



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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OCTOBER 30, 2016
REFORMATION SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*
Organ setting by Michael D. Costello
Chorale by Georg Neumark, 1657
Handbell setting by John A. Behnke

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

FAITH IN ACTION *Cass Community Social Services*
Marti Wendler (8:00/11:00)
Paul Smith (9:30)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP/HYMN** from Psalm 46, *A Mighty Fortress*

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

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

All Sing:

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

Leader: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**People: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

All Sing:

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.**

Leader: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**People: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

All Sing:

**And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.**

Leader: Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**People: God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.**

Leader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All Sing:

**That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth;
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.**

from Call to Worship, PCUSA, Reformation Day Resources

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin.
We follow the crowd around you but stand apart keeping our
distance. We ask for your mercy and favor, but begrudge your
blessing to others. Forgive us, God of grace. Come to us and save
us, for without you we are lost, but in you our lives are found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Hillig (8:00)
Dan Edwards (9:30)
Downs Herold (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00)

Psalm 46

Carol Muehlig

God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear though the earth be removed: though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled: though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord: what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth: he breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; her burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of Hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge. 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.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30) Rev. Béghin

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 19:1-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

✿ Responding ✿

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

One: It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers.

**All: As the church, we are the salt of the earth.
We are the light of the world.**

One: We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

All: As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed.

One: We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

All: As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death.

One: God conquers irreconciliation, hatred and bitterness.

All: As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience,

One: God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

All: We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation--servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people.

– Adapted from the Belhar Confession, Christian Reformed Church,
edited by Barbara Hedges-Goettl

* HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Be Thou My Vision*

Charles Callahan

* 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 382** *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

Please sing the refrain and response. The soloist will sing the parts of the verses that change each time.

* **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**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

* 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 Sara VanderVoort and Carolyn Schultz. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rev. Ryo will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Jane Bartman.

Greeters are Gail Grady, Jane Myers, David Schmidt, Ellen Johnson, and Marge Higley. **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 Evonne Plantinga, Elsa Stuber, and Michele Derr. "Prayer is where the action is." – John Wesley

Musical leadership for worship includes Yazid Gray, baritone; Benton Degroot, baritone; Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir; and Chancel Choir. The music used in the first half of the worship service is based on hymns, or chorales, coming out of the Reformation, which we are celebrating today. Next year on October 31 will be the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's writing a letter, which came to be known as the *Ninety-five Theses*.

The **chancel flowers** are given by Mark Ouimet in loving memory of his parents, Magdalene and Larry Ouimet.

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 Elsa Stuber and Paula Doering. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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.

Mids (our middle school youth group) Halloween Bash is 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones, our high school youth group**, meet at the Zap Zone, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Pittsburgh Project leaves Friday at 3:15 p.m. Meet at Arborland.

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 does not meet today.

First Couples meets in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for part one of *Refusing to Be Enemies*, a CNN video presentation about Jewish and Palestinian dialogue and the Hand in Hand Schools.

Common Ground meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room for "Gifts of Imperfection: Raising Children with Courage, Compassion and Connection."

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "A Recent View on Refugees from Syria" presented by Kelly Nieman Anderson, Resident Intern at Zion Lutheran Church and a leader in Washtenaw Refugee Welcome. She recently visited Syria and other hot-spots in the Middle East and she will share her experience and perceptions.

Quad B Brunch is in the Social Hall 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, please contact Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are welcome to join the church staff for a brief post-election worship service with Communion at 9:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall on Wednesday, November 9.

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 a.m. Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Fall Family Park Playtime is next Saturday, November 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Burns Park. If you are parents with children through age six, your family is invited to connect and mingle while kids play together. Cider and donuts will be provided. Feel free to just come or let Rev. Ryo know if you are planning on being there.

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.

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. As we are fed at the Lord's Table, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

There is something for everyone at Wednesday@First! Join us this Wednesday, November 2. 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 turkey patties, sweet potato fries, homemade coleslaw, homemade apple crisp, and fruit.

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.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, November 4, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome.

Calling all leaf rakers! Our annual leaf raking day is Saturday, November 19, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy multi-generational fellowship, Washtenaw Dairy doughnuts, and hot drinks. For more information contact Facilities Manager Adrian Prundeanu.

Worship with us next week as we celebrate All Saints' Sunday, November 6. We will remember members of our congregation, family, and friends who have died in the past year.

Chancel Choir and soloists will join with the Michigan Sinfonietta to present the Mozart *Requiem* next 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 thank all who support the Sacred Music Fund to make this All Saints' Sunday presentation possible. If you might be willing to usher or greet for the *Requiem* presentation, please contact Tom Granum.

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 next 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.

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 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 are available online and in the Church Office (\$15 per person/\$7.50 for children 10 and under).

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