



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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OCTOBER 7, 2018
FAMILY WORSHIP
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Buckley (8:00)
Rev. McGowan (9:30)
Rev. Rogers (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving
Congregational Focus – Deacons Brad Taylor

CHORAL INTROIT

Praise the Lord

Traditional Cameroon Melody

Praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as brothers and sisters to celebrate God's gifts.

**All: We will share the bread and the cup,
symbols of God's power and love.**

One: Let us open our hearts to receive these gifts
and to walk in God's way.

**All: Let us celebrate being one with Jesus Christ
and with one another.**

* HYMN 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess our brokenness and the many ways we contribute to division among ourselves. We confess our self-centeredness and short-sightedness, our blindness to the needs of those around us, and our deafness to cries for help. We are quick to fall into fear when we face differences of opinion and hardship, and we are reluctant to speak up when injustice rages. Forgive our cowardice. Deepen our trust in you so that our lives will mirror your love and the harmony you desire for all people will become reality.

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 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

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Ava Westfall (9:30)

Lori Richert (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 137:1–8

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

ANTHEM (9:30)

Wa, Wa, Wa Emimimo

Nigerian Hymn

Come, O Holy Spirit come.

Come, almighty Spirit come.

Come, come, come.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 4:26–33

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

SERMON

World Communion?

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 386**

O for a World

AZMON

WELCOME

Rev. Parks-Piatt (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 (9:30/11:00) *City Called Heaven*

Gospel Melody
arr. by Josephine Polinitz

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

At 9:30 the elements will be passed. At 8:00 and 11:00 please come forward to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place. Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Communion Music

Prayer After Communion

Sending

* **HYMN 514** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTAD
Please sign stanzas 1 and 2.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

* 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 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 Lorna Prescott and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Catherine Kendall and Barb and Dick Carlisle (9:30) and Marilyn Gibson and John and Dawn Pankopf (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Rol Kibler (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (11:00). **Fair Trade coffee sales volunteers** during Coffee Hour are Peggy Jensen and Catherine Kendall. **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Martin Reineman (8:00); Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Spaulding Clark, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty and Connie Swindle, Keith and Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Joe Schmidt (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter, Linda Lampman, Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, 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 Annette Fraser and Judy Slade (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. "Prayer moves the hand that moves the world."
– John Aikman Wallace

Musical leadership is provided by Children's Choir with guest soloist Simon Suboski, Youth Choir Director (9:30) and Chancel Choir with soloist David Magumba (9:30/11:00).

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Madeleine Dumery Himbeault by Brad Taylor and Simone Himbeault Taylor.

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).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Today's financial contributions and food donations are for Hunger Ministry Programs of the Presbytery of Detroit.

Today is Family Sunday. Childcare is available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Today 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.

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for today, 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.

Living God's Love – Stewardship 2019: Today our stewardship focus is on our church community and the important work our Deacons do to touch all our lives. In good times and difficult times our Deacons are there to connect with us and remind us that our church home and its members walk with us in support. In many ways large and small, our Deacons are the compassionate heart of First Pres. Do you know who your Deacon is? They would love to connect with you! 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 John and Dawn Pankopf, Paula Doering, and Julie Rupp. **Fair Trade Coffee** is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events.

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. Today the group explores Adam Hamilton's book *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. All are welcome.

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. Today's topic, presented by Pastor Dwight L. Wilson, is "What Do Jesus and My Personal Experiences Have to Say about Gun Violence in Contemporary Society?" All are welcome.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

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.

Orchestra rehearses 2:00–3:30 p.m., in Room 300.

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

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 14, 2018, after the 9:30 a.m. 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. If you would like to contribute to a purse for her, checks made out to First Presbyterian Church with "Rev. Dr. Fair" on the memo line may be brought or sent to the Finance Office. Cards and notes may be dropped off in the Church Office.

The Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn (formerly called Hilltoppers) will be one week later than usual this month – October 18, at noon,

in the Social Hall. Lunch is \$5. We welcome Dunya Mikhail, author and professor at Oakland University. She will sign copies of her book, *The Beekeeper: Rescuing the Stolen Women of Iraq*, and discuss her work to help Iraqi women. Dunya is an Iraqi-Chaldean poet based in the United States, who worked as Literary Editor, journalist, and translator for The Baghdad Observer. After having been questioned by Saddam Hussein's government and facing increasing threats and harassment from the Iraqi authorities for her writings, Mikhail fled Iraq in 1996, going first to Jordan, then eventually to the United States, where she became a U.S. citizen, got married and raised a daughter. She studied Near Eastern Studies and received her MA from Wayne State University. In 2001, she was awarded the United Nations Human Rights Award for Freedom of Writing. All are welcome! Please do make a reservation in the Church Office or by emailing Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

Susan Krehbiel of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will present a session on the current refugee crisis and the role of faith-based groups on Wednesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lewis Room. Susan

is the daughter of First Pres member Martha Krehbiel and the late Rev. David Krehbiel. All are welcome to attend her presentation.

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.

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 for more information, including information about our Yoga classes and Spring Break trip to Puerto Rico.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, October 12, at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

All are invited to the Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series presentation, "Fierce Goodbye, Living in the Shadow of Suicide," tomorrow, 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.

Join the Philippine Mission Team and feel the overwhelming love, warmth, faith, and gratitude of the Filipino people. Join us next Sunday, October 14, at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library to learn more about the work of and mission with our Filipino partners. For more information contact Hank McQueen (mcqueen1143@comcast.net).

Are you called to be a Stephen Minister? First Pres is recruiting a new class of trainees who will begin their training in January. 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, and Rev. Rogers) if you have further questions.

Would you like some instant gratification? Participate in the Deacons' Blood Drive on Thursday, October 18, 12:00–6:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. This is one hour earlier than previous drives. Sign up online (www.redcrossblood.org) or during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday. Questions? Contact Lisa Shultz (whybenormal@verizon.net) or Paula Doering (paulahdoering@gmail.com)

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. An adult education class is offered on Mondays, 10:30 a.m.–noon, in the Vance Room. The class is led by Kathy Wirstrom.

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Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
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