



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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FEBRUARY 8, 2015  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAY

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

## Gathering

### VOLUNTARY

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Conrad (8:00)  
Rev. Roederer (9:30)

### CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 47

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: The Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**

One: Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**All: For God is the king of all the earth.**

### \* HYMN 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, you always are ready to guide us and are abundant in your mercy. We confess that we have failed to learn of you or to appreciate your majesty and might. We have taken your many blessings for granted and allowed lesser gods to command our allegiance. Open our eyes to the folly of our ways. Deepen our desire to know you and to serve you. Transform our lives so that they may be songs of praise to you. We ask these things in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### \* 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."*

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**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Vivian Van Renterghem (9:30)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Ephesians 1:15-19

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 to meet with a pastor.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 40:21-31

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*Hope in the Lord*

Rev. Rodawla (8:00)

*Sing Praise!*

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)

 **Responding** 

**\* HYMN 507** (8:00)

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

**SINGING THE FAITH** (9:30)

Alice Parker

**WELCOME**

Rev. Riegel (9:30)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory**

**\* 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**

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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 411** (stanzas 1-3) *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

\* **VOLUNTARY**

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🌿 **Gathering** 🌿

**VOLUNTARY**

*Gavottes I and II*  
by J. S. Bach

Shawn Roberts

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

Emily Newman

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daniel Heidorn

One: Our faith draws us together this day.

Let us trust enough to open our ears and hearts.

**All: We have heard of God's miracles in other times;  
Our ancestors have kept the story alive for us.**

One: Give ear, all people, to God's word for today.

Taste the abundance of God's blessing here and now.

**All: We long for a faith that makes sense today.  
We want to keep the story alive for new generations.**

One: God is here.

**All: We will worship God.**

*Adapted from Fresh Winds of the Spirit 2, Lavon Baylor*

\* **HYMN 464**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**POURING OF THE WATER**

Erin Tichenor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Madison Mervis

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**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

🌿 **Proclaiming** 🌿

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Chase Colligan

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Matthew 14:31-43

**ANTHEM**

*I Will Arise*

by Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus.  
He will embrace me in His arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior.  
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount. I'm fixed upon it.  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.  
Come, thou fount of every blessing.  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Miah McCallister

from *How Long Is God's Nose?* by John Timmer

and Grace Newman

**HOMILY**

Dallas Colligan

**RESPONSE**

*Calm to the Waves*

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be  
still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns.

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HOMILY

Kate Monnett

RESPONSE

**Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.**

**Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."**

**Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.**

**In stillness, hear his voice.**

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HOMILY

Ben Lindstrom

RESPONSE

**Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind.**

**Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."**

**Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end.**

**In stillness, hear his voice.**

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HOMILY

Christina Fosheim-Hoag

RESPONSE

*Calm to the Waves*

 **Responding** 

WELCOME

Jenna King

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OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory**

*Jig Fugue*  
by J. S. Bach

Clayton Farmer

\* **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**

Sean Tichenor

COMMISSIONING OF THE NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM

Rev. Dr. Fair

Those being commissioned are Gaiden Heatley, Downs Herold, Charlie Rogers, Melissa Anne Rogers, Janie Schaafsma, Lydia Schaafsma, Carol Smith, Paul Smith, Nancy VanderKuy, Gustavo Webb, Lenore Webb, and Oscar Webb.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lily Scheske and Chad Wilson

**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 332** (stanzas 1-3) *Live Into Hope*

TRURO

\* **BENEDICTION**

Christina Fosheim-Hoag

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Live into hope of captives freed,  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

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**This worship service celebrates and is led by the youth of our church.** They serve God in many ways including: helping with church dinners; Big House Mission; Children's, Youth and Chancel Choirs; instrumental worship leadership; raking leaves; mission trips to The Pittsburgh Project and Colorado; Sunday School; Confirmation; MIDS; Keystones; Vacation Bible School; Camp Westminster; Youth Interns; and more. This is an imperfect list of the ministries of your children and youth. Youth ministry is led by the Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett. Please contact him if you would like more information on anything.

The high school youth are preparing for their **summer mission trip to Jalapa, Guatemala**, where they will be leading a Vacation Bible School for over a hundred children and working on construction projects. We have 31 high schoolers from eight different high schools on the mission team. The trip will be led by Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, Rev. Kristin Riegel, Marc Buchanan, Cassie Webster, Ryan Lindstrom, Kelsey King, Alyssa Scheske, and Betsy McCallister. Present high schoolers can still sign up for the trip until March 1. Cost is \$1,500. The trip is June 14–23.

