



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MARCH 8, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY *A Lenten Prelude* Charles Callahan
O Man, Bewail Your Great Sins J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Sanderford (8:00/9:30)
Rev. Conrad (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Mission Co-Workers Virginia Bell

INTROIT (9:30) *A Lenten Prayer* Robert Powell

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong;
Give me strength to conquer knowing right from wrong.

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today:
Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
I would be like Jesus turning from all sin,
With His love to keep me true and faithful within.

Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
When I look to Jesus, he will show the way;
Help me come to meet Him pure on Easter Day.

CALL TO WORSHIP II Corinthians 5:17-18

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

All: God makes all things new.

One: God reconciles us through Christ.

**All: Rather than counting our trespasses against us,
God entrusts to us the message of reconciliation.**

One: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN 101** (8:00) *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

* **HYMN 79** (9:30/11:00) *Kind Maker of the World* A LA VENUE DE NOËL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you are always good to us and always ready to hear us when we come to you in prayer. We are not worthy of your grace and mercy. We turn from you and treat those around us with contempt. We are careless with our words and with our actions, and we expect of others what we do not expect of ourselves. Interrupt our selfish ways, Loving God, and help us turn back to you. We ask it in Christ's name.

SILENT CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE (9:30) *Psalm 51*

Jane Marshall

Please sing the text in bold:

Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Put a new and right spirit within me.

Put a new and right spirit within me.

Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart.

Create in me, O God, a clean heart, a clean heart, a clean heart.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. 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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Bob Crawford (9:30)

Don Redding (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1-2

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

ANTHEM *Create in Me, O God, a Pure Heart* Johannes Brahms

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within me.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51:1-19

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 397 (8:00) *O for a Closer Walk with God* DALEHURST

* HYMN 195 (9:30/11:00) *Have Mercy on Us, Living Lord* PTOMEY
Please remain seated until indicated.

Stanza 1 - soloist

Stanza 2 - choir

Please stand when indicated.

Stanzas 3-7 - all

WELCOME

Rev. Rodawla (9:30)
Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Carl Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God!

* **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**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON (8:00)

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 383**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll.
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!**

* **VOLUNTARY**

Passacaglia in d

Dietrich Buxtehude

* 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**. 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 Barbara Black and Karen Gardstrom. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Sarah Krein.

Greeters are Carol and Doug Gottliebson at 9:30 a.m., and Judy Landau and Carole and George Hendrickson at 11:00 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Malcolm Powers and Carolyn Schultz at 9:30, and Carole Hendrickson at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night." – George Herbert

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Olivier Jolliet (captain), Len Rezmierski, Angela Yang, Nicole Jolliet, Tawfiq Ammari, Dean Gilchrist, Carol Smith, Jinx Cooke, Dick Cooke, and Kay Fuller at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Brady West (captain), Bev Pelletier, Jim Douglass, Alice Gaujanian, and Rohn Federbush at 11:00 a.m.

Musicians providing music leadership for today's worship (9:30) include: Children's Choir, Doris Granum, director; and Kelly McDermott, flute. The Chancel Choir is singing at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Cheri Beth DeHaan Erben by Hannah, Leah, and William Erben.

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.

Today is Deacons' Random Daffodil Sunday. We consider this Sunday an opportunity for "random acts of kindness." Deacons will choose people in their chapels to receive these beautiful yellow flowers in the darkness of Lent - for no good reason except to be kind! Maybe a deacon will show up on your doorstep!

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 and a cookie. Cookie bakers are Rebeca Torres-Kutkuhn, Nancy Fox, and Kathy Wirstrom. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Fair Trade Coffee order forms are now available in the Welcome Center. To order Fair Trade coffee, complete an order form and drop it off in the Church Office. All orders are filled the next business day and can be picked up in the Church Office. Coffee can also be purchased in the Church Office during the week and during Coffee Hour on the first Sunday of each month.

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 donuts and connection at 9:20 a.m. **Sunday School classes** begin at 9:35 a.m. Sixth and seventh graders are in Room 104 and eighth grade Confirmation meets in the Curtis Room on the 300 level. High School meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level for a look at *The Haves & Have Nots*.

Youth Choir will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall this evening and will sing for the 7:07 service.

