



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 21, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in D Minor

Dieterich Buxtehude

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Buckley (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Annual Giving – Stewardship 2019

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 130)

One: Healing God, we come together in our brokenness,
to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

All: Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

One: Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as
we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

All: God, our Quieting Center, listen to our prayers this day.

One: Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you!

In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

**All: God, our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you.
Amen.**

* HYMN 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of reconciliation, we admit that we have trouble forgiving
and moving forward in our relationships. In our stubbornness,
we hold grudges and withhold care. When we are hurting, we
distance ourselves from family members, friends, and colleagues.
Help us to reconcile with one another, that we might know the joy
of renewed relationships. Assist us in reuniting in love.**

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

Nancy Fox (8:00)
Cassee Stem (9:30)
Annette Fraser (11:00)

FIRST READING Psalm 90:1–6, 12

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.

SECOND READING Genesis 42

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

SERMON

Choosing Another Way

Rev. Mark Brainerd

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 332**

Live Into Hope

TRURO

WELCOME

Rev. Parks-Piatt and Rev. Dr. Al Timm (9:30)
Rev. Koenig-Reinke and Rev. Dr. Al Timm (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Behold, All Flesh Is as the Grass* from *Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

Behold all flesh is as the grass,
And all the goodliness of man is as the flower of grass;
For lo, the grass withers,
And the flower thereof decays.

Now therefore, be patient, O my brethren of the coming of Christ.
See how the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth,
And has long patience until he receives the early and latter rain.
So be ye patient.

But yet the Lord's word endures for evermore,
The redeemed of the Lord shall return again,
and come rejoicing, unto Zion,
Gladness, joy everlasting, joy upon their heads shall be;
Joy and gladness, these shall be their portion,
And tears and sighing shall flee from them.

* **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

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 293**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

* **POSTLUDE**

Prelude in E-flat Major

Hans Vollenweider

* 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.

The anthems for these last three Sundays in October are taken from *Requiem* by Johannes Brahms. On November 4, All Saints' Sunday, the Chancel Choir, soloists Lorna Hildebrandt and Robert Peavler, and full orchestra will present a complete performance of Brahms' *Requiem* at 3:00 p.m. We hope that you will plan on attending this meaningful musical offering on the day in the church year when we pay tribute to our members and friends who have passed away in the last twelve months.

The Call to Worship was written by Joan Stott and posted on Geelong City Parish UCA website (<http://www.wesleychurchgeelong.net/>).

Worship leadership includes the Rev. Mark Brainerd, Associate Minister of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, and former First Pres Resident Minister, and the Rev. Dr. Al Timm, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Detroit.

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 Marlene Stoeffler and Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Prue Heikkinen and Catherine Kendall (9:30) and Sallie Parker and Lauren Lakin (11:00). **Sound system** volunteers are Roger Hsiao (9:30) and Barry Leonard (11:00). **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, Georgia and Paul Goodman, Jim Douglass, Jeannette Middleton, and Cyndy Colton (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 Nancy Fox and Brad Taylor (9:30) and Dianne Santinga (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is the spirit speaking truth to Truth." – Philip James Bailey

Chancel flowers are given in appreciation of the Presbytery of Detroit's Committee on Ministry for their caring presence, wise counsel, and ongoing support of First Pres, and all the churches in the Presbytery. The Committee is chaired by former child of First Pres, Rev. Mary Austin, daughter of Ron Austin and the late Rev. Anna Marie Austin, and now pastor of Westminster Presbyterian in Detroit.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Sage Steven Buche-Gottlieb, son of Jessica Buche and Michael Gottlieb and grandson of Carol and Doug Gottlieb, on October 12, 2018.

TODAY'S EVENTS

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

Living God's Love – Stewardship 2019 – Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2019 stewardship season, but our real work is just beginning. Over the last four Sundays we've heard how First Pres is Living God's Love in our congregation, our community, and the world. The other message we've heard is that none of this can happen without all of our support. Our financial pledges fund the 2019 budget, and our commitment of time and talent ensure that First Pres ministries will continue their positive impact. It's not too late to return your commitment forms to the Finance Office. You can also view stewardship materials online and pledge securely at firstpresbyterian.org/contribute. In fact, your church home is counting on it. Thank you for all the ways you are Living 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 Marilyn Gibson.

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 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. **Keys Youth Group** meets at 6:00 p.m.

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. In October the group explores Eboo Patel’s book *Embracing Interfaith Cooperation*.

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. 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.

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).

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.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, October 26, at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Plan ahead to attend this Adult Education Opportunity next Sunday, October 28:

Exploring the Faith meets in Monteith Hall at 11:00 a.m. for “We Are One Body: Race and the Gospel in Detroit.” The presenter is the Rev. Kevin Johnson, Retired Presbyterian Pastor. Using concepts from the *Reclaiming Jesus* study guide, Rev. Johnson will specifically focus on the realities that divide people, and the efforts made to bridge those divides in the city and in the Presbytery of Detroit.

Solus Jesus Discussion Group meets on Fridays, November 2, 9, 16, and 30, 12:30–2:00 p.m. in the Vance Room, to discuss Sola Scriptura – scripture alone as the source of final authority in matters of faith and morals. This study is not for the faint of heart but for those who really want to dig deeply into a challenging concept as you look at biblical scripture. Books are available to purchase (\$20) in the Main Office. For more information, contact Mary Engelhardt (engelhardt.mary@yahoo.com; 663-0604).

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.

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.

Join our beginner-friendly yoga class this 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.

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.

Volunteers are needed for our Wednesday Greeting Card Program at the Delonis Homeless Shelter.

The greeting card program is part of our community outreach program. An essential part of this program is a time for a First Pres' volunteer to talk with guests of the shelter. Amazing stories have emerged from these conversations as well as an opportunity to support people struggling with a host of problems. The program needs volunteers to assist the guests with their card selection at the Center on Wednesday evenings. If this outreach stimulates a desire to be involved, contact Jeannine Buchanan (971-6589; buchananra@msn.com).

You are invited to be part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) response to Hurricane Michael.

PDA assessment teams are on the ground, assessing damage and planning for the recovery efforts. To support recovery efforts, you may send checks directly to the church, made out to First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor with "PDA: Michael" 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.

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.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor
Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor
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Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister
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Simon Suboski, Interim Youth Choir Director
Sandy Talbott, Wellness Coordinator/Parish Nurse

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