



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

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

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**      *We, Thy People, Praise Thee*      Franz Joseph Haydn

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!  
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!  
For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,  
Songs of glory, song of triumph, to our God and King.

*Variations on a Theme by Haydn*      Johannes Brahms  
arr. John Whitney

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**      Rev. Buckley (8:00)  
Rev. Parks-Piatt (9:30/11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**      *Mission Bazaar*      Martha Kershaw (8:00)  
Marcey Terrien (9:30)  
Bob Wallin (11:00)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**All: God's love endures forever.**

One: God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

**All: I will praise the Lord at all times;**

**God's praise will always be on my lips.**

**INTROIT** (9:30/11:00)      *Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Michael Rosewall

\* **HYMN 555**      *Now Thank We All Our God*

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*At the 9:30 service, the Children's Choir will sing Stanza 1 and the congregation will stand to sing Stanzas 2-3.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, creator of us all, we confess that evidence of our gratitude to you is not always what it should be. We assume your grace and fail to express our appreciation through our words and actions. We are blessed by your generosity and reluctant to show similar generosity to others. Open our hearts to you, that we may abide in a spirit of gratitude and live to show forth your praise.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

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## 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."*

### \* GLORIA PATRI

**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

Margie Perrett (8:00)

Jennifer Griggs (9:30)

Susan Prakken Smith (11:00)

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 100

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

### PSALM RESPONSE Psalm 100

Hal H. Hopson

*Please sing when indicated:*

**Make a joyful noise, to the Lord, alleluia, amen!**

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

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

Rev. Rogers

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

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

### SERMON

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (8:00)

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

## Responding

### \* HYMN 559

*We Gather Together*

KREMSER

### WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Koenig-Reinke (11:00)

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

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory (9:30/11:00)** *Thanksgiving*

Charles Callahan

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\* **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 551**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Marche triomphale on  
"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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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 Jean Song and Ann Nicklas. The **Church Office** is staffed by Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Carol German and Catherine Kendall at 9:30 a.m. and Jerry and Lorna Prescott and Marilyn Gibson at 11:00 a.m. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Nancy Fox at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, Omer Bellfi, Beth Sanderford, Elsa Stuber, Dick Stuber, and Chris Queen at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter

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Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Barry Swartz, Jeanette Swartz, Joe Cox, and Karen Cox at 11:00 a.m. **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Prayer team members** are Nancy Fox, Judy Slade, and Annette Fraser following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Don and Gale Redding following the 11:00 a.m. service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “Anything you say from your heart to God is a prayer.” – Anne Lamott

**Musical leadership** includes Orchestra, Children’s Choir, and singers from the Youth 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; and in loving memory of Nancy Deromedi by her family.

## **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)).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Karen Gardstrom and 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.

### **Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**There is no All-Youth Munch & Mingle** today but there will be donuts in classrooms.

**Sunday School (grades 6 & 7) and Confirmation (grade 8) Classes** begin at 9:30 a.m. There are no high school classes today because of the Chicago trip this weekend.

**Youth Choir** (grades 6 - 12) rehearses at 4:30 p.m.

**Mids, our middle school youth group**, meet in the Youth Room, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for “Build Your Own Pizza & Movie Night.”

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** is engaged in a study of the book of Acts in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome for study and robust discussion.

**First Friends** meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. for a Wired Word presentation, “Colombians on Opposing Sides of Conflict Exchange Letters to Build Trust and Work for Peace.”

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to discuss *The Remarkable Ordinary: How to Stop, Look, and Listen to Life*, by Frederick Buechner. Presenters are Revs. Rogers, Buckley, and Koenig-Reinke.

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**Our Campus Ministry, UKirk@UMich,** invites all college students to meet in the Welcome Center after the 11:00 a.m. service each Sunday so we can treat you to lunch. We also invite you to attend “Wednesdays @ 8:00,” a weekly gathering for fellowship and faithful conversation at the Michigan League. For more information, see Revs. McGowan or Buckley.

**“First Forum: Overcoming Racism”** is today, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Each “First Forum” is an opportunity for open dialogue, respectful conversation, and faithful disagreement. A light lunch will be served. Today William Hampton, Ann Arbor community leader and activist for social justice, will facilitate our discussion. Mr. Hampton currently serves as President of the Ann Arbor NAACP and is President-elect of Ann Arbor Kiwanis.

**T2A2 Small Group** meets at 7:00 p.m. at Chris Wahl’s house. Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite all in their 20s and 30s to come and build community with us. For more information, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt (dparks-piatt@firstpresbyterian.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Letting Love Show – Stewardship Update:** As of November 14, 387 pledges totaling \$1,310,334 have been received. This represents 77.1% of our \$1,700,000 goal. If you have not turned in your pledge yet, First Pres still needs your help as we begin planning the 2018 budget. Thank you!

**Mature Singles** meet this Friday, November 24, 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road. All are welcome.

**Our annual Pancake Supper for UM students** is Tuesday, December 12, at 10:00 p.m. Volunteers are need to serve, setup, cleanup, do promo, greet, and mingle. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Buckley. Visit <https://firstpresbyterian.wufoo.com/forms/pancake-supper/> to volunteer.

**Flu season is coming. Have you had your shot yet?** Check with your primary caregiver or pharmacy if you have not yet received yours. We want our church to be a healthy church! Please note that First Pres will not have a flu shot clinic this year.

**Show grace and our gratitude to those who have served our country by offering overnight stays for spouses of veterans coming to the VA Hospital for surgery.** All that is needed is a place to sleep in your spare bedroom. No fuss, no food, just a friendly welcome, a few overnights, and directions to the hospital, once or twice a year. Our dear Nancy and Dale Briggs did this for many people over the years. We can continue their good deeds. Contact Carolyn Schultz (momschultz@juno.com or 975-4219) for answers to your questions.

**Join us for an all-church outing to a UM Women’s basketball game** on Wednesday, November 29, for UM vs. Notre Dame, a 6:00 p.m. game. Tickets are just \$3 per person. Information on easy parking will be available soon. Sign up by emailing Rev. Rogers or in the Church Office. We will order the tickets and have them when you arrive. Let’s go Blue!

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**A rare evening New Member Class is coming soon!** If you are interested in becoming a member, join us on Wednesdays, November 29 and December 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in the Lewis Room and join First Pres on Sunday, December 10. The classes are informative, fun, and a meaningful way to learn more about First Pres, the PC(USA), our church staff, and your fellow members! (The next class will be late winter 2018.) To sign up, email Rev. Rogers or contact the Church Office (662-4466).

**“Light Dawns on a Weary World” Christmas Hymn Festival and Reception** is Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 p.m. Following the festival, all are invited to a strolling reception with refreshments served in different parts of the building. Crèches from around the world will be on display. This is a wonderful event meant for the whole family to attend together. For those who would like childcare for children under age two, make a reservation by contacting Debbie MacVey (dmcvey@firstpresbyterian.org) no later than December 12.

**Ten Thousand Villages** markets handicrafts from the developing world in order to provide artisans with a fair wage for their work. This year, the store, located at 303 South Main Street, is offering a special Community Shopping Event from November 27 through December 8. The store will donate 15% of total net sales from an organization’s supporters to that organization. So shop there yourselves, and invite others to do so as well, asking them to designate First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, as the recipient of the donation. Donations will go to our Mission Committee, to support local and international mission.

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**PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor  
Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor  
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children’s Education and Family Ministries  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries  
Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister  
Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister  
Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister  
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