

JANUARY 27, 2019 THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

So Gathering Solution

PRELUDE (8:00) Pieces d'orgue, Livre 4 Louis Marchand

PRELUDE (9:30) Trust and Obey
Rock of Ages

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

FAITH IN ACTION (9:30) Promises Heidi Hess-Willis

Kathy Wirstrom

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Piatt and *Promises* (9:30)

One: Worship God,

One: who has done great things.

All: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

One: Worship God,

One: who has shown us mercy.

All: We are the people God has formed through Christ, called by name and beloved; we worship God, and we rejoice!

One: Worship God

One: in spirit and in truth.

All: We give praise that God is doing a new thing.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

— adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*

* **HYMN 418** God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you tell us not to fear because we are yours, and you have called us by name. We are sorry for the times when we forget that we are loved, and when we fail to show your love for others. May the strength of your love that shines in Jesus' life shine in our lives, too. Guide us today and every day, so that our words and actions make Christ's love, justice, and peace present in this church and in the world. In his powerful name we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

One: Hear these words.

One: Making a way through all the mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

All: Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

One: As forgiven people, we share the good news with one another now, saying,

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you.

* 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.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jeanette Kibler (8:00) Rev. Annette Fraser (9:30)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43:1–2, 18–19

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

ANTHEM (9:30) Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit William Dawson

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,

Out of his mouth came fire and smoke;

Looked all around me, it looked so fine,

Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;

Jordan river is chilly an' cold,

It chills the body but not the soul;

There ain't but one train upon this track,

It runs to heaven an' right back.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Rev. Rogers and *Promises*

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 1:1–14

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

SERMON

Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott

⊗ Responding ⊗

* **HYMN** Light Dawns on a Weary World TEMPLE OF PEACE This hymn is on the back of this bulletin.

WELCOME

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (8:00) Duo in D Minor Louis Marchand

Offertory (9:30) *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

* 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.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Rogers and Promises (9:30)

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.

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* **HYMN 430** Come Sing, O Church in Joy! DARWALL'S 148TH Please sing stanzas 1–3.

* INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHELTER IN PLACE DRILL AND CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK AND MEETING (9:30)

* BENEDICTION

^{*} Prayer of Dedication

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

* **POSTLUDE** (8:00)

Fugue in G Minor

Louis Marchand

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 back the Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott as our guest preacher today! Lynn and her husband Mark were Associate Pastors here between the years of 1994 and 2000. Currently Lynn is an Associate Pastor for Family Ministries and Pastoral Care at Mayflower Congregational Church in East Grand Rapids where Mark is the Senior Pastor.

Musical leadership includes Benton DeGroot, bass; Chancel Choir; and *Common Chords* Hand Bell Choir. *Common Chords* provides young adults with developmental disabilities an opportunity for growth through musical performance. Several of our *Promises* members play with *Common Chords*, and they are excited to have their special friends at their church today!

We welcome *Promises* to help us lead worship today. *Promises* is our specially-abled young adult group, composed of six members of First Pres: Lizzie Andrea, Meghan Carlisle, Dana Hartman, Rob Mayer, Doug Peterson, and Kristin Sutton, and some of their parents and caregivers. Volunteer leaders include Kathy Wirstrom, Heidi Hess-Willis, and Victor Rotberg. Several of these young people were confirmed at First Pres in a class led by Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott. They are especially honored to welcome her back today!

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 is Jim Dickinson. Cookie bakers are Beth Caldwell, Felicity Williams, and Sue Dempsey. The Church Office is staffed by Sarah Krein. Greeters are Deb and Mike Lisull and Barb and Dick Carlisle. Sound system operator is Bryan Magnuson. Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox 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. There is no prayer team after the 9:30 service today as we have a shelter in place drill followed by the annual meeting and lunch in the Social Hall. Please see a pastor if you are bearing a burden and would like prayer. Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Time spent in prayer is never wasted." — François Fénelon

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Philip Pierson by his wife, Lisa Danielson, and their children, Alex and Nora Pierson.

^{*} Please rise in body or spirit.

