



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MARCH 15, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Soliloquy

David Conte

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Roederer (8:00)

Rev. Riegel (9:30)

Rev. Rogers (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Habitat House of Faith

Don Redding

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Christ died for us who are sinners, proving God's love for us.

One: There is no greater love than that which gives life for another.

All: As God's forgiven people, we gather to worship God.

* **HYMN 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know you are ever more ready to hear us than we are to bow before you and confess our sins. Despite your steadfast love, we fear owning the error of our ways. Despite your knowing our thoughts without our having to voice them, we are reluctant to name our failings. In your mercy, give us the courage to seek your forgiveness and the blessing of knowing your peace. We pray in the name and for the sake of your Son and 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 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 Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)
Kate Silbert (9:30)
Jane Dutton (11:00)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 1:5-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Clear Our Heart, O God* Tom Trenney
Clear our heart, O God. Clear our heart, O God, that we may see you. Clear
our heart, O God, that we may truly see ourselves. Clear our heart, O God,
that we may know the sacredness of this moment, and in every moment seek
you, serve you, strengthen you as the living presence in every presence.
Text by J. Philip Newell from *Praying with the Earth*

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
Children through grade five are invited forward. Rev. Conrad (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 130:1-8
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

* HYMN 347 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* DETROIT

WELCOME Rev. Sanderford (9:30)
Rev. Rodawla (11:00)
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00)
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth Tom Trenney
Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wine, my sun.
Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life and grape of love, your very body for my peace.
Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.
Text by Jean Janzen, 1991, based on the writings of the
English medieval mystic, Julian of Norwich, 1393.

* 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)

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

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA



Cong. 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
Choir 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
Cong. 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
Choir 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
Cong. 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schisms. . rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mum - ion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly chor - us! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

* **VOLUNTARY**

Fugue in C Minor

J. S. Bach

* 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 Nancy Oliver and Barbara Brewster. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Mohrlock.

Greeters are Sharon Sheldon and Carson Smith at 9:30 a.m., and Prue and Dale Heikkinen 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 Sheila Deskins and Nancy Fox at 9:30, and Ginny Rezmierski at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us, but that we will hear Him." – William McGill

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.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Ralph and Joan Banfield by their daughters Barbara Brewster and Rebecca Gaffney and families.

Musicians providing music leadership for today's worship (9:30/11:00) include Tom Trenney, guest organist and director; Chancel Choir; and singers from *sounding light*.

We welcome guest organist and director Tom Trenney to our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services today. Tom serves as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC), Lincoln, Nebraska, guiding four adult choirs, accompanying the congregation on the magnificent Lied Organ, leading First-Plymouth's music outreach through Abendmusik, and even preaching for worship services. Tom is also on the choral faculty at Doane College as conductor of the Women's Chorale, and he continues as Music Director of *sounding light* - a chamber choir which he founded in 2003 in Southeastern Michigan. Tom is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School of Music.

Tom has been featured as performer and teacher at regional and national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the American Choral Directors Association, the Choristers Guild, the Organ Historical Society, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, National Pastoral Musicians, the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts, and the Calvin Institute of Worship. His choral compositions are published by Augsburg Fortress, and his recordings appear on the Pro Organo and Raven labels. Known for his engaging improvisations on hymns, silent films, scripture, poetry, and artwork, Tom 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.

We also welcome singers from *sounding* light who are singing with our Chancel Choir this morning. The chamber choir *sounding* light gave a concert last night here in our sanctuary, and they are repeating the same concert this afternoon at First United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

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.

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 home-baked cookie. Cookie bakers are Claire Holdgate, Karen Gardstrom, and Shannon Hoy. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Youth Bake Sale is today in the Social Hall after the 9:30 a.m. service and in the 300 level Lounge after the 11:00 a.m. service. Come support the Guatemala mission trip. We have 32 high schoolers heading to Jalapa, Guatemala, to lead a Vacation Bible School and do construction projects.

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 for 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 meets at 4:30 p.m. Additional youth are invited to join Youth Choir.

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

Mids, our 6th–8th grade youth group, meets in the Curtis Room, 5:30–6:30 p.m. **Keystones**, our high school youth group, meets in the Youth Room, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

The Guatemala Freshman/Sophomore Training is Sunday, March 22, 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m., at the McCallisters' house.

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 facilitates the discussion.

