



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



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Gathering

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

FAITH IN ACTION

Rotating Shelter

Margie Perrett (8:00)
John Whittier-Ferguson (9:30)
Jim Douglass (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep.
Whoever enters by me will be saved."

All: Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly.

One: The world in weary darkness waits for the new heaven
and the new earth.

All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

* HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

During this Advent Season, we will light four candles, one for each Sunday before Christmas, as a sign of the coming Christ. Candlelighters today are Marty Reineman (8:00); Matt, Marjo, Grace, Lucy, and Charlie Grabowski (9:30); and Carole and George Hendrickson (11:00). The Children's Choir is assisting at 9:30 a.m.

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: **Advent means coming.**

We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom.

Choral Response *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Comfort, comfort you my people, tell of peace, thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

Prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, you are good to us beyond measure. We know you as our rock and our good shepherd. In Jesus we know you as the bread of life and living water. In him you have made yourself known to us as merciful and forgiving, steadfast and loving. Nonetheless, we have placed our trust in earthly structures and people. We have relied on our own devices rather than trusting in you. We have allowed ourselves to be swayed by lesser gods and allegiances that do not lead to life. Call us back to you. Open our eyes to the truth that only in you can we know true life.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

One: Comfort, comfort you my people, says your God.

Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* 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

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michele Derr (8:00)

Kate Silbert (9:30)

Eric Kaldjian (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:11-18

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:6-11

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

SERMON

Rev. Béghin (8:00)

He Will Feed His Flock Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

Responding

HYMN 521

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

FINEST WHEAT

Please remain seated and sing the refrain each time.

Stanza 1 – soloist

Stanza 2 – choir

Stanzas 3, 4, and 5 – all

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

Elders Marita Servais and Jim Cameron

Joining the church today are Alexis Allum, Dave Deromedi, Mary Engelhardt, Betsy Hammond, John Hammond, Marge Higley, Dee Lamphear, Mary Ellen Mays, Kevin Pipe, Clara Politis, Barbara Richardson, and Kathleen Sienko.

Hymn of Welcome

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00)

from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us. (*Isaiah 7:14b and Matthew 1:23; modified*)

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountains; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Juda, Behold your God! (*Isaiah 40:9*) Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (*Isaiah 60:1*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray. At 9:30 the elements are passed. Please come forward at 11:00 to receive the elements by intinction. Those unable to come forward will be served in their place.

Communion Music from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Then shall the eyes of the blind be open'd, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. (*Isaiah 35:5-6*)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (*Isaiah 40:1; modified*)

Come unto him all ye that labour, that are heavy laden, and he will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of him, for he is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (*Matthew 11:28-29, modified*)

Prayer After Communion

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* **HYMN 3** *Comfort, Comfort You My People* PSALM 42
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

* **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 is Barbara Mueller. **The Church Office** is open this morning 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Rev. Béghin will be in the office until 10:45. Serving during the 11:00 a.m. hour is Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Al and Sheryl Powell, Carolyn Schultz, Ellen Johnson, and Clem and Margo Gill. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marilyn Simpson at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Len Rezmierski, Angela Yang, Olivier Jolliet, Nicole Jolliet, Lee Roberts, Dean Gilchrist, Carol Smith, Jinx Cooke, Dick Cooke, and Kay Fuller, at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Jeanette Middleton, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Nancy Fox and Elsa Stuber after the 9:30 service, and Linda Lampman and Carole Hendrickson after the 11:00 service. Following the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. “The right way to pray is to stretch out our hands and ask of One who we know has the heart of a Father.” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Musical leadership for worship includes Matthew Walker, countertenor; Rachel Barg, alto; Lorna Hildebrandt, soprano; Gayle Stevens, piano; Baroque Chamber Orchestra; and Chancel Choir.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Almira and Hubert White by their daughter, Jean.

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).

Communion Food Offering is today. As we come to the Lord's Table to be fed and nurtured in our faith, we also come to feed others and lend support to those in need. Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor is the recipient of today's financial contributions and food donations.

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. **The Boy Scout Troop 7 wreath sale is today during Coffee Hour.** There are two sizes of handmade wreaths. 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. **Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolates** are on sale during Coffee Hour. Your purchase supports this mission and makes a wonderful Christmas gift. Sales volunteers are Gail Grady and Peggy Jensen.

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 Christmas Pageant parent information meeting is at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room.

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.

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 plan class sessions for the winter and spring of 2017.

Common Ground will join the Exploring the Faith Class in Monteith Hall for the series "Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's *Messiah*."

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Curtis Room today for "Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's *Messiah*." Explore the rich biblical passages of *Messiah* in class sessions led by Rev. Sanderford and the Resident Ministers of First Pres.

The All-Church Christmas Dinner is tonight at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for all who have reservations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent has begun! Advent, a season of waiting, cultivates our awareness of God's actions – past, present, and future. Our Advent worship is based on Old Testament texts G. F. Handel used for the musical masterpiece *Messiah*. Each Sunday we are hearing 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 is offered Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18, 8:30 – 9:15 a.m., in the Lewis Room, led by Rev. Kent Palmquist; Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room, led by Rev. Gary Oliver; and Thursdays, December 8 and 15, 6:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall.

Seasonal Concerts in Our Sanctuary:

A Boychoir Christmas will be held next Saturday, December 10, at 3:00 p.m. This annual concert is presented by the Boychoir of Ann Arbor. Tickets may be purchased through the Boychoir of Ann Arbor (663-5377).

A Winter Concert by the Women's Chamber Chorus will be Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Our annual Pancake Supper is Tuesday, December 13. We expect to serve over 300 hungry college students from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. Volunteers are needed to help with outreach, setup, tear down, cooking, and serving. Monetary donations are needed as well. Please sign up on the church website or contact Peer Minister Jenna Harms (712-299-1971).

Join us for the annual Glacier Hills Advent Lessons and Carols Service, Monday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m., in the Hanson Room.

The Men's Friday Morning Study Group will meet December 16 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. All men are welcome to join us for coffee 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.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, December 9, 5:30 p.m., at Applebee's, 2310 Green Road. All are welcome.

Year-End Finance Information: The IRS requires that we close our books for 2016 on December 31. Make sure you allow time for your donation to reach the office for your contribution to be applied to your 2016 financial statement. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year. A new authorization form, available on our website and in the Finance Office, must be filled out annually.

Mature Ministries is sponsoring a trip to Stratford, Ontario, September 13 – 14, 2017. Join us to see *Guys and Dolls* and *HMS Pinafore*. An optional performance of *Romeo and Juliet* can be added. If you are interested, contact Rev. Rogers or the Church Office immediately to reserve your spot.

Christmas Eve Worship:

Family Worship & Pageant	3:00 p.m.
Lessons and Carols	5:00 p.m. (Prelude begins at 4:30 p.m.)
Lessons and Carols	7:00 p.m. (Prelude begins at 6:30 p.m.)
Candlelight Communion	11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship:

Family Worship	10:00 a.m.
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The church building will be closed December 26 and January 2.

First Pres opens its doors January 2 – 16, 2017, to provide sleeping space for up to 25 men directed here by the Shelter Association.

Volunteers are needed for evening and overnight hosts each night, drivers are needed on weekend morning, and donations of hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear are requested. Sign up on 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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