



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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APRIL 12, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Gathering

VOLUNTARY *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!*

Pierre Dandrieu

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Riegel (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: Let us gather to remember,
let us gather to give praise,

All: Let us raise our voices to God!

* **HYMN 118**

The Day of Resurrection

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, faithfulness comes easy to you, but it is hard for us.
So we pray. . .

All: Lord, have mercy.

One: For doubts and fears, struggles and toils that make us fall from
grace, we pray. . .

All: Christ, have mercy.

One: Resurrect our timid hearts with yours, that we might boldly
proclaim your truth, we pray. . .

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Linda Strodtman (8:00)
Eldon Beery (9:30)
Adrian Shin (11:00)

FIRST READING John 20:19-31
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING 1 John 1:1-5
Acts 4:32-35
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *In the beginning was the Church* Rev. Conrad

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 470** *O Day of Radiant Gladness*
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WELCOME Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)
Rev. Roederer (11:00)
Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *O Sons and Daughters of the King* Michael Burkhardt
O sons and daughter of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!
That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear,
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
When Thomas first the tidings heard, that they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet;
Not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.

Communion Music *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Donald Fishel

Please sing the refrain when indicated:

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

This music is Hymn 106.

Prayer After Communion

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: All that is within me, bless God's holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: And forget not all God's blessings. Amen.

 Sending 

* **HYMN 442** *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward.
Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and
placed in the baskets.*

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.**

* **VOLUNTARY** *Acclamations*
 "Christ Has Overcome" Jean Langlais

* 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 Sara Vander Voort and Bill McPherson.

Church Office volunteers are Bill Fuerstenau at 9:30 a.m. and Pat Fuerstenau at 11:00 a.m.

Greeters are Alice Holderby, Bill McPherson, and Judy Stuart at 9:30 a.m., and Barb Mueller 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 Carol Fletcher and Carolyn Schultz at 9:30, and Jane Kinzinger and Ginny Rezmierski at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart." – Mahatma Gandhi

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (captain), Kerry Colligan, Merri Lynn Colligan, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Carol Carter, Dean Gilchrist, Sheila Bilby, and Keith Bilby at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Linda Lampman, Cyndy Colton, Jim Douglass, and Cindy Andress at 11:00 a.m.

Musicians providing music leadership for today's worship (9:30/11:00) include Kelly McDermott, flute, and Chancel Choir.

The **chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Dr. Julian T. Hoff by his wife Diane Hoff and family; and to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Ruth Sutton by her grateful family.

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.

Communion Food Collection is today. 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. Today's food donations and financial contributions are for Second Mile Center.

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 Mel Rogers and Carol German. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Fair Trade Coffee is for sale during Coffee Hour today. Your purchase supports a living wage for coffee farmers and subsidizes First Pres' commitment to serving Fair Trade Coffee at all church events. More than good coffee, it's "just" coffee.

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 9:35 –10:30 a.m. 6th/7th graders are in Room 104, 8th grade Confirmation meets in the Curtis Room on the 300 level. High school meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level.

Youth Choir meets at 4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room followed by **Youth Dinner** in the Founders Room at 5:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m. **Mids** Youth Group meets in the Curtis Room, and **Keystones** meet off-site.

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 to watch and discuss *24 Hours That Changed the World*, a look at the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall with Dr. John Whittier-Ferguson, UM Professor of English, for a presentation on *Lila* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson.

Parenting with Love and Logic® meets in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. for the first of a three part series. Instructors Holly Majorprice and Mary Magos will lead participants through simple and practical techniques to help parents with kids of all ages: raise responsible kids,

have more fun in your role, easily and immediately change your children's behavior, and teach your children to make responsible choices and to understand that there are consequences for their choices. Childcare is available. The cost of the 3-week series which includes a workbook is \$20 per family. This series is offered as part of the **Common Ground** adult education class.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Deacons is tomorrow, April 13, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Curtis Room. Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. If you have questions contact John Yodhes at jyodhes@gmail.com or Susan Sweet Scott at 320-5819 or sweetscott@comcast.net.

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education presents "Families in Crisis - A Fresh Look at Early Psychosis & Schizophrenia," with Robert L. Wright, MA, and Dr. Raj Rajarthinam, from the Early Treatment Center of Ann Arbor. They will discuss the signs and symptoms, what it's like for a family to realize their loved one is struggling with this illness, available treatments, and current research. Join us tomorrow, April 13, at 7:00 p.m., in Monteith Hall. Everyone is invited.

Presbyterian Women meet for Bible Study this Wednesday, April 15, in the Curtis Room at 9:30 a.m. A tour of two Habitat for Humanity sites will follow. The gathering will end with lunch at Pine Palace in Ann Arbor. If you are not attending Bible Study but would like to go on the tour and have lunch, please meet in the Curtis Room no later than 10:45 a.m.

The next Immature Ministries gathering is this Friday, April 17, 7:00–9:00 p.m., at the home of Jamie and Susie Reynolds, 5416 Waldenhill Court, Ypsilanti. If you are in your 40s or 50s and enjoy laughter and good conversation, you are welcome to join us. Eat dinner before arriving and bring \$7.50 per person to cover costs to enjoy pairings of beer and chocolate and wine and cheese. Sign up on the church website or by contacting Sandy Talbott or Rev. Rogers.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, April 17, at 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 North Zeeb Road. All are welcome!

The College of Elders meets this Saturday, April 18, 9:00–10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. If you are an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church or Minister of the Word and Sacrament, you are invited to attend. Please call the Church Office to RSVP by Wednesday, April 15.

A baptism class is offered next Sunday, April 19, 9:30–11:00 a.m. If you are interested in having your child baptized or if you are an adult who has not been baptized, please contact the Church Office to register. **Upcoming Baptism Sundays** include May 10, May 31, and July 26.

Mature Ministries invites you to join us for a pops concert at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 17, for a 3:00 p.m. show. "Midtown Men" will reunite 4 stars from the original Broadway cast of "Jersey Boys" to harmonize the hits of the 1960s. We will hear favorites from The Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Motown Sound, and more. The cost is \$35.00 per ticket for rear main seats. Sign up by Tuesday, April 14, by emailing Rev. Rogers or calling the Church Office. We have 15 tickets available and we will carpool to the show.

Do you like Downton Abbey? If so, you'll like this! Mature Ministries invites you to join us May 21 for a tour of the historic Edsel Ford house and gardens followed by lunch on the grounds. Our group will be accompanied by Brad Taylor, Director of the UM Museum Studies Program. The head of the gardens will speak to our group. The cost for the trip and luncheon is \$25. Sign up by May 1 by emailing Rev. Rogers or calling the Church Office.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff
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