Youth Dinner is in the Founders Room at 5:00 p.m. **"Bring Your Parents to Mids"** is tonight in the Curtis Room, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Come experience a lesson on parenting, and enjoy great Mids games. If you are coming to dinner as a family, RSVP to RJ by noon so we can have enough food.

Keystones, our high school youth group, does **not** meet tonight. It returns next Sunday night.

The Guatemala Junior/Senior Training is this Friday, March 13, 6:00–9:00 p.m., at the Kings' house. The Freshman/Sophomore Training is Sunday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., at the McCallisters' house.

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. Presented by 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 *24 Hours That Changed the World*, a DVD presentation filmed in Israel about the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Presenters are class members.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore the topic of religion and violence. Dr. Wally Schmeichel and Rev. Sanderford facilitate the discussion.

Common Ground meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. Join with Rev. Lois Colón as she guides us to prayer and being open to the action and movement of God. Lois is a retired pastor and spiritual director. The class is conversational in style.

A baptism class meets at 10:30 a.m. in the French Room/Library. The class is required for those who wish to present a child for baptism.

A new member class meets in the Curtis and Founders Rooms, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. New members will join March 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the conversation about food and faith. All are invited to the "Faith in Food" discussion group tomorrow, March 9, at noon in the Lewis Room and at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. You may attend either session. *Faith in Food*, a book about the intersection of food and faith in different religious traditions will be used as a starting point for conversation, but is not required reading. Contact Rev. Riegel for more details.

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, tomorrow, 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.

Hilltoppers meet this Thursday, March 12, in the Social Hall at noon for lunch (\$5) prepared by Chef Christine and a presentation by First Pres member and geriatrician, Dr. Ted Suh. His talk, "Why Am I Taking So Many Pills?", will help us think about the overload of medications we take and how to advocate for oneself. Join us! Contact the Church Office or Rev. Rogers to sign up.

All are invited to "Lunch and Learn," an interfaith discussion about Food Justice at Temple Beth Emeth this Friday, March 13, at noon. This event is a part of the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice's "Food & Justice" program, of which First Pres is a participating congregation. Contact Rev. Riegel for more details.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 N. Maple Road. All are welcome!

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.

Tom Trenney will be our guest organist and director next Sunday, March 15, for the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, Tom previously served in a similar position at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Michigan. Known for his engaging improvisations on hymns, submitted themes, silent films, scripture, poetry, and artwork, Tom Trenney became the first organist to be awarded First Prize and Audience Prize in the American Guild of Organists' (AGO) National Competition in Organ Improvisation in 2006. Tom has performed at Royce Hall (UCLA), the Schermerhorn Symphony Hall (Nashville), Benaroya Hall (Seattle), Ocean Grove Auditorium (New Jersey), Portland Municipal Auditorium (Maine), Spreckels Organ Pavilion (San Diego), and Verizon Hall at Kimmel Center (Philadelphia); and has served as organist and clinician at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, National Association of Pastoral Musicians, the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, and the Calvin Institute of Worship.

Come to the Quad D Brunch! Members of Quad D (generally those living in the Stonebridge area, South Lyon, Brighton, Hamburg, Saline, and Whitmore Lake) and their families and friends are invited to the annual Quad D potluck brunch on Sunday, March 15, at noon in the Social Hall following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Join us to meet your fellow chapel members, get to know your deacon, and share fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal. Contact Peggy Hodgson at peggyhodgson@comcast.net for more information.

All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women March Gathering on Wednesday, March 18. The event begins at 9:30 a.m., with Bible study followed by a presentation by Rev. Rodawla on "Christian Minorities in Myanmar." Lunch in the Social Hall follows the presentation. Contact the Church Office to register for lunch.

Peeps and Pizza Fair! Join with families and friends on Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Social Hall to create your own Bible story shoe box diorama using those "Crazy Marshmallow Peeps" and enjoy a pizza lunch. Bring your favorite Bible story and your creative ideas for a fun imaginative morning here at church. We'll supply the Peeps and crafting supplies. Our pizza lunch will be served around noon. Contact Debbie MacVey if you would like pizza or with questions about the Peeps and Pizza Fair. Our "Peeps" dioramas will be on display in the Social Hall during coffee hour on Sunday, March 22.

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