



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 16, 2016

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Amazing Grace* Gordon Young

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Rev. Béghin (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION *Philippines Mission* Bob Wallin

FAITH IN ACTION *Grace & Gratitude* Pam Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord exists forever; your word is firmly fixed in heaven.

**All: Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.**

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**All: You are my hiding-place and my shield;
we hope in your word, O Lord.**

* HYMN 285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets* AUSTRIAN HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and God of glory, you alone are worthy of our praise and adoration. Nonetheless, we are quick to take credit for our successes and slow to accept responsibility for our wrongdoings. Forgive us for our lack of gratitude. We assign blame instead of sharing commendations, and fault others when blame rests with us. Forgive our blindness and arrogance. We are defensive rather than humble and possessive rather than generous. Forgive our lack of trust. Open our eyes to the errors of our ways and increase our faith. Turn us, O God, to the new life you offer us in Jesus Christ.

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 forgiven 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)

Kay Erdman (9:30)

Ed Koster (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:27-34

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

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Fair and Deborah MacVey

Children and parents, please come forward to receive your Bible as your name is called and stand on the chancel steps for the litany. Children receiving Bibles today are:

Gavin Ross Anderson

Henry Joseph Baumhover

Cassandra Harmony Dutch

Jacob Daniel Edwards

Jack William German

Grace Joseph Grabowski

Alexander Timothy Hamden

James McCallum Hollingsworth

Olive Schroeder Martin

Peyton Ann Peters

Emma Stewart Schneidewind

Owen William Smith

Philip Hyun-duk Suh

Avaleigh Hope Westfall

Aaron Christian Wisniewski

Litany for the Presentation of the Bibles

One: Children, we give each of you a Bible inscribed with your own name. Will you read it and study it so you learn the ways God spoke to people in the past and speaks to us today, and so you will know Jesus as your most important friend?

Children: I will read and study the Bible to grow in knowing God and Jesus.

One: Parents, God has given you primary responsibility for your children's education in faith. Will you read the Bible with your children as a means of helping them to know Jesus Christ as friend and Lord, understand ways that Christian faith guides decisions in daily life, and as a means of sharing your faith with them?

Parents: We will read the Bible and share our faith with our children.

One: People of the church, at the baptism of children we promise to tell them of God's love, to help them understand Christ's commands, and to strengthen family ties within the household of God. Are we willing to renew this promise?

Congregation:

We renew our promise to children and their families to tell them the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God.

Everyone in prayer:

God of love and care, thank you for your word in the Bible and actively lived in human lives through ages past and in the world today. Through reading and studying the Bible, through prayer and worshiping, help us to know you and to know what we are to do to be your faithful people, following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:9-14

Solo

The Publican

Beardsley Van de Water

Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus within himself: "God, I thank Thee, that I am not as other men, extortioners, unjust, or even as this publican: I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess." And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heav'n, but smote upon his breast, saying: "God, be merciful unto me, God be merciful unto me, a sinner, be merciful unto me." I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other; for he that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. "God, be merciful unto me."

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

SERMON

Rev. Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 280** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Spirit, Open My Heart*

arr. Al Fedak

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

*** Congregational Response**

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

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*** Prayer of Dedication**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

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 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on *Love Divine*

*** 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 (in the Sanctuary) 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 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 Peggy Jensen and Karen Walter. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Parish Nurse Sandy Talbott will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz,

Gwen Alexander, Diane Hockett, and Judy Landau. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Spaulding Clark, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Keith Bilby at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Brady West, Jim Douglass, and Jeannette Middleton at 11:00 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. Prayer team members are Tom Brandt, Nancy Fox, Martha Kershaw, and Carolyn Schultz. "Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God." – Mother Teresa

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jennie Morgan Lombard by her family.

The pink rosebud celebrates the birth of Kaashni Kauffman, daughter of Craig Kauffman and Keerti Hasija Kauffman, born September 26, 2016. Grandparents are Laurel and Ralph Kauffman.

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 Lisa Shultz, Karen Gardstrom, and Ozora McCarthy. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. The cakes at Coffee Hour today are in honor of our children who are receiving their Bibles.

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 is 10:30 – 10:55 a.m. in Room 300.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School is a great place to meet new people, learn about God, and discover something new about yourself. We begin at 9:20 a.m. with **Munch & Mingle** in the Youth Room for Washtenaw Dairy Donuts and fellowship followed by **classes** which meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir rehearses at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the third floor.

Youth Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the Founders Room on the second floor.

Mids, our middle school youth group, meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones, our high school youth group**, meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

First Pres College Opportunities:

Students are invited to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 2, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. If you are a college student visiting for the first time, please introduce yourself to Rev. Dr. Monnett or to Peer Ministers

Lex Allum or Jenna Harms today.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room to study the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for a discussion of *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "Gifts of Imperfection: Raising Children with Courage, Compassion, and Connection." Today's conversation among parents of elementary through high school students is facilitated by Peer Minister Lex Allum and focuses on social media.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "Race (Still) Matters." Today's topic is "Race and the Elections: Votes, Elections and Demographics." Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and Chuck Monsma.

