



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE (9:30/11:00)

Variations on *St. Anthony's Chorale*

Johannes Brahms
arr. John Whitney

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, songs of triumph to our God and King.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

FAITH IN ACTION *190 Years of Congregational Life*

Sara Vander Voort (8:00)
Marti Wendler (9:30)
Gail Grady (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION (9:30/11:00)

Grace and Gratitude

John LeDuc

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all;

God's compassion is showed to all creation.

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**All: We speak of your glory and tell of your power; we make
known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious
splendor of your kingdom.**

One: Let us lift our voices in songs of praise!

CHORAL INTRODUCTION (9:30/11:00)

Now Thank We All Our God arr. Michael Rosewall

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

O may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

* HYMN 555

Now Thank We All Our God

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundance, you surround us with beauty and shower us with blessings. You provide for our needs and hear us when we come to you in prayer. In return, we take your goodness for granted and fail to show a generous spirit to others. We are calculating in what we share and reticent to give freely, as you give to us. Humble us. Open our eyes to the grace that you give and open us to respond in kind.

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

**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 heav'n and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michele Derr (8:00)
Carol German (9:30)
Chris Wahl (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 138

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 2:6-7

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

SERMON

Rev. Ryo (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

Responding

HYMN 559

We Gather Together

KREMSE

Please remain seated and stand for Stanza 3.

Stanza 1 – Chancel Choir

Stanza 2 – Chancel Choir

Please stand to sing.

Stanza 3 – All

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)

Brother James' Air
(The Lord's My Shepherd)

James Leith Macbeth Bain
arr. Douglas Wagner

* 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 551** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* **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** *Variations on St. Anthony's Chorale*

Finale

Johannes Brahms

* 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 is Ann Nicklas. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rev. Rogers will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Katie Parker. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz, Karen Mundus, Val and John Yodhes, and Marilyn Gibson. **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. Prayer team members are Catherine Kendall, Sharon Dort, Jim Lombard, Katie Parker, and Carolyn Schultz. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "Prayer is where the action is." – John Wesley

Musical leadership for worship includes Orchestra, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in thanksgiving for God's grace during the continuity of the service of the Leslie family, Richard D., Dale R., and Graham T., in the US Armed Forces; and in celebration of the marriage of Patrick Mulcrone and Ushashi Dadwal who were married earlier this month.

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

Forward in Mission – Not Your Granny's Bazaar! is in the Social Hall, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Learn more about First Presbyterian's local and global mission work and find out how you can participate. Mission groups represented are Alpha House, Cass Community Social Services, Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee, Friends In Deed, Habitat for Humanity, Haiti Mission Team, Israel/Palestine Mission Team, Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County, Nicaragua Mission Team, Niger Mission, Presbyterian Women, and Russia Mission Team.

Join First Pres! There is a new member class today, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. We invite you to unite with our church family in membership.

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.

Mids, our middle school youth group, and **Keystones**, our high school youth group, do not meet tonight. Both groups meet next Sunday.

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 *The Life and Thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, an exploration in video and discussion.

Common Ground does not meet today so that participants may attend the Forward in Mission Fair.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room today for "A Short History of Islam: The View from Ann Arbor Today," presented by Rev. Ed Koster.

T2A2 Small Group meets off-site today at 6:00 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

Advent begins next Sunday, November 27. Advent, a season of waiting, cultivates our awareness of God's actions – past, present, and future. We heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament prophecies. Our Advent worship will be based on Old Testament texts G. F. Handel used for the musical masterwork *Messiah*. Each Sunday we will hear the Word proclaimed through the spoken word and the solos and choruses from *Messiah*. For December 18 worship, the musical proclamation will be extended to 40 minutes of excerpts from Part I with soloists, choir, and chamber orchestra.

You are invited to participate in a study series for both the music lover and the biblical seeker as we explore the scriptural texts of Handel's *Messiah*. This study offers careful examination of the texts and opens doors to our community in a new way. There are several choices for you to enter this rich study of the *Messiah*. On Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. the pastors of First Pres will lead class sessions in Monteith Hall. There will also be small group discussion sessions throughout the week led by pastors, retired pastors, and skilled discussion leaders. Sessions will be scheduled based on interest and availability. To sign up for a discussion series, please contact Rev. Sanderford.

The Men's Friday Morning Study Group will meet December 2 and 16 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee, study, and conversation as we study Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, and discuss practical, down-to-earth matters of faith. Contact Rev. Sanderford for more information.

The Boy Scout Troop 7 Wreath Sale is November 27 and December 4 during Coffee Hour. There are two sizes of wreaths handmade from fresh greens for sale. A 28" wreath is \$40 and a 24" wreath is \$30. Deck the halls and support Boy Scout Troop 7 chartered by First Pres in 1927.

Kristine Clair Uchi Galano, fifteen year old Filipina violinist, will give a free recital in our sanctuary next 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!

Stewardship 2017 – GRACE & GRATITUDE Update: As of Tuesday, November 15, we have received commitments for \$1,328,501, 78% of our 2017 stewardship goal.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, November 25, 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

Our annual Pancake Supper is Tuesday, December 13. As the semester winds down, students are working hard, and our hospitality goes a long way. We expect to serve over 300 hungry students from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Volunteers are needed to help with outreach, setup, tear down, cooking, and serving. Please sign up on the church website or contact Peer Minister Jenna Harms (712-299-1971). Monetary donations are needed as well. To contribute, make your check out to First Presbyterian Church with "Pancake Supper" on the memo line.

First Pres opens its doors again, January 2-16, 2017, to provide sleeping space for up to 25 men directed here by the Shelter Association. Last winter more than 100 First Pres volunteers helped us provide shelter for this group of prescreened men who have no place to live. We are looking for evening (7:00 – 10:00 p.m.) and overnight hosts each night, and morning (around 7:00 a.m.) drivers on the weekends. Help by donating hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear. Veteran volunteers will be present to help orient others. Sign up at our church website, or on the board in the Welcome Center. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeanette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036) for more information.

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

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Reverend Angela Ryo

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