



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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OCTOBER 14, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor* Johannes Brahms

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. McGowan

FAITH IN ACTION

Annual Giving – Stewardship 2019 – Community Focus

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Koenig-Reinke and Essie Koenig-Reinke

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore we will not fear.

All: God promises, “I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you create us in love, nourish us throughout our days, and promise us a future that is better than we deserve.

Despite your faithfulness to us, we confess our failure to live in your grace and show that grace to others. We act in selfish ways, indulge anger, and allow injustice to go unchecked. We fail to consider the ramifications of our actions and neglect to seek the common good. Not of our deserving but in your great mercy, forgive us yet again. Turn us to you and make us into instruments of peace. We ask it in Christ’s name.

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

Linda Strodtman (8:00)
Graeme Fairweather (9:30)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 3:1–8

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Revs. Buckley and Parks-Piatt

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:31–35, 37–39

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

SERMON

Trust

Rev. Parks-Piatt (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

 **Responding** 

* HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

WELCOME

Revs. Rogers and Sanderford (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place from *Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts,
For my soul, it longeth and fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts,
O blest are they that dwell in Thy house,
They praise Thy name evermore,
How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

* **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

COMMISSIONING OF PILGRIMS TO SPAIN (9:30)

Pilgrims being commissioned are Ginny Bell, Nancy Bushnell, Lynda Byer, Leslie Christiansen, Jennifer Day, Jim Dickinson, Jane Dutton, Carol Fairweather, Graeme Fairweather, Barb Francek, Nancy Janz Clark, Jean Long, Michele Madden, Karla Olson-Belfi, Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Melissa Ann Rogers, Maya Savarino, Ann Schriber, Sharon Sheldon, and Sid Smith.

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 442**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Please sing stanzas 1-4

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

* **POSTLUDE**

How Firm a Foundation

David Cherwien

* 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 Peggy Jensen and Debbie Swartz. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters are** Paul and Meg Brown and Sara Vander Voort (9:30). **Sound system** volunteer is Rol Kibler (9:30). **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). **The prayer team** is not available today. Please see a minister if you have a prayer request. Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "God can pick sense out of a confused prayer." – Richard Sibbes

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jennie Morgan Lombard by her family; in loving memory of Terry Redding, son of Don and Gale Redding, by the Stephen Ministers of First Pres; and in gratitude to God and in appreciation and celebration of Rev. Dr. Fair's years of ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. 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).

Living God's Love – Stewardship 2019. Today our focus is on First Pres Living God's Love in our community. First Pres volunteers are working with local organizations like Hope Clinic, Friends In Deed, Alpha House, Habitat for Humanity, Delonis Center, Cass Community Social Services, and more to improve the lives of our neighbors. Our members are finding creative ways to feed, house, support, uplift, and comfort those in need. These efforts are supported by your financial pledge and your commitment of time of talent. Thank you for all the ways you choose to live God's love.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for today, 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. 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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the Congregational Meeting as we honor Rev. Dr. Fair and celebrate her years of ministry at First Pres. **Cookies** are provided by Kathy Wirstrom and Ginny Horan.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare and Sunday School** will be extended through the Congregational Meeting.

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:

Adult Education Classes do not meet today so that all may attend worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Called Congregational Meeting and Coffee Hour in honor of Rev. Dr. Fair.

All are welcome to join the Philippine Mission Team today at 12:15 p.m. in the French Room/Library. For more information about the work of the Team, contact Hank McQueen (mcqueen1143@comcast.net).

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

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 next 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 tomorrow, Monday, October 15.

Worship with us on All Saints' Sunday, November 4 when we remember members of our congregation, family, and friends who have died in the past year. **Names for the bulletin may be submitted online or in the Church Office until October 19.** At 3:00 p.m. on November 4, we continue our remembrance of the saints with our music ministry's presentation of Johannes Brahms' *Requiem*.

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 although we will not meet today due to UM Fall Break.

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.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, October 19, at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 North Zeeb Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

The Mature Ministries Lunch & Learn (formerly called Hilltoppers) will be one week later than usual — 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.

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.

Join our beginner-friendly yoga class Thursday, October 25. 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.

Plan ahead to attend these Adult Education Opportunities next Sunday, October 21:

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for "Getting in Line: Immigration Enforcement on the Mexican Border." The presenter is Amanda Craft, Manager for Advocacy in the PC(USA) Office of Immigration Issues. All are welcome to attend.

First Forum meets in the Curtis and Founders Rooms at 12:15 p.m. next Sunday. The topic, "Where Can I Call Home? Refugees in the Middle East," presented by Amanda Craft, will address opportunities that affect the plight of refugees in the Middle East. A light lunch is available for \$5. All are welcome to attend.

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