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FEBRUARY 22, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* Raymond Haan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Rev. Conrad (9:30)
Rev. Roederer (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Search me and know me, O God.

All: Help us, for we see but in a mirror dimly.

One: Open our eyes to the way you would have us go,

**All: that we may walk in your light and serve you
with heart and mind.**

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN 379** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, you have known us and loved us since we were knit together in our mothers' wombs. We are wonderfully and beautifully made, yet we distort your handiwork and turn from your will for our lives. We berate others rather than building them up. We belittle others' concerns rather than sharing their burdens. Help us own our failings and turn from them, that once again we may reflect your light. In Christ's name we pray.

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."

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dale Briggs (8:00)
Carson Smith (9:30)
Susan Ashford (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 13:18-23

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray* C. H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this I pray,
Ever in Thy heart to stay:
Let me evermore abide
Hidden in Thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare,
Or the world a tempting snare,
I am safe, when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still,
Tempt my soul to deeds of ill
Naught I fear when I abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me;
Jesu, cast me not from Thee:
Dying let me still abide
In Thy heart and wounded side.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (9:30/11:00)

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 38:1-9, 21-22

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

SERMON

Rev. Conrad (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

🌿 Responding 🌿

HYMN 390

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

ST. STEPHEN

Please remain seated until indicated.

Stanza 1 - soloist

Stanza 2 - choir

Please stand to sing.

Stanzas 3-6 - all

WELCOME

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Rodawla (11:00)

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

COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONERS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND KENTUCKIANA (11:00)

Those being commissioned for work in the Dominican Republic are Ellen Aretakis, Serena Bidwell, Kirsten Boelkins, Harlie Bourdo, Claire Forhan, Kyle Frank, Sam Hallene, Nicholas Hecht, David Henson, Michael Jamieson, Meghan Laarman, Conrad Lather, Madison Lull, Austin Mead, Samantha Olmstead, Philip Reed, Robbie Reid, Nicholas Robbins, Anna Saleh, Brad Sanford, Melanie Schweir, Sierra Smith, Bruno Stortini, Nicole Stortini, Matt Vallade, Nicole Van Loon, and Allie Wilson. Those being commissioned for work in Kentuckiana are Dan Cressman, Katherine Kane, Seun Oladipo, Victoria Rillett, and Lauren Tassone.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00)

Aria

Andrew Carter

* 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 81** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* ST. FLAVIAN

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

* **POSTLUDE** *Praeludium in e* Nicolaus Bruhns

* 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.

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 are Karen Walter and Sarah Mohrlock. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Jane Bartman.

Greeters are Betsy and John Hammond and Dave Schmidt at 9:30 a.m., and Carole and George Hendrickson and Diane Johnston 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.; Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Beth Meda, John Kinzinger, and Peggy Hodgson at 11:00 a.m.

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 Martin Swindle and Jim Peggs at 9:30 a.m., and Jane Kinzinger and Angie Miller at 11:00 a.m. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Do not make prayer a monologue - make it a conversation." – Author Unknown

Chancel flowers are given by Richard Cheng in loving memory of Mignonette Cheng, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

The rosebud honors the birth of Clare Avery Tharp, daughter of Kerry and Darin Tharp and granddaughter of Sandy and Mark Fogarty.

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. **Radio worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

The annual "Blankets Plus" offering is received today. 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 offering provides blankets for disaster relief which are specially designed to keep people warm and dry, tents, food, other emergency supplies, and tools.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy a cup of Fair Trade coffee, homemade cookies, and good conversation. Cookie bakers are Doris Granum, Julie Morrison, and Kim Gernant. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m., and for crib through young five-year-olds at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and the Busy Hands Activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship 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.. Sixth and seventh graders are in Room 104, eighth grade Confirmation meets in the Curtis Room, and High School meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level.

Youth Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. Additional youth are invited to join Youth Choir as they prepare music for the seasons of Lent and Easter.

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. Contact the Church Office if you would like information about registering for this amazing trip. So far 32 high schoolers have registered.

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. Wally Schmeichel continues a study on the biblical prophet Elijah

Quad C Brunch is in the Social Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. If you are a member of Quad C please attend to share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal with your fellow Quad members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Detroit Hunger Ministry.

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent 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 to 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 on 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.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education Series presents "Learning the Dementia Dance," with Becky Jungkuntz and her father, Pastor Ted Jungkuntz, of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, March 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. The discussion, based on real-life experience, will center on how to live with and love a person with dementia. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome!

Our Nicaragua mission team returns this afternoon. Thank you for holding them in your prayers as they have traveled over the last week and make their way back to First Pres. Look for an upcoming event where members of the team will share their experiences.

Fair Trade coffee will be sold next Sunday during Coffee Hour. Regular, decaf, whole bean, and a variety of blends are available. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serve Fair Trade coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee. Stop by Coffee Hour or the Church Office during the week to make your purchase.

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.

We are grateful to Glacier Hills Retirement Center for bringing their residents to First Pres each Sunday for the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Please note that the Glacier Hills bus driver drops off and picks up members at the side door to the Sanctuary. When arriving and departing, the bus may temporarily block cars from moving steadily through our parking lot. We thank you for your patience, grace, and understanding offered as people make their way to the bus. In the midst of winter, this process may take longer than usual.

Join us! A new member class will take place Sunday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., in the Curtis and Founders Rooms. Lunch and childcare (upon request) are provided. New members will join March 22. To register for this class please contact either the Church Office or Rev. Rogers.

You are invited to attend the Schoenstein Competition in the Art of Organ Accompaniment this Wednesday, February 25. Eight organ students from UM will compete for prizes offered through the generous support of Jack Bethards, President and Tonal Director, Schoenstein & Co. Organ Builders, San Francisco, who built and installed our pipe organ in 2001. This event is sponsored by the UM Department of Organ in collaboration with our congregation. You are invited to attend all or part of this “multi-event” competition. Beginning at 3:30 p.m. each contestant will play two hymns which the audience (congregation) will sing and accompany a soloist on an aria from Mendelssohn’s oratorio “St. Paul.” After dinner, each competitor will accompany our Chancel Choir for two anthems. At the end of the evening, the first and second prizes will be awarded based on musicianship and artistry; awareness of musical styles; creative, appropriate registrations (choice of sounds from the organ); balance and ensemble with the soloist and choir; adaptation of non-organ accompaniments to organ; leadership of congregational singing; and effective use of hymn introductions and free accompaniments.

If you are attending the competition, you are invited to join us for our Lenten Wednesday supper at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the soup and salad supper is \$6. Please make reservations by contacting the Church Office.

Please join us for the concert *FROM AGE TO AGE: sounding light* on Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., in our Sanctuary. Conducted by Tom Trenney of Lincoln, Nebraska, formerly of Birmingham, the ensemble will sing timeless choral masterworks by Bach, Brahms, Gretchaninoff, Mendelssohn, Palestrina and Sweelinck. There is no admission charge.

Children, grades K-5, are invited to join Children’s Choir as they begin their spring term this Wednesday, 5:15-6:00 p.m. Contact Tom Granum to arrange other rehearsal times for children unable to attend on Wednesdays. The children will prepare music to be sung in worship during Lent and culminate this term with Palm Sunday morning, March 29.

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
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 Reverend Lindsay Conrad
 Reverend Kristin E. Riegel
 Reverend Lal Rodawla
Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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