Common Ground meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. to explore "Belhar: A New Confession for Presbyterians." Our PCUSA General Assembly moved to include the Belhar Confession – described as "a cry from the heart" – to our *Book of Confessions*. This three-part class will look at the influence of apartheid and themes of unity, reconciliation and justice. Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and Ned Simpson, an Elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church and a skilled interpreter of Belhar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to be part of an interfaith discussion, "How Faith Communities Can Change the World One Meal at a Time," at the Ann Arbor District Library, Downtown Branch (343 South 5th Avenue), on Thursday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Riegel will be one of the panelists.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m., at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road. All are welcome!

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 for \$5. 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 if you have questions. Our Peeps dioramas will be on display in the Social Hall on Sunday, March 22.

Everyone is invited to "Building a Shared Society Together: Multicultural Education and Peacemaking in Israel" presented by Lee Gordon, co-founder, of Hand In Hand, Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel. The five Hand In Hand Schools offer a distinctive model of education in Israel where the vast majority of Arab and Jewish children attend separate schools. This presentation, co-sponsored by First Pres, is next Saturday, March 21, 8:00 p.m., at St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth, 2309 Packard Street. Contact Rev. Riegel or visit www.handinhandk12.org to learn more about Hand In Hand.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday worship is March 29, at 8:00 a.m. and at 7:07 p.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children gather for the Palm Sunday Procession in the Social Hall at 9:20 a.m. for the 9:30 worship service or at 10:50 a.m. for the 11:00 worship service. The children enter the Sanctuary on the opening hymn.

Maundy Thursday worship is April 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Glacier Hills in the Hanson Room and at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, and is the time when the discipline of Lent is concluded with forgiveness. Jesus' love for all people is shown by his service to others, as well as in his gift of himself for our salvation. All are welcome to worship with our older members at Glacier Hills. The evening service is a family-friendly service.

Good Friday worship is April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

On Good Friday, we emphasize a time of reflection, intercession, and adoration of Christ as the sacrificial lamb. This Tenebrae service, a somber service of shadows conducted in a darkened church, commemorates the suffering and death of Christ.

Easter Sunday worship is April 5 with five worship services.

The days of fasting and reflection in Lent are over. The celebration begins! Christ is risen; he is risen indeed!

Sunrise worship is at 6:45 a.m. on the Circle Terrace, weather permitting, or in Monteith Hall. This is a 30-minute service led by our resident ministers.

Traditional worship services are at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Rev. Dr. Fair will preach. Musical leadership includes Chancel Choir, brass quintet, organ, and timpani. The services will end with the congregation singing Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus.

A new offering this year is for those for whom a less-crowded worship experience is preferred. **A worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall** will be led by Rev. Roederer. This service will include a sermon and music led by a soloist.

Please note that there is not a 7:07 worship service on Easter.

Please make considerate parking choices to leave open as many spaces near the church as possible for people with mobility issues. Handicapped spaces will be designated in the parking lot on the Hillegonds Chapel side of the church. Parking is permitted on Washtenaw and Hill Streets on Sunday mornings and free parking is available in the nearby parking structure at 650 S. Forest Avenue.

Bring fresh flowers to add to our Flowering Crosses located outside the Sanctuary on the front steps and in the Monteith Hall vestibule. Store-bought flowers are welcome!

Easter lilies will grace the Nave on Easter Sunday. Sign up in the Church Office or on our website by Monday, March 30, at 5:00 p.m., to donate a lily in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$17. After Easter worship, our deacons will deliver the lilies to members and friends of our congregation who are ill, grieving, or shut in.

Easter morning fellowship is 7:15–8:00 a.m. in the Narthex with hot cross buns and Fair Trade coffee, and 9:30–10:00 a.m. outside Monteith Hall with Easter refreshments and Fair Trade coffee.

Sunday School classes do not meet on Easter Sunday. Childcare, for crib through young five-year-olds, is available at 8:00 a.m., **by reservation only**, and at 9:30, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m., no reservations needed.

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 (\$7) in the Social Hall follows the presentation. Contact the Church Office to register for lunch.

Join us every Wednesday evening during Lent for *The Lenten Experience: Ponder the Psalms*. Come for a soup and salad supper (\$6) at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Participate in a small group discussion about the Psalm of the week either before supper (5:15 p.m.) or after supper (6:40).

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