



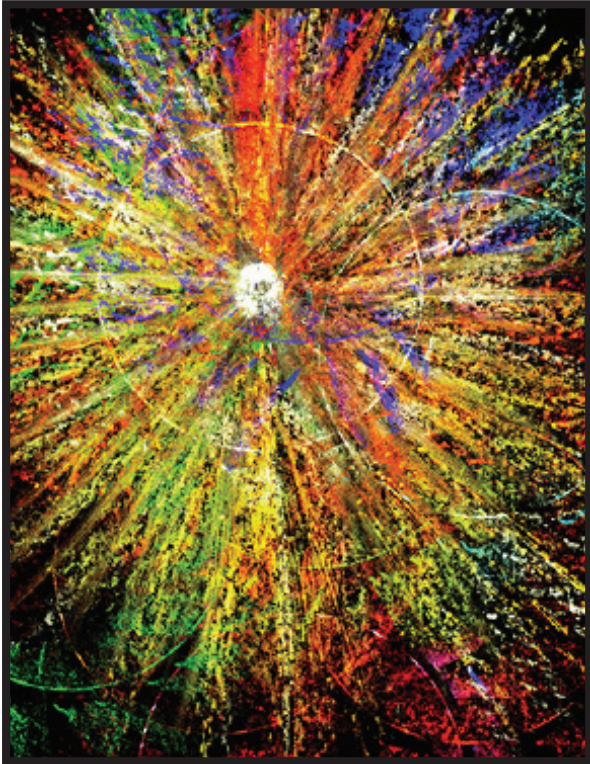
# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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DECEMBER 31, 2017  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
FAMILY SUNDAY

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
10:00 a.m.



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## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

### PRELUDE

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford

### CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God from the heavens.**

One: Young men and women alike,

**All: old and young together!**

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord,

**All: whose name alone is exalted above earth and heaven.**

**Alleluia!**

### CAROL SING

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**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION**

**Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*from Book of Common Worship*

**ACCLAMATION OF A NEW REALITY**

**Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,  
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope  
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.  
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,  
Come the way of friendship...**

**Hope is born again in the faces of children  
It rides on the shoulders of our aged  
as they walk into their sunsets.**

**Hope spreads around the earth, brightening all things.**

*from Amazing Peace, by Maya Angelou*

**\* 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!**

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Erin Tichenor

**SCRIPTURE READING** Luke 2:22-40

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

**SERMON**

*Everyday Saints*

Rev. Parks-Piatt

 **Responding** 

**CAROL SING**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

John Rutter

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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**

**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**

**CAROL SING**

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Joy to the world! The savior reigns:  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

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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**. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

**Welcome to all!** Please know that all, including guests 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 is Barbara Mueller.

**Today is Family Sunday.** Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through age two. Christian education classes for all ages and full children's and youth programming return next Sunday, January 7.

**The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Jackson Harte Siddall, son of Wendy and Woody Siddall, born December 15, 2017. Grandparents are Dick and Sue Righeterink.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Ron David, Lynn David, Dean Gilchrist, Angela Yang, Carol Smith, Jim Douglass, Brady West, Jennifer Sansbury, Gage Sansbury, and Spaulding Clark. **Sound system operator** is Bryan Magnuson.

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**The church building** will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 1.

**Communion Food Collection is next Sunday.** As we are fed at the Lord's Table, 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.

**Year-End Finance Information:** Please support the ministries of First Presbyterian Church with your year-end gifts. The IRS requires that books for 2017 be closed today, December 31. 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.

**2018 contribution envelopes** for those who requested them are available outside the Finance Office.

**A call for book donations - First Pres' Twenties and Thirties of Ann Arbor (T2A2) will study Adam Hamilton's *Half Truths* in January.** If you studied the book this fall and are willing to donate your copy for a young adult/graduate student on a budget, please contact Rev. Parks-Piatt and drop the book off at the Church Office.

**First Pres hosts the Rotating Shelter January 8 – 22, 2018.** Sleeping space will be provided for 25 men referred by the Shelter Association. Evening volunteers and overnight hosts are needed each night. Drivers are needed on weekend mornings and donations of hot food, snacks, gloves, hats, socks, hand warmers, and new long underwear are requested. Contact Rev. Rogers, Jeannette Middleton (msjett@aol.com), or John Yodhes (677-4036), or the Church Office to find out how you can help.

**Save the date for our Women's Retreat.** Our retreat will be March 9 – 10 at Maumee Bay State Park. Sign-ups will begin in January.

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