Our children and youth in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett and Debbie MacVey for a great week of summer camp at **Camp Westminster** on Higgins Lake, July 28–August 2. See either RJ or Miss Debbie for more information.

Each week our Youth Ministry is led by faithful teachers and youth leaders. A big thank you to all of them: Larry Peterson, Betsy McCallister, Ginny Bell, Craig Blogin, Diane Hockett, Gail Einhaus, Drew Burton, Margaret Jahnke, Carol Detmer, Cassie Webster, Catie Holmes, Dagmar Schoettle, Doris Granum, Tom Granum, Debra Hutton, and Marc Buchanan.

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**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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Peggy Jensen and Judy Landau. **Church Office volunteers** are Bill and Pat Fuerstenau and Diane Johnston.

**Greeters** are Paul and Meg Brown at 9:30 a.m., and Carson Smith and Steve, Bryon, and Ayden Thelen-Perry at 11:00 a.m.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Wilson, Dean Gilchrist, and Karla Olson-Bellfi at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Karl Gage, and members of the sixth and seventh grade Sunday School class at 11:00 a.m.

**Providing music leadership** for today's worship at the 9:30 a.m. service is Alice Parker, internationally renowned composer, conductor and teacher. Parker began composing at age eight, and wrote her first orchestral score while still in high school. She studied composition and conducting at Smith College and the Juilliard School where she began her long association with Robert Shaw. As Shaw began to organize the Robert Shaw Chorale, he enlisted the young Parker to do research and create choral arrangements for the new touring and recording ensemble. It was at this time that Alice Parker married baritone Thomas Pyle, and for the next twenty years their musical lives revolved around the Shaw Chorale. The many Parker/Shaw settings of American folksongs, hymns and spirituals from that period form an enduring repertoire for choruses all around the world.

Ms. Parker continued to work on her own compositions and arrangements and has composed in all the choral forms from opera to cantata, from sacred anthems to songs on texts by distinguished poets. She has been commissioned by such well-known groups as Chanticleer, the Vancouver Chamber Singers, and the Atlanta Symphony, as well as hundreds of community, school and church choruses. Her works appear in the catalogs of a dozen publishing companies.

Alice Parker continues to win 'converts' to the cause of choral music. Through the Melodious Accord Fellowship Program, mid-career professional musicians are brought together for inspiration and refreshment in their teaching, composing and conducting under her mentorship. Her techniques have encouraged a generation of music teachers and choral conductors to think about music and the act of conducting in new ways. No less an authority than Robert Shaw himself has said of Parker that "...she possesses a rare and creative musical intelligence."

Now a resident of western Massachusetts, Parker has published books on melodic styles, choral improvisation and church music. The recipient of many honors, she has written textbooks, been the subject of five videos showing her work on hymns and folksongs with amateur choirs, and continues to compose and arrange music, and travel around the country sharing her passion for choral music and congregational song.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the services. Prayer team members are Malcolm Powers and Gale Redding at 9:30 a.m., and Jane Kinzinger and Ginny Rezmierski at 11:00 a.m. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Our prayers must mean something to us if they are to mean anything to God." – Maltbie D. Babcock

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**Chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Peg Molin by her husband, Keith Molin.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 a.m. and 7:07 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Youth Sunday will be celebrated at the 11:00 service. **Radio worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, [www.waamannarbor.com](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Karla Olson-Belfi, Marlene Stoeffler, and Marcia Van Tuyl. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We are proud to serve Fair Trade coffee at First Pres in support of fair wages for coffee farmers.

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds.

**"Amazing Stuff: God's Gift for Growing Up," a class for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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:**

**Youth Choir** does not meet today.

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

**Mids Youth Group** meets in the Curtis Room at 5:30 p.m., and **Keystones** meet in the Youth Room at 5:30 p.m.

**Registration for the Guatemala Mission Trip**, June 14–23, closes March 1. See RJ for all the information.

### **Campus Ministry Opportunities:**

All college students are invited to our free Campus Dinner on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m., in the Vance and Lewis Rooms.

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library. Come explore Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**First Couples** meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall for spiritual growth, learning, fellowship, and support for couples and individuals. The current series explores the DVD *God Is Not Dead*, a story that weaves six lives into a journey of faith, denial, doubt, trust, and transformation.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Dr. Andrew Kohler, a musicologist from UM, gives a special presentation on the music of Mendelssohn's epic oratorio, *Elijah*, to be performed at Hill Auditorium on Saturday, February 14, at 8:00 p.m.