TODAY'S EVENTS

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

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called by Session to follow the 9:30 a.m. service today for the purpose of hearing the Annual Report of the church and voting on changes to the installed pastors' terms of call. At 10:30 a.m. we will have our annual Shelter-in-Place drill and then adjourn to the Social Hall for the **Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon**. There is no Coffee Hour today.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Choir does not rehearse today in order that all might attend the Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon.

Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up, a class for fourth and fifth graders, does not meet today so that all might attend the Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon.

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.

Sunday School and Confirmation classes meet at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Youth Group is at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

February Monthly Mission: Souper Bowl Sunday! Join us next Sunday, February 3, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We'll collect and sort food for the church's monthly food collection, and host an immersion experience about food insecurity in Washtenaw County. Lunch will be provided, and you will be home before Kick-Off. Contact Essie (essie@firstpresbyterian.org) for more information.

Adult Education Opportunities:

Adult education classes do not meet today so that all might attend the 9:30 a.m. worship service, the Shelter-in-Place drill, and the Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon.

College Students! UKirk@UMich 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!

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 and Tuesday 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.

20s & 30s (T2A2) Small Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl's house to read and discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! 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

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.

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.

All men of the Church are invited to the first annual "Men of Faith" breakfast, on Saturday, February 9, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. The cost is \$5 for breakfast, incredible fellowship, the chance to strengthen connections with other men, and a great lecture by our former Resident Minister, Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow. Please make a reservation in the Church Office or on our website. Aaron will speak on "People Are Watching!" Each of us leaves a lasting impact and legacy on the people we meet. During this study, we'll think about those who have impacted us, and consider how we might be more mindful of the ways our lives impact others. Aaron is the Executive Pastor of the Royal Poinciana Chapel in Palm Beach, Florida. He completed his Ph.D. in Christian Ethics and Practical Theology at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Mature Ministries welcomes Howard Markel to our February Lunch and Learn on Thursday, February 14, at noon. Lunch is \$5. Dr. Markel's new book is The Kelloggs: The Battling Brothers of Battle Creek. We encourage you to purchase the book on your own and bring it for Howard to sign. Dr. Howard Markel, is a NYT-bestselling author, the George E. Wantz Distinguished Professor of the History of Medicine, and Director of the Center for the History of Medicine at the University of Michigan. About his new book, the National Book Review called it "Insightful and entertaining . . . A revealing window into America as it evolved from the Civil War to World War II," while Booklist's starred review said that "sibling rivalry has rarely been so dastardly and delectable." Sign up soon. Reservations are required for this event. The movie, The Road to Wellville, based on a different book about the Kellogg brothers, will be viewed as a follow up, on Thursday, February 21, at 10:00 a.m., in the Curtis Room. There is no cost and popcorn is provided! Sign up for both events in the Church Office, or online.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, February 1, at Olive Garden Restaurant, 445 East Eisenhower Parkway, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The New Hymnal is Coming! Glory to God, the hymnal we have been using in Monteith Hall since 2013, is coming to our Sanctuary. We hope to have hymnals by Easter Sunday. Recommended by our music staff and the Session, we are excited to move forward with replacing the blue hymnal in our Sanctuary with this new one! We encourage you to order one (or more!) now to enhance our worship life. You may give in your name, or in honor or memory of someone else. Hymnals are \$22 each and can be ordered on our website or in the Church Office. We hope to purchase at least 600 by Easter, with a goal of 800 total, including musician's editions and large-print versions. More detailed information on this beautiful resource can be found in the February First Press. Questions? See Karla Olson-Bellfi or Rev. Rogers.

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 this Friday, February 1. For more information visit www.trianglecoop.org.

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* HYMN Light Dawns on a Weary World TEMPLE OF PEACE when eyes be - gin to when hun - gry hearts find 1 Light wea - ry wea - ry world dawns on a 2 Love grows in a world wea - ry world 3 Hope blooms in a when crea - tures, once for all peo - ple's dig - ni Light see ty. dawns on bread and chil-dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in lorn, find wil - der - ness Hope blooms world: the prom-ised day wea ry of jus tice comes. world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty wea ry comes. wea ry world: the prom-ised green of E den comes. Refrain The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing! We shall go and be led forth out in peace, joy, in

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