

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Children are especially welcome in worship today. There are no other services today. **Radio Worship** service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m., on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year-End Finance Information: Please consider making a year-end gift to support the ministries of First Pres! The IRS requires that 2016 books be closed on December 31. Make sure your donation is postmarked by December 31 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.

The church building will be closed December 26 and January 2.

All college students are invited to Maddie Mervis' home, 5153 Oak Hill Court, Ann Arbor, this Tuesday, December 27, 6:00 p.m., for a potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share. RSVP to Maddie by Monday so we have enough of everything.

New Year's Day Worship – January 1, 2017

Family Worship and Communion 10:00 a.m.

Communion Food Collection is next Sunday. 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. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, December 30, 5:30 p.m., at TGI Fridays, 3015 Lohr Road. All are invited to a New Year's Open House at the home of Marcy Toon January 1, 1:00 p.m. Contact Marcy (995-2519) if you would like to attend.

Full programming returns Sunday , January 8, for Children's, Youth, and Adult Ministries.

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 Minister:

Lex Allum

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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DECEMBER 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY

FAMILY WORSHIP

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.



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We gather today to celebrate the nativity of Christ and the mystery of the incarnation. "Whereas during Advent we anticipate the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah, at Christmas we identify with the angels who proclaimed, 'Glory to God in the highest'; with the shepherds, who were afraid but nevertheless offered worship; and with Mary, who pondered the meaning of these events in her heart (Luke 2:13-20)." – from *The Worship Sourcebook*

CAROL SING

Rev. Dr. Fair

Rev. Ervin

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Béghin

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Great news! For us is born this day a Savior who is Christ the Lord!

All: **Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill!**

One: No longer are we in darkness, for the light of Christ shines.

All: **We bow before the Lord to worship him. Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

* HYMN 41

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

* HYMN 28

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

* PRAYER OF PRAISE Rev. Sanderford

Great God, we praise you for the glory in which we stand, the glory of the Lord which emanates from the newborn child Jesus and illumines the life we are to live. We praise you for the trust of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, and the testimony of shepherds. We praise you for the hope we find in you and stand in awe that you have chosen to come and live with us. As we move into the future, keep us ever-aware that your light goes before us to show us the way. We pray through Jesus the Christ, Son of God and Prince of Peace. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION OF A NEW REALITY (from Ann Weems' poem, *Godburst*)

When the Holy Child is born into our hearts
there is a rain of stars
a rushing of angels
a blaze of candles
this God burst into our lives.

* SHARING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Please greet one another in the joyful spirit of Christmas.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brad Taylor

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 52:7-10

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Ryo

PROCLAMATION

Rev. Dr. Fair

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 1:1-5, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

* HYMN (*see insert*)

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

WELCOME

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

* Doxology

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Rogers

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.

* HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love. . . .

* POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships
Ding Dong, Merrily on High

Traditional carols

* Please stand 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 and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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Welcome to all! Please know that everyone, including visitors and newcomers, is 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 **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, immediately following the service. Prayer team members are Nancy Fox and Tom Brandt. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Dick Cooke (captain), Jinx Cooke, Anna Cooke, Beth Sanderford, Sandy Talbott, and John Yao. **Greeter** is Catherine Kendall. **Office volunteer** is Jane Bartman.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Elliott Herman Krummert, son of Sarah Untch and Matthew Krummert born December 15, 2016. Elliott's grandmother is Carol Krehbiel Chonoska. First-time great grandparents are Martha and David Krehbiel.

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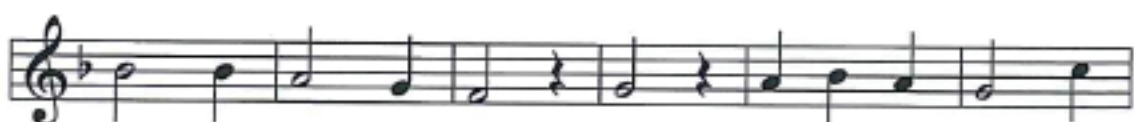
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 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!



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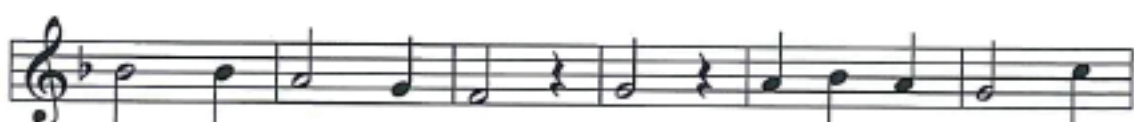
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