and reflect on how all of this connects to our faith and the church. Contact Essie Koenig-Reinke (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information about this event.

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."

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support. Today Resident Ministers Dorothy Piatt and Eric Koenig-Reinke discuss their experiences at First Pres.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for the series "Our Well-Being." Today's present is Dr. Jim Peggs. Join us for a discussion about "good health."

UKirk@Umich, Undergraduate Campus Ministry Opportunities:

We would love to take you out to coffee or lunch and hear more about your life! Contact Revs. Buckley, Koenig-Reinke, and McGowan at campus@firstpresbyterian.org. All are welcome!

Study in The French Room (Library) on Sundays, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Snacks are provided.

Enjoy lunch with us on Sundays at noon. Meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service. It's free!

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

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

T2A2 Small Group is volunteering at Rotating Shelter in the Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. We invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information about T2A2 opportunities, contact Rev. Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, January 27 we welcome back to our pulpit at 8:00 and 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott, former Associate Pastor. Lynn is an Associate Pastor for Family Ministries and Pastoral Care at Mayflower Congregational Church in East Grand Rapids. Lynn will preach and be assisted by our Promises (specially-abled) group and the specially-abled handchime choir, "Common Chords." At 10:30 a.m. we will have our annual Shelter-in-Place drill and then adjourn to the Social Hall for our **Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon**. All are invited. Please sign up on our website or in the Church Office.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, January 25, at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Families@First, a group for families with children of varying ages, invites families to celebrate the New Year with a potluck this Friday, January 25, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Enjoy fellowship, food, and sharing your favorite New Year's Eve/Day traditions.

A Cookie Exchange in February! On Sunday, February 10, the Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a cookie exchange during Coffee Hour in the Social Hall. All you need to do is bring two dozen cookies of your choice and you'll go home with a bag of totally different cookies. Sounds easy? It is! For more information, contact Gail Grady.

Triangle Cooperative Preschool is accepting applications for the next school year. The preschool offers children a play-based curriculum that develops physical, cognitive, and social skills. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. For more information call 221-0905 or visit www.trianglecoop.org.

Yoga at First Pres (Psst...it's also free!) Do you have New Year's resolutions to decrease your stress or exercise more? Come do yoga! All experience levels (including absolutely none!) and all body types are welcome. Join us this Thursday, January 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Would you like to provide Chancel flowers in memory of a loved one who has died or in honor of a loved one still living? There are openings in upcoming months. Contact Robin Agnew in the Church Office if you are interested. Cost is \$50.

Men of Faith Breakfast, open to all men of the Church, including youth, is Saturday, February 9, at 9:00 a.m., in the Social Hall. Each of us leaves a lasting impact and legacy on the people we meet. Whether we realize it or not, our lives may from time to time be thought of by others in ways that give them strength, guidance, and encouragement. Come think about those who have impacted us, and consider how we might be more mindful of the ways our lives impact others. As keynote speaker, we welcome back a former Lilly Resident Minister, the Rev. Dr. Aaron P. Janklow, the Executive Pastor of the Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, Florida. Aaron holds a Ph.D. in Christian Ethics and Practical Theology from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland). The cost is \$5. Reservations are requested in the Church Office by February 1.

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