Orchestra rehearses at 2:00 p.m.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a believer or a seeker, a working professional or a grad student, we invite everyone in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us as we share meaningful conversations and reflect on the Word together. For more information, please contact Rev. Ervin.

Flu shots are offered by Rite-Aid Pharmacy today, 10:30 – noon, in the Curtis Room. No sign up is required. Cost is \$32.99 and is covered by most insurances. High dose vaccine (for those over age 65) is \$69.99, and covered by Medicare Part B. Bring all insurance and Medicare cards with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join First Pres! The next new member class is Sunday, November 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The classes scheduled for Wednesday evenings, November 9 and 16, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., have been canceled. We invite you to consider uniting with our church family in membership. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

There is something for everyone at Wednesday@First! Join us this Wednesday. For the best value, make your dinner reservation today. If you pay by noon tomorrow the cost is \$7. Price at the door is \$9. This week's menu features chicken fajitas, guacamole, chips and salsa.

Mature Ministries in Motion field trip is Thursday, October 27, to the Ziibiwing Center for Anishnabe Culture and Lifeways near Mt. Pleasant. This trip will be led by First Pres member Brad Taylor, Director, UM Museum Studies Program. The only cost is your lunch at Soaring Eagle Casino. We plan to leave around 8:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m.

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is this Thursday, October 20, 1:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Please consider donating. Sign up during Coffee Hour or online (www.redcrossblood.org). Contact Barb Brewster (dexter4brews@aol.com; 646-5571) if you have questions.

Stewardship 2017: GRACE & GRATITUDE

Stewardship season, which will culminate on Commitment Sunday, October 23, is underway. As of Wednesday, October 12, we have received 113 commitments and reached 25% of our 2017 stewardship goal of \$1.7 million. Pray and discern what is possible for you to give during 2017, remembering the abundance of God's blessings in your life.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, October 21, 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

Volunteers are needed for the First Pres Fall Workday at Cass Community Center in Detroit this Saturday, October 22. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to sign up online or by contacting Sue Jeffers (sjeffers1@me.com). There is work for everyone!

Worship with us on All Saints' Sunday, November 6 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 24.

Chancel Choir and soloists will join with the chamber orchestra Michigan Sinfonietta to present the Mozart Requiem Sunday, November 6, 3:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary as we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. There is no admission charge for the program.

Say thanks to our Delonis Center Greeting Card Program volunteers during Coffee Hour following the 9:30 a.m. service next Sunday. Contact Jeannine Buchanan (971-6589) to learn more about this 20-year ministry and to volunteer.

We are seeking writers of short Advent devotionals focusing on texts from Handel's *Messiah*. Devotionals will come via email to your inbox each day as a gift to you, reminding you of the scriptures that are guiding us through the season, and giving you opportunity for deeper reflection. Email Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org) to express interest.

The deacons are in need of medium-sized flower vases to deliver flowers to shut-ins on Sundays. If you have basic vases to donate, please leave them in the Youth Room Kitchen on the lower level. We cannot accept large vases or bud vases.

Quad A Brunch is next Sunday, October 23. Members of Quad A (Chapels 10 – 17) live in north and northeast Ann Arbor. **Quad B Brunch is Sunday, October 30.** Brunches are in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

The Philippines Pig Roast is Saturday, October 29, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. Tickets are on sale in the Church Office (\$10 per person/\$35 per nuclear family). Proceeds will support our Philippine mission projects for education, healthcare, prison ministry, and community development.

To receive notice when a First Pres member dies and/or receive prayer requests as part of the First Pres Prayer Chain, contact Rev. Rogers (mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org).

Join the First Pres Feeding Our Neighbors project by collecting food after UM home football games. This project recovers almost 8,000 pounds of food each year which is delivered to Cass Community Services and Second Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Detroit. Sign up during Coffee Hour or on the church website.

Compassionate, sensitive, a good listener. Are these words that might describe you? If so, you may have the makings of a Stephen Minister. Training for our next class of Stephen Ministers begins in January. Please contact any member of the Stephen Leader Team for more information: Rev. Bill Findlay, Mary McKeever, Evonne Plantinga, Rev. Rogers, Kathy Wirstrom, or Deanne Woodruff.

The annual Israel/Palestine Mission Team Cinnamon Roll Sale is underway. Place your order during Coffee Hour next Sunday or on our website. Cost is \$10 per pan. Orders are to be picked up Sunday, November 6, during Coffee Hour. Proceeds provide financial support for the Mar Elias Educational Institutions and other initiatives of the Israel/Palestine Mission Team.

Presbyterian Women meet this Wednesday, October 19, at 11:00 a.m. Kevin Piecuch, Executive Director of the Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center, will speak about "Refugees in Our Backyard: Central Americans in Southeast Michigan."

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