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JANUARY 25, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY *Holy, Holy, Holy!* Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers (8:00)
Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

INTROIT (9:30) *Heilig (Holy)* Felix Mendelssohn
Holy, holy, holy is God the Lord, Lord of hosts! All the nations are filled with
Thy renown. Hosanna sing on high! And praise be he who comes in the
name of the Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 6:1-3 Rev. Conrad (9:30)

One: In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne,
high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

**All: Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings:
with two they covered their faces, and with two they
covered their feet, and with two they flew.**

One: And one called to another and said:

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.**

* **HYMN 138** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
in Jesus Christ you have taken our human existence,
to redeem us from the brokenness of our sin.
Yet we hide from your light; we resist your rule.
We fail to proclaim the good news of your love.
Even when we strive to fulfill your will,
we fall too easily back into disobedience.

Grant us your mercy, God of grace.
Do for us what we cannot do for ourselves:
establish in us the righteousness you desire.
Give us your Spirit to lead us in the life of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of your holy name.

from *Call to Worship*

SILENT CONFESSION

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as people of God. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumph of God's grace!**

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Greg Detmer (8:00)

Dan Edwards (9:30)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 62:5-12

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30) Rev. Rogers

Children through grade five are invited forward to meet with a pastor.

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 9:16-23

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

For the Sake of the Gospel

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

*** HYMN 355**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

NETTLETON

WELCOME

Rev. Roederer (9:30)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of glory mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love, so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

* **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)

See Communion Liturgy Card

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 371**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

* 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.

Please be seated after the Congregational Response as the Annual Meeting will immediately begin. All are welcome to stay for the meeting although visitors are welcome to leave if they prefer.

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 Roy Mast. **Church Office volunteer** is Martha Petroski.

Greeters are Bob and Mary Anne Pierce at 9:30 a.m. David and Carol Downton will greet you after the Annual Meeting at the luncheon.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00; and Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Len Rezmierski, Kerry Colligan, Merri Lynn Colligan, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby at 9:30 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Vance Room. Prayer team members are Meg Brown and Paul Kirton. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening." – Mahatma Gandhi

Chancel flowers are given in gratitude to God for the faithful service, now complete, of our outgoing deacons and elders in the class of 2014: Elders Ann Andrews, Paul Brown, Tom Crawford, Jane Hayes, Prue Heikkinen, Henry Johnson, Jane Kinzinger, and Paul Smith; and Deacons Joe Armstrong, Catherine Baker, Rob Bauman, Sue Beutler, Mira Collins, Steve Ennis, Becky Gaffney, Nancy Heers, Diane Johnston, Josh King, Deb Lisull, Holly Major-price, John Nicklas, Sue Riggerink, Nickie Sorter, Bill Upton, Sara Vander Voort. Special thanks to Karla Olson Bellfi, Peggy Hodgson, Karen Gardstrom, and John Yodhes for remaining on the board for one more year beyond their terms to help support the Board of Deacons' ministry to our congregation.

A rosebud welcomes Felicity Katherine Millward, daughter of Lynn and Phil Millward, born January 11, 2015.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. and 7:07 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on the website, www.waamannarbor.com.

The Annual Meeting is held immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. There is no 11:00 a.m. worship today. As part of the business meeting, we will receive reports from the committees of the church and vote on changes to our installed pastors' terms of call. Activities for combined elementary school aged children are available in Room 405 and preschool childcare on the 200 Level continues during the Congregational meeting. Children join their families for lunch in the Social Hall.

Everyone is invited to the All-Church Luncheon following the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. It's time to celebrate our rich history, our current efforts to serve Christ, and God's ongoing work among us. A delicious lunch prepared by Chef Christine will be held in the Social Hall for \$5 per person/\$20 per family.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. Elementary school age children, whose parents are attending the Annual Meeting, will gather in Room 404 for an activity. Teachers will accompany the children to Room 404. Parents can meet their children there after the meeting but before the lunch. Younger children can remain in their classrooms on the 200 level during the Annual Meeting and can be met there following the meeting.

Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up, a class for 4th and 5th graders, meets at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104. The corresponding class for parents whose children are enrolled in the class meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle meets in the 100 level hallway with Washtenaw Dairy donuts and catching up at 9:20 a.m. **Sunday School classes** meet 9:30 –10:30 a.m. 6th/7th graders are in Room 104 and 8th grade Confirmation meets in the Curtis Room on the 300 level. High school meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level. All youth will come to the Sanctuary during the last hymn.