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**“Tell Me More About This Church!”** is today at 12:15 p.m., in the Vance Room. If you are a prospective member or a regular attender, join us for an open conversation with Rev. Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, our Pastor/Head of Staff. Lunch is provided. A new member class will take place March 8, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., with a joining date of March 22. Contact Rev. Rogers or the Church Office if you are interested in attending the new member class.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us this Wednesday for the final *Wednesday 2:42* program.** All are invited to this multi-generational, mid-week program that includes dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, Children’s Choir before dinner, and adult education classes after dinner. Register on the church website or by contacting the Church Office.

While *Wednesday 2:42* does end this week, our Wednesday gatherings for spiritual nourishment, fellowship, and supper together do not end. Mark your calendars and join us **Ash Wednesday**, February 18, for these opportunities:

**Family Worship Service** in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

**All-Church Dinner** in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m.

**Ecumenical Taizé Worship Service** in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday evenings in Lent, join us for ***The Lenten Experience: Ponder the Psalms.*** Come for a soup and salad supper at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. From 6:40–7:30 p.m., take your dessert to an assigned room for a small group discussion about the Psalm of the week. If you prefer an early evening, there is a Psalm study group scheduled for 5:15–6:00 p.m. A pastor will lead your discussion group which will focus on scriptural study and deepening fellowship. The psalm and topic we will discuss will be the focus of the next Sunday’s sermon. Children’s activities will be held during the discussion time. The program is \$6 each Wednesday, or \$30 for the five-part series. Families pay no more than \$100 total.

All who attend dinner are encouraged to participate in a discussion group. If you usually come only for the meal, this will add only a half-hour to your evening, and the spiritual discipline of psalm study during Lent will enhance the season and deepen your faith. Please register ahead of time by contacting the Church Office or online as you will be assigned to a discussion group. Note that Children’s Choir rehearsals proceed as normal at 5:15 p.m.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Creekside, 5827 Jackson Road. All are welcome!

**Quad C Brunch is Sunday, February 22.** Members of Quad C and their family and friends are invited to attend their annual potluck brunch. The festivities begin in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please join us to meet your fellow Chapel members, get to know your deacon, and to share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal. For more information, contact your deacon or Quad C Leader Polly Pan (ppan3650@sbcglobal.net).

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**Journey with us on the Food Justice Bus Tour to Detroit**, February 11, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Travel by bus on this interfaith excursion to learn about the work of several food justice organizations in Detroit. The trip includes three stops and lunch at ROC-COLORS restaurant. The price of \$35 student/senior or \$40 regular includes transportation, all tour fees, lunch and a snack. To register, contact Rev. Riegel.

**It's not too late to share a bag of "Love Buzz" coffee with friends and loved ones this Valentine's Day.** Your purchase of Fair Trade coffee at First Pres supports fair wages for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serve Fair Trade coffee at all church events. Coffee may be purchased in the Church Office during business hours.

**Offering envelopes are here.** If you requested envelopes, please pick them up in the Church Office today to save postage costs. If you have not requested envelopes but would like to have them, complete the green request card in the Church Office, or contact Lynnette Conner, Finance Manager.

**New interfaith book study now forming.** Starting in early March, a new book group will meet twice to discuss "Faith in Food," which explores the connections between food and faith in different religions. On March 19, we'll gather with friends from different faith traditions to engage in interfaith dialogue. To join this book study, contact Rev. Riegel.

**Everyone is invited to join Hilltoppers at noon this Thursday, February 12**, for an engaging presentation by Dr. Anne Curzan, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of English at UM. Dr. Curzan's topic is "Txtng, Teaching, and the Future of the English Language." The cost is \$5 which includes a hot lunch prepared by Chef Christine. Contact the Church Office to register.

**Baptism classes** are offered March 8 and April 19. If you are interested in having your child baptized at First Pres or if you are an adult who has not been baptized, please consider attending one of these classes. The class is required for those who wish to present a child for baptism. To register for a class, contact the Church Office.

**"Blended Family Dynamics,"** a discussion with Julie Boyd and Kathleen Jennings, family therapists from Samaritan Counseling of Ann Arbor, takes place February 9, 7:00–8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. This event is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry Program.

**You are invited to participate in *Suds and Sheets*,** a Cass Community mission project. During the month of February donations of laundry detergent and paper towels will be accepted. Look for the donation basket in the Welcome Center.

**The annual "Blankets Plus" offering is about neighbors helping neighbors.** For 69 years congregations have joined together with Church World Service to help eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice. This annual drive provides blankets for disaster relief which are specially designed to keep people warm and dry. Funding also provides tents, food, other emergency supplies, and tools. The "Blankets Plus" offering will be received at First Pres on February 22.

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## **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  
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    Reverend Kristin E. Riegel  
    Reverend Lal Rodawla  
Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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