### **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Childcare is provided for children through age five. 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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the worship service.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Year-End Finance Information:** The IRS requires that we close our books for 2015 on December 31. Make sure you allow sufficient time for your donation to reach the office for your contribution to be applied to your 2015 financial statement. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year, and a new authorization form must be filled out annually. It is available on the First Pres website or in the Finance Office.

The church building will be closed December 28 and January 1.

**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.

**Next Sunday, January 3, at all morning services,** plan to arrive ten minutes early to sing Christmas hymns/carols before the services begin. Tom Granum will lead us from the piano in some of the carols we haven't already sung this season. If you have a special request of a hymn or carol from the hymnbook, please contact Tom Granum.

#### **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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

Reverend Dr. James Monnett, Director of Youth Ministry

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Peer Ministers:

Alexis Allum

Andy Spaulding

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Lynnette Conner, Finance Manager

Adrian Prundeanu, Facilities Manager

Linda Robinson, Office Manager

Michael Wright, Maintenance/Repair Manager

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DECEMBER 27, 2015 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 10:00 a.m.

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* 

### **PRELUDE**

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: He came as a baby in a manger.

All: O come, let us adore him.

One: He came in a lowly stable.

All: O come, let us adore him.

One: Shepherds brought their worship.

All: O come, let us adore him.

One: Angels sang his praise.

All: O come, let us adore him.

One: Magi brought their gifts.

All: O come, let us adore him.

One: What shall we do?

All: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

from The Worship Sourcebook

\* **HYMN 41** O Come, All Ye Faithful Adeste fidelis

Please stand to sing.

Stanza 1 – harmony

Stanza 2 – harmony

Stanza 3 - unison (with descant from Hymn 42)

ORGAN O Come, All Ye Faithful Charles Callahan

**READING** Kelsey King

HYMN 48 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming ES IST EIN' ROS' Please remain seated to sing following an extended introduction. Stanza 1 – unison Stanza 2 – harmony Stanza 3 – unison This flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere. Mortal, yet very God, From sin and death now saves us, And lightens ev'ry load. **ORGAN** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming **Johannes Brahms READING** Daniel Ervin HYMN 61 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime UNE JEUNE PUCELLE *Please remain seated to sing following an extended introduction.* Stanza 1 – unison Stanza 2 – unison Interlude Stanza 3 – unison **READING** HYMN 23 Angels We Have Heard on High **GLORIA READING** HYMN 44 (Stanzas 1-2) O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS O Little Town of Bethlehem Paul Manz HYMN 43 (Stanzas 3-4) O Little Town of Bethlehem FOREST GREEN **READING HYMN 31** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing **MENDELSSOHN** An extended introduction will precede the congregation's standing to sing. Stanza 1 – harmony Stanza 2 – harmony Short interlude Stanza 3 – unison (with descant from Hymn 32) **SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 2:9-10

**HOMILY** 

**HYMN 27** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Please remain seated to sing.

Stanza 1 – harmony

Stanza 2 – harmony

Stanza 3 – unison

WELCOME Rev. Sanderford

## **OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

OffertoryLivre de NoëlsLouis-Claude DaquinX. Noël: Grand jeu et Duo

# 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.

HYMN 40 Joy to the World! ANTIOCH

An extended introduction will precede the congregation's standing to sing.

Stanza 1 – harmony

Stanza 2 – harmony

Stanza 3 – unison

# \* 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....

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Following the response, you may greet the worshipers near you saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

Rev. Béghin

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.

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 **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 Michele Derr, Nancy Fox, and Jim Lombard. The **ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Dean Gilchrist, Jinx Cooke, Dick Cooke, Jeannette Middleton, and Jim Douglass. The **greeters** are Gary and Nancy Oliver and Catherine Kendall. **Office volunteer** is Martha Petroski.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand in body or spirit.