Youth Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Youth Dinner is in the Founders Room at 5:00 p.m.

Mids Youth Group meets in the Curtis Room for pizza and Wombat. Mids will not meet next Sunday. **Keystones** meet in the Youth Room at 5:30 p.m. Next Sunday Keystones meet off-site for a Superbowl party at 6:00 p.m. See Rev. Dr. Monnett for the location and what to bring.

Campus Ministry Opportunities:

All college students are invited to our *FREE* Campus Dinner tonight at 6:00 p.m., in the Vance and Lewis Rooms. There will be no dinner next Sunday evening.

Adult Education Opportunities:

Adult Education classes do not meet today due to the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Classes resume next Sunday, February 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, will be our guest preacher next Sunday at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. **The Princeton Theological Seminary Choir** will provide musical leadership.

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.

Exploring the Faith adult education class invites all to attend two special classes on *Elijah: The Prophet's Story and the Story of Mendelsohn's Epic Oratorio*. On Sunday, February 1, Dr. Wally Schmeichel continues a study on the biblical prophet Elijah. On Sunday, February 8, Dr. Andrew Kohler, a UM musicologist specializing in German music of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, will give a special presentation on the music

of Mendelsohn's Epic Oratorio, *Elijah*. Both classes are at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.

Looking for a way to share the love this February? Purchase a bag of "Love Buzz" coffee to share with friends and loved ones. Your purchase of Fair Trade coffee at First Pres supports fair wages for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. Coffee will be sold on Sunday, February 1, during Coffee Hour. Coffee can also be purchased in the Church Office during business hours.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, January 30, at 5:30 p.m., at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter/Ann Arbor Road. All are welcome!

Register your child at Triangle Preschool. Triangle Cooperative Nursery School is now accepting applications for 3- and 4-year olds for the 2015–2016 school year. First Pres members receive priority enrollment status for applications submitted prior to February 1. There will be an Open House on Saturday, February 7, 10:00 a.m.–noon, for prospective families to tour the school, meet the teachers and Triangle families, and have questions answered. Light refreshments and children's activities will be offered. To receive an application, call 761-7688, or visit www.trianglecoop.org.

Join us for *Wednesday 2:42* this Wednesday. All are invited to this multi-generational, mid-week program that includes dinner, children's choir and adult education classes. The fun begins with children's choir led by Doris and Tom Granum at 5:15 p.m. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Following dinner there are three terrific adult education classes: "Soul Feast" led by Rev. Jay Sanderford; "Singing our Faith" led by Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries; and "Working Through Grief" led by Rev. Melissa Anne Rogers. Register today online at the church website or by contacting the Church Office.

Meet the Symphony! - All are welcome to join us Sunday, February 1, 1:00–3:00 p.m., for an afternoon with Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra conductor, Arie Lipsky, and guest soprano soloist, Jeanette Vecchione. Meet the artists in an intimate setting for light brunch and conversation hosted at the home of Brad and Simone Taylor. Limited space is available; reserve your spot by contacting Rev. Rogers.

"Tell Me More About This Church!" Is this something you might say? Come and join us for this special Q & A session, to be held Sunday, February 8, at 12:15 p.m., for an hour. Join us for an open conversation with Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, our Pastor/Head of Staff. Lunch and childcare (upon request) provided. What would you like to know? If you are a prospective member, or a regular attender, this could be the class for you! A new member class will take place on March 8, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., with a joining date of March 22. Sign up for either or both events through Rev. Rogers.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series presents "Blended Family Dynamics," with Julie Boyd and Kathleen Jennings, family therapists from Samaritan Counseling of Ann Arbor, February 9, 7:00–8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

A baptism class for parents interested in having their babies or young children baptized will be held Sunday, February 8, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., in the Vance Room. The class will be taught by Rev. Rodawla. Contact the Church Office to register for the class. Childcare is provided.

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
Reverend Renée Roederer, Director of Campus Ministry
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries
Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist
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 Reverend Lindsay Conrad
 Reverend Kristin E. Riegel
 Reverend Lal Rodawla
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Lynnette Conner, Finance Manager
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