



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

MAY 31, 2015
TRINITY SUNDAY

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata II BWV 526
Allegro - Largo - Vivace

J. S. Bach

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

FAITH IN ACTION Hope Amidst Adversity

Harris McClamroch (8:00/9:30)
Don Redding (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 6:3

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

All: **the whole earth is full of God's glory.**

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

* HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most Holy God, we cannot stand in the fullness of your glory.
Our lives are faulty and frail. We do not live in holiness but in sin.
When we try to live rightly, we fail, and too often we do not even
try. God of mercy, cleanse us, forgive us, and free us by your grace.
Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in holiness and
in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

**To Thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be, hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.**

This response is Hymn 139, Stanza 4.

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dale Briggs (8:00)

Ben Helmke (9:30)

Sarah Stitt (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *In the Year That King Uzziah Died*

David McK. Williams

In the year that king Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting on a throne, high, and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts, then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me. Isaiah 6:1-8

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-17 (8:00)

Romans 8:12-17 (9:30/11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rodawla (8:00)

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

Responding

* **HYMN 135**

God Is One, Unique and Holy

TRINITY

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Rodawla (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Trinitarian Blessings

Alice Parker

May the Sending One sing in you,
may the Seeking One walk with you,
may the Greeting One stand by you,
in your gladness and in your grieving.

May the Gifted One relieve you,
may the Given One retrieve you,
may the Giving One receive you,
in your falling and your restoring.

May the Binding One unite you,
may the One Beloved invite you,
may the Loving One delight you,
Three-in-One, joy in life unending.

Text by Brian Wren

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (9:30)

Commissioned today are Jim Clark, Diane Hoff, Martha Kershaw, Linda Koopman, Victor Rotberg, Marita Servais, Sharon Sheldon, and Cary Tripp.

Invitation to Service

Questions of Commissioning

Prayer

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

David and Megan Ginsberg present their son, Wyatt Byers Ginsberg, born February 11, 2015, for baptism.

Doug Lewis and Robin Randall-Lewis present their daughters, Alexis Katherine Lewis and Lily Bess Lewis, born December 16, 2008, for baptism.

* **Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water and Baptism

Hymn 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

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 132** (Stanzas 1-3) *Come, Great God of All the Ages*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.**

* **POSTLUDE**

All Glory Be to God on High

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 Angie Miller and Pam Rinker.

Church Office volunteers are Sarah Mohrlock and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Amanda and Ben Carlisle and Ginny Rezmierski at 9:30 a.m.; and John and Dawn Pankopf and Marge Higley 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 Barbara Oettgen and Jennifer Hoy at 9:30; and Linda Lampman and Michele Derr at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, but unoffered prayer." – F. B. Meyer

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Wilson, Karla Bellfi, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, and Omer Bellfi at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Beth Meda, Peggy Hodgson, Joe Cox, Karen Cox, and Cindy Andress at 11:00 a.m.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Charlotte Nale by her parents Doug and Jenny Nale.

Musical leadership is provided today by Danny Forger, organ; and Chancel Choir.

About the prelude: There are no better representations of the Trinity than the Trio Sonatas of Bach. Only in music can we appreciate three ongoing ideas at the same time. In these sonatas for organ, Bach composes three independent and beautiful lines of music, which, when played together, reinforce each other. Together they describe the Trinity in ways words cannot. Composed as he was also working on his cantatas, Bach composed these works for a secular reason, as exercises to help his son (and countless future generations of organists) improve their accuracy in playing multiple musical lines at once. The number three appears many times in the Trio Sonatas, for example having three movements, movements consisting of three parts, triplets, or even the first movement of the trio sonata we hear today, opens with parallel thirds. Discovering the mathematical properties of Bach's Trio Sonatas is an ongoing research project at the University of Michigan.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There are no Sunday evening services during the summer. The 7:07 p.m. service will resume in September. **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. Cookie bakers are Dawn Pankopf, Jenny Nale, and Holly Majorprice. 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. Coffee may be purchased in the Church Office during regular business hours.

The Spring Photo Show concludes today. This event, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, features the work of church members and friends. Enjoy the show during Coffee Hour.

A New Member Class is today, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room for all prospective members. New members will join June 14.

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.

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.

40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Fight hunger! Root out poverty! Join the First Couples group to explore, study, and discuss these topics based on the book by Howard Buffet.

"The Stories of Creation" meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Creation stories from various ancient sources are the focus of a series offered by Wally Schmeichel in the "Exploring the Faith" class.

Conversation concerning same-sex marriage continues today in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. for a discussion of this issue using *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage*, a book by Presbyterian evangelical theologian Mark Achtemeier.

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 Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

The Mission Committee invites you to a special evening with Micahel and Rachel Ludwig tomorrow, June 1. The Ludwigs are PC(USA) mission co-workers in Niger, Africa, sponsored in part by First Pres. Please join us for a 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner in the Social Hall. The main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. After dinner, stay for a 7:00 p.m. presentation by the Ludwigs about their experiences serving our brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa.

The All Church Picnic is next Sunday, June 7, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Are you signed up yet? You don't want to miss Satchel's BBQ, Chief Officers' Blues Band, inflatables, and games for kids of all ages. Cost is \$7 per person if your payment is received in the Church Office by June 4. Otherwise, the cost is \$8 per person if you pay at the event. Children under five are free. There is no family maximum for this event. Make your reservation by calling the Church Office or on the church website. There is no 11:00 a.m. worship service on June 7.

Looking for the perfect graduation or teacher gift? The Nicaragua Mission Team will be selling silver artisan jewelry at the All Church Picnic on June 7.

Mature Singles will meet for dinner this Friday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway.

You are invited to attend “Hope Amidst Adversity: The Plight and Perseverance of Children in Israel and Palestine,” a study retreat hosted by the Israel/Palestine Mission Team this Saturday, June 6, 9:30–3:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. To learn more or to register for the retreat, visit <http://firstpresbyterian.org/event/israel-palestine-study-retreat>.

The First Pres church family goes to the Detroit Tigers game

Sunday, June 14. We will leave at 11:15 a.m. for a 1:05 p.m. game. We have four tickets remaining. If you would like to join us, contact Rev. Rogers.

Enroll now for our week at Camp Westminster July 26–August 1.

First Pres kids go to camp together each summer at Camp Westminster, a Presbyterian camp, up north on beautiful Higgins Lake. Children currently in second through eighth grades are eligible. Friends are always welcome. Here’s what past campers have said about our week at camp last year.

“Camp Westminster means many things to me. It means one whole week of fun and new friends. It means a new lot of responsibility. But, most of all camp means a chance to connect with God.I love camp!”

And from another camper: “Camp was fun!”

Register on our church website. For additional information contact Debbie MacVey, or Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett. Once registered with First Pres, families will be given further details to complete their registration with Camp Westminster.

Register now for Summer Vacation Bible School. Our Summer Vacation Bible School -- Marketplace 27-28 A.D. -- is June 16, 17, and 18, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. All children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome. The children visit marketplace shops and make crafts, travel to the storyteller’s tent, and witness events in Jesus’ life re-enacted by our drama team. Snack time is included as they experience Bible times family life. The Kelsey Museum will bring an exhibit one day and there will be live animals another. Register on the church website.

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 and
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Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

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Resident Ministers:

Reverend Kristin E. Riegel

Reverend Lal Rodawla

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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