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OCTOBER 23, 2016  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                      Paul Manz  
   *For the Life That You Have Given*                      Paul Manz  
   *For the Fruit of All Creation*                      Michael Burkhardt  
   *Amazing Grace*                      Fred Swann

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

**FAITH IN ACTION**                      *Grace & Gratitude*                      Lee Roberts (8:00)  
   Bill and Pam Wood (9:30/11:00)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**    from Psalm 66:1-5

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All: sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.**

One: How awesome are your deeds, O God. All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you, all sing praises to your name.

**All: Come and see what God has done!**

**Join in praise for our mighty Lord!**

\* **HYMN 464**                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                      HYMN TO JOY

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of heaven and earth, God of sky and land, we gather as people touched by your grace and grateful for our many blessings. We admit that we are not worthy of your favor. You are merciful to us nonetheless. We fail to follow in the way you have set out for us, disregarding your word, turning away from your commandments, and refusing to honor all humankind as your beloved creation. Forgive us and set us back on the right course. Empower us to love and serve you, testifying with our lives to your grace and our gratitude.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

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\* **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**

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)

Anne Gere (9:30)

Chuck Monsma (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 65

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

**ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00) *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer's praise;  
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,  
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.  
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30)

*Children through grade five are invited forward. Following the  
Conversation with Young Disciples, children are invited to go to their  
Sunday School classes with Cindy King.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Colossians 3:12-17

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

**HYMN**

*For the Life That You Have Given*

PLEADING SAVIOR

*Please remain seated to sing until indicated to stand.*

**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;**

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**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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**WELCOME**

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

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory (9:30/11:00)**     *Amazing Grace*

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

**\* 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)**

**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**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

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**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

**For the grace that fills and stirs us, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts that we bring forward, thanks be to God.  
Joys we're sharing, burdens bearing, all for one another caring --  
we are people bound together, thanks be to God.**

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**\* 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**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

John Stanley

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\* 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](http://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 Jim Peggs. **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 George Hendrickson.

**Greeters** are Jennifer Hoy, Barbara Mueller, John and Dawn Pankopf, and Marilyn Gibson. **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, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Jeannette Middleton at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds 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 Linda Koopman, Katie Parker, Elsa Stuber, and Marolin Bellefleur. "Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done."  
– Philippians 4:6

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**Musical leadership** is provided by Michael Fragale, tenor; Gayle Stevens, organ; and Chancel Choir.

**The chancel flowers** are given in gratitude for the work of the 2017 Grace & Gratitude Committee chaired by Pam and Bill Wood. Additional committee members are Brian Baumhover, John LeDuc, Bill Parker, Katie Parker, Chris Queen, and Lee Roberts.

**The pink rosebuds** celebrate the births of Olivia Grace Forger, born October 15, 2016, daughter of Deb and Danny Forger; and Willa Rao Hayes, born September 25, 2016, daughter of Stephen Hayes and Davi Rao and granddaughter of Jane and Dan Hayes.

## **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](http://www.waamradio.com)).

### **Stewardship 2017: GRACE & GRATITUDE**

Today we celebrate Commitment Sunday. Pray and discern what is possible for you to give during 2017, remembering the abundance of God's blessings in your life. Please turn in your commitment form before leaving today. As of Wednesday, October 19, we have received 169 commitments and reached 36% of our 2017 stewardship goal.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Carol Carter, Marge Higley, and Betsy DiMaggio. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. Coffee Hour is sponsored today by the **Grace & Gratitude Annual Giving Work Group** and the **Delonis Center Greeting Card Program**. Learn more about these programs and how you can participate while enjoying cookies, cake, and beverages. We thank these dedicated Delonis Center card program volunteers with big hearts: Joan Bentz, Bob and Jeannine Buchanan, Jane Burton, Amy Hofing, Gabriela McCubbrey, Mary Polkowski, Deborah Ternes, Linda Upton, and Karen Walter.

### **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.

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**Mids, our middle school youth group**, participated in yesterday's work day at Cass Community Center. They do not meet tonight.

**Keystones, our high school youth group**, meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Next Sunday, October 30, Keys go to the Zap Zone, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**First Pres College Opportunities:**

College students are invited to **First Pres College Lunch** after the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the Welcome Center) and to **First Pres College** at the UM League, Room 2, Wednesday evenings 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. to explore the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, resistance leader, and theologian.

**Common Ground** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "Parenting Today – Parents, Kids, and Social Media." Today's conversation among parents of elementary through high school students is facilitated by Peer Minister Lex Allum.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "A Short History of Islam: The View from Ann Arbor Today." Oft feared and misunderstood, Islam is seen as an extreme faith. Rev. Ed Koster will explore the complex history of Islam and offer insight into the history and practices of this major faith tradition.

**Quad A Brunch** is in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

**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 all in their twenties and thirties to come and build community with us. For more information, contact Rev. Ervin.

**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, have been canceled. We invite you to consider uniting with our church family in membership. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

**Alpha House Ministry**, which provides meals, childcare, and overnight support for children and families who are experiencing homelessness, will be the week of November 14 – 20. Sign up to help on the First Pres website or at the Coffee Hour today. If you have questions, contact Lucie Audette, Wendy Rampson-Gage, Anne Gere, or Nicole Jolliet.

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**There is something for everyone at Wednesday@First!** Join us this Wednesday, October 26. For the best value, make your dinner reservation today. If you pay today (or by noon tomorrow) the cost is \$7. Price at the door is \$9. This week's menu features penne pasta with a tomato cream sauce and pasta primavera with chicken and pesto.

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

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, October 28, 5:30 p.m., at TGI Friday's, 3015 Lohr Road. All are welcome.

**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. **The deadline for submitting names for the bulletin is tomorrow, Monday, October 24.**

**Chancel Choir and soloists will join with the 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.

**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 annual Quad B potluck brunch is next Sunday, October 30** in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Come enjoy delicious food and great conversation! Questions? Please contact Martine Blogin, Quad B Deacon Leader (mblogin@comcast.net; 665-7275). Members of Quad B (Chapels 20 – 28) live near the church (downtown, parts of Geddes, Ann Arbor Hills, Buhr Park, and Burns Park).

**The Philippines Pig Roast is next 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 family). Proceeds will support our Philippine mission projects for education, healthcare, prison ministry, and community development.

**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.

**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. All orders are to be picked up Sunday, November 6, during Coffee Hour. Proceeds provide financial support for

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the Mar Elias Educational Institutions and other Israel/Palestine Mission Team initiatives.

**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.

**Let's Do Detroit!** Sunday, November 13, 5:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Cass Community Social Services culinary program will provide a food extravaganza for the event. The Ambassadors will be on hand to sing and Rev. Faith Fowler will present a program highlighting the new Cass Tiny Homes project. Come enjoy a wonderful meal, great entertainment, and learn how First Pres is becoming more involved in meaningful ministry in Detroit through Cass. Tickets (\$15 per person/\$7.50 for children 10 and under) are available online and in the Church Office.

**Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**The Florida Mission Trip** to the Montgomery Presbyterian Center is over Christmas break. All high schoolers are invited to go and friends are welcome. See RJ for more information about the cost of the trip.

**The Costa Rica Mission Trip** is June 18 – 27. See RJ for more information about this amazing trip.

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