



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

JUNE 14, 2015

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

Gathering

PRELUDE

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| (8:00) | <i>Consolation No. 3 in D-flat</i> | Franz Liszt |
| (9:30/11:00) | <i>Prelude on "Land of Rest"</i> | Al Roberts |
| | <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> | Michael Burkhardt |

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30)
Rev. Rodawla (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 92:1-2

Soloist: It's good to give thanks – give thanks to the Lord.
By day and by night – with the harp and the lute.
You make me glad. Your works make me rejoice.
Yes, it is good, good to give thanks, thanks to the Lord.

All (sung): It's good to give thanks – give thanks to the Lord.
By day and by night – with the harp and the lute.
You make me glad. Your works make me rejoice.
Yes, it is good, good to give thanks, thanks to the Lord.

One: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High.

All (sung): It's good to give thanks – give thanks to the Lord.
By day and by night – with the harp and the lute.
You make me glad. Your works make me rejoice.
Yes, it is good, good to give thanks, thanks to the Lord,

One: to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;

All (sung): It's good to give thanks – give thanks to the Lord.
By day and by night – with the harp and the lute.
You make me glad. Your works make me rejoice.
Yes, it is good, good to give thanks, thanks to the Lord.

* HYMNS OF GATHERING AND PRAISE

SONG *God Welcomes All* THEMBA AMEN

Please sing this South African song several times.

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

HYMN 485

To God Be the Glory

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that it is often hard for us to slow down. We are consumed by to-do lists and getting things done. In conversations, we are distracted. Help us to slow down and to listen to one another. Help us to pause, to be present, and to give thanks to You.

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**

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends,
God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Chris Wahl (9:30)

Downs Herold (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**It's good to give thanks – give thanks to the Lord.
By day and by night – with the harp and the lute.
You make me glad. Your works make me rejoice.
Yes, it is good, good to give thanks, thanks to the Lord.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 4:26-34

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

SERMON

Rev. Riegel

Responding

HYMN

We Plant A Mustard Seed

MORNING SONG

Please remain seated as the first stanza is sung.

We plant a grain of mustard seed, and in our faith we find
the proof of God is love, indeed, which blossoms from its kind.

Our actions, more than words, define how love's example feeds
a greater love, for love divine bursts forth from smallest seeds.

Please stand and sing.

**When stooped to lend a helping hand, we find a touch that heals,
for love invested will expand to bear the fruit love yields.**

**Make love our purpose, love our aim, for love endures all things,
and choosing love our lives will claim the peace forgiveness brings.**

**So may our new beginnings prove, like living bread and wine,
that through our common human love we taste what is divine.**

**Our lives will be fulfilled and blessed if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we profess the love of Christ is known.**

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Fair (11:00)

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism are Liz Bizer and Steve Cheng.

* **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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

*New members joining the church today are Joe Bones, Shawneene Logan-Bones,
Steve Cheng, Kristen Long-Cheng, Ken Faulk, Stephanie Faulk, Alexa Fedrigon,
Jody Klein, Mark Klein, Julia Mao, Angie Noble, Carol Senneff, and Carol
Warheit. Being received from the last new-member class are Liz Bizer, Daniel
Cox, Ruth Gardstrom, Bob Gardstrom, Ellen Johnson, Andrea Paul-Bonham,
Anne Upton and Herb Upton.*

Reception of New Members

Hymn of Welcome *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth (9:30)

John Rutter

The text for this anthem is found at Hymn 473.

Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God (8:00/11:00)

Gordon Young
arr. Ovid Young

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion 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 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.

All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.

* POSTLUDE

* 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 VanderVoort and Barbara Mueller. **Church Office volunteers** are Sarah Mohrlock and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Carol and Doug Gottliebsen at 9:30 a.m.; and Ginny Rezmierski and Becky Lohr 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 Martin Swindle and Paul Kirton at 9:30; and Jane Kinzinger at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "‘Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding." – Alice Walker

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Carol Smith, Dean Gilchrist, Ben VanTuyl, Tavo Webb, Maggie O'Rourke, Len Rezmierski, and Oscar Webb 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 Mark W. Johnson by his parents, Paul and Olga Johnson.

Musical leadership at 8:00 a.m. is provided by Grace Jones, piano; and at 9:30 a.m. is provided by Kelly McDermott, flute; Kelsey Carpenter, flute; Angie Noble, oboe; Grace Chung, percussion; and Chancel Choir. Jason Berger, tenor, and Ronald Perkins, bass, are providing leadership at all services. The setting of Psalm 92, "It's Good to Give Thanks," text by Ken Medema, © 2010 Ken Medema Music/Brier Patch Music; the song "God Welcomes All," text by John Bell, © 2008 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.); and the hymn "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed," ©1990 Mary Bryan Mainey are copied under OneLicense.net. license # A-720542.

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. **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 cookie. Cookie bakers are Claire Holdgate, Marcey Terrien, and Linda Lampman.

Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. During Coffee Hour we will wish Godspeed to Resident Minister Kristin Riegel who has accepted a call to serve the Second Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Missouri, as an associate pastor. Join us for cake and punch in celebration of Kristin and in gratitude for her ministry with us.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. are held for crib through young fives on the 200 Level and for kindergarteners through fifth graders in Room 404; and at 11:00 a.m. for crib through young five-year-olds on the 200 Level. 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. This is the last class meeting until September. Today at 5:00 p.m., class members and friends are invited to a picnic at the home of Ed and Virginia Koster, 3772 Bridle Pass Court, Ann Arbor. Call Ed Koster for more information at 358-5403.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall to plan class meetings for the fall of 2015.

The Exploring the Faith Class planning team meets at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall to create a class schedule for fall 2015.

All are invited to attend the House of Faith Home Dedication today at 1301 Shirley Dr., Ypsilanti, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Welcome the Walker family to their new home!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In keeping with the pledge to provide clear and up-to-date information to the congregation, **the Session has called a congregational meeting** to follow the 9:30 worship service on June 21 to hear reports on the business affairs of the church.

The high school mission trip to Jalapa, Guatemala, begins today.

The mission team will lead a Vacation Bible School for 100+ elementary school children, dig and form concrete footings for roof supports, and lay a concrete floor for a new worship space. The group will worship with the church, visit with the children who live at the community dump, and have worship and small groups each night. Please pray for this team daily until their return June 23.

Mature Singles will meet for dinner this Friday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive.

Volunteers are needed June 25–27, 9:00–5:00, for the 2015 School Supply Rescue and Recycling Mission Project. Come for as many hours or days as you can and work as long as you want. Enjoy the fellowship while working alongside other volunteers in the Rezmierskis' garage at 1050 Elmwood Drive, Ann Arbor, to organize, sort, and pack school supplies and books no longer used by Washtenaw County elementary schools. Eager students in schools in the Philippines, Ghana, Romania, and Hamtramck, Michigan, will benefit from these supplies.

Immature Ministries invites everyone in their 40s and 50s to an evening at the A2 Summer Festival on Friday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Contact Rev. Rogers or Sandy Talbott if you are coming. We'll enjoy good food and spirits, great music, fun, and fellowship. Our next gathering will be in the Fall. If you would like to serve on the planning committee for next year's events, please let us know. We welcome you!

Summer ushers are needed. Our usher teams take a vacation in July and August from regular "team duty." Minimal training is necessary to learn the ropes. Veteran ushers will be on hand to assist and support. If you would be willing to serve as an usher for a service this summer (9:30 or 11:00 a.m.), please email Rev. Rogers.

Volunteers are needed for outdoor summer worship Sundays.

A team of eight volunteers is needed for each of the six outdoor summer worship Sundays to set up and take down chairs. Contact Linda Robinson (lrobinson@firstpresbyterian.org; 662-4466) to volunteer.

Does a Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago interest you? We are exploring the possibility of taking two small groups on pilgrimage in 2016. A trip in September 2016 would involve walking the last 100 kilometers of the Way of St. James, ending in the Santiago Cathedral. This trip would be led by experienced pilgrim and First Pres member Tom Brandt. A trip in October 2016 would involve walking a good portion of the "Portuguese

Camino" - another ancient route into Santiago starting in Lisbon. This trip, led by Rev. Rogers, is recommended for those who have had prior Camino experience. Contact Rev. Rogers to express interest or learn more.

Check out what's up (and growing!) in the Rehoboth Interfaith Garden on our Hill Street property. Please sign up to help weed this summer in order to keep our garden healthy and beautiful. Go to the church website, click on the "Contribute" page and then on "Sign-ups/Forms." And remember to like us on Facebook!

Make your reservations now for the Haiti Reunion Celebration Saturday, June 27, at 6:00 p.m. The evening starts on the Terrace with a Caribbean steel drum band and a chance to visit with Rev. Dr. Michael Lindvall, during whose pastorate the school was begun, and Hilda Alcindor, Dean of the Nursing School. Authentic Haitian cuisine follows in the Social Hall. The cost is \$50 per adult; \$90 per couple. Make reservations at 353-9565 or www.haitinursing.org. The deadline is June 20.

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 family life in Bible times. The Kelsey Museum will bring an exhibit one day and there will be live animals another. Register on the church website.

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 and their friends currently in second through eighth grades are eligible. 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.

Tour Cell Block Seven Prison Museum in Jackson, from 10:00 - noon, on Thursday, July 23. The museum, part of the still active State Prison of Southern Michigan, tells the story of the state's prison system and steps you through what incoming prisoners and their families would have experienced as they first entered the correctional system. The tour culminates with access to the cell block itself. Amy Reimann will be our host and will share the story of the creation of a museum in an active prison, lessons learned along the way, and the life stories of prisoners. Lunch and discussion will follow at the Common Grill in Chelsea. Sign up with Rev. Rogers, mrogers@firstpresbyterian.org, or call the Church Office.

Summer building operating hours are now in effect. First Pres has reduced operating hours June 1–August 31. The church building closes on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Worship:

June 28 – August 2

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall

9:30 a.m. outside in front of the Sanctuary

August 2 - August 30

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall

9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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

Transitional Campus Minister

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

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Kristin E. Riegel

Reverend Lal Rodawla

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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