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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Chaconne
Fanfare

Susan Nelson
Michael Helman

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Béghin (8:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Ryo (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION *Forward in Mission Fair*

Gale Redding (8:00)
Carol Smith (9:30)
Carole Hendrickson (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Deep inside us all – old and young alike –

All: there is a place of faith,

One: a place of trust and hope and love,
without which there can be no peace.

All: Jesus said, “Let the children come unto me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

One: Hear this, O people of God:

Approach this hour as children of the Almighty,

**All: with innocence of heart and unlimited hope,
with a trust that makes us vulnerable,
and with love that is easy and quick.**

* HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in the waters of baptism you have called us by name and claimed us as your own. In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to live as those who have been given life through you. Renew our hearts. Rejuvenate our lives. This day and always, help us to believe our baptism does make a difference as you mold us into brave and bold disciples of 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

**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

Sharon Sheldon (8:00)
Mary McKeever (9:30)
Cindy Lambrides (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21:1-8

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Sing to the Lord* arr. Alice Parker

Sing to the Lord, ye heavenly hosts, and thou, O earth adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts stand trembling at His power

His sounding chariot shakes the sky; He makes the clouds His throne;
There all the stores of lighting lie, till vengeance darts them down.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams, and from His awful tongue
A sov'reign voice divides the flames and thunder roars along.

Think, O my soul the dreadful day, when this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea and fling His wrath abroad.

Let all that dwell above the sky, and air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift Thy glories high and speak Thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one to bless the sacred Name,
Of Him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb!

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:17-25

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

SERMON

Before They Call, I Will Answer

Rev. Dr. Monnett

🌿 Responding 🌿

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **HYMN 450**

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair (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) *I Shall Not Be Moved*

arr. Alice Parker

Glory! Hallelujah! I shall not be moved.

Anchored in Jehovah . . .

Just like a tree that's planted by the waters . . .

In His love abiding . . . And in Him confiding . . .

Though all Hell assail me . . . Jesus will not fail me . . .

Though the tempest rages . . . On the Rock of Ages . . .

* **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)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

(9:30)

Joe and Lisa (Wolters) Ruggeberg present their daughter, Noelle Elise Ruggeberg, born March 21, 2016, for baptism.

(11:00)

Michael and Lauren (LeDuc) Maier present their son, Frederick John Maier, born August 3, 2016, for baptism.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

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 492**

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

* **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**

* 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 Bryon Thelen-Perry and Polly Pan. **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 Cynthia Wilbanks.

Greeters are Sara VanderVoort, Anne Kloack, John and Dawn Pankopf, and Prue and Dale Heikkinen. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, Karla and Omer Bellfi, Beth Sanderford, and Elsa and Dick Stuber at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Barry and Jeanette Swartz, and Joe and Karen Cox 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 Martha Kershaw, Judy Slade, Linda Lampman, and Carolyn Schultz. "There are many things that are essential to

arriving at true peace of mind, and one of the most important is faith, which cannot be acquired without prayer.” – John Wooden

Musical leadership for worship includes Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Dale Briggs by Nancy Briggs, their daughter Susan Clair, and their son Stephen Briggs.

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 baker** is Elsa Stuber. 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.

A Communion Workshop for elementary school age children and their families is at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. This workshop helps children and parents understand the Sacrament of Communion and how this meal is celebrated in worship. Deborah MacVey and Rev. Ervin are leading the workshop. All families are welcome.

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.

Mids, our middle school youth group, meet in the Curtis Room at 6:00 p.m.. **Keystones**, our high school youth group, meet in the Youth Room at 6:00 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 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 part two 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 "Global and Domestic Impact of Human Trafficking." The presenter is Eric Wells, a UM law student active in both local and global efforts to curb human trafficking.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room for "A Short History of Islam: The View from Ann Arbor Today." Examine the history, theology, and culture of Islam with Rev. Ed Koster as our guide. Karen Armstrong's book *Islam: A Short History* is used as a resource for this series.

The young adult group, T2A2, meets for brunch today at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Meg and Paul Brown. If you are in your twenties or thirties, please come and join us! We will meet in the Welcome Center by 12:15 p.m. to walk over together. See Rev. Ryo or Rev. Ervin for more information.

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.

Let's Do Detroit! is today at 5:30 p.m., in the Social Hall. Enjoy a wonderful meal, great entertainment, and learn how First Pres is becoming more involved in meaningful ministry in Detroit through Cass Community Social Services. A few extra tickets are available. Please see Paul Smith or Sue Jeffers in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour. Tickets are \$15 and \$ 7.50 for those under 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to attend the EMU Choir Fall Concert: *Songs of Love, Hope and Wonder* in our sanctuary this Friday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Join First Pres! The next new member class is next Sunday, November 20, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We invite you to unite with our church family in membership. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

Long-time First Pres Maintenance Manager Mike Wright has retired. At Coffee Hour next Sunday, November 20, cards of thanksgiving will be available to sign. If you would prefer, you may bring your own cards and notes.

Kristine Clair Uchi Galano, fifteen year old Filipina violinist, will give a free recital in our sanctuary Saturday, November 26, at 4:00 p.m. The recital, supported by SHAR music and First Pres, will include works by Bach, Paganini, and Ernst. Don't miss meeting this wonderful young woman and enjoying her amazing musical gift!

GRACE & GRATITUDE Update: As of Monday, November 7, we have received commitments for \$1,304,945 and reached 77% of our 2017 stewardship goal.

Support the work of the Haiti Mission Team by purchasing frozen homemade apple pies (\$12) and Haitian rum cakes (\$30 large; \$8 small). Preorder and pay online. Pies and cakes may be picked up at the Mission Bazaar, Sunday, November 20.

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

Alpha House Ministry which provides meals, childcare, and overnight support for children and families who are experiencing homelessness, is this week. Sign up to help online or at Coffee Hour today.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, November 18, 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

Please contact the Church Office for the following:

- order a First Pres name tag (\$8 for either a magnetic or clip style)
- request to have your child baptized
- inform us of any changes to your basic contact information
- let us know if you are hospitalized
- purchase a bag of Fair Trade coffee (\$12) for use at home

New this fall – there’s no need to call or visit the church to request a room for a meeting space or to submit a work order at First Pres! Check out the online form under “Signups/Forms” on our website.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry/Transitional Campus Minister

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Reverend Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Peer Ministers:

Lex Allum

Jenna Harms

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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