



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

🌿 Gathering 🌿

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Rogers

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: As far as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love.**

* HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

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**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good and gracious God, you are merciful and patient with us
beyond all deserving. We are prone to wander, selfish, and
self-centered. We are eager to take and reluctant to give, hesitant
to trust, and slow to admit our dependence on you. Open our
hearts to receive your love and help us to show that same love to
others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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**

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

 **Proclaiming** 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lucie Audette

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 34:1-8

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

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:11-24

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

**There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;**

**There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

**If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word;**

And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

WELCOME

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Write Upon My Heart

David Angerman

* 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Fuerstenau

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.**

* **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**. 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 Marty Reineman and Susan Sweet Scott. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and George Hendrickson. **Greeters** are Polly Pan, Bob Pierce, and Mary Ann Pierce.

Outdoor worship set-up is coordinated today by Stephen Ministry.

The prayer team is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano in the Sanctuary, after the service. Prayer team members are Martin Swindle, Katie Parker, and Malcolm Powers. "Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart." - Mahatma Gandhi

Ushers are Bill Austin (head), Joe Schmidt (captain), Lee Roberts, Marolin Bellefleuer, Olivier Jolliet, Jennifer Wilson, and Paul Wilson.

Assisting in worship is the Rev. Bill Fuerstenau, retired Presbyterian Minister. His wife, Pat, joined our church in March of 2014.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jerry D. Jernigan by Carey J. Jernigan.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall and at 9:30 a.m. outside in front of the Sanctuary, weather permitting. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare is available for preschoolers, and a combined Sunday School class is offered for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

Camp Westminster families meet in the Lewis Room after the 9:30 a.m. worship service to receive backpacks and blessings.

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Jim Rogers, Karen Wisniewski, and John and Dawn Pankopf. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Art Fair Parking this past week. Funds raised will be used to support youth mission trips throughout the year. It is great to be supported by such a fantastic church!

Camp Westminster is July 26 - August 1. Please keep campers and their leaders in your prayers. Staff leadership from First Pres includes: Deborah MacVey, Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett, and Tom Granum. Campers are Kaiya Blach, Robert Blach, Mary Corey, Allison Dabrowski, James Dabrowski, Owen Day, Riley Day, Russell Endicott, Buzz Ferguson, Katelynn Eddins, Leah Eddins, Jazminn Eddins, Zach Edwards, Shannon Hoy, Alex Hummel, Caleb Klein, Gracie Klein, Sammy Klein, Kale Lampman, Tate Lampman, William Lewis, Aidan Majorprice, Chloe Majorprice, Sarah Meyers, Claudia Morville, Elizabeth Patteson, Wil Pinkerton, Evan Richert, Josiah Schaafsma, Lydia Schaafsma, Ben Schneider, Calvin Shaw, Emmett Shaw, and Carson Strauss.

We are looking for housing from mid-August until early May for our three Peer Ministers who will arrive soon for the new First Pres College program, coordinated by Rev. Dr. Monnett. Please prayerfully consider if you have a spare room to share with one of these young adults. All have their own cars. For more information, contact Katie Parker at (734) 218-0033.

Immature Ministries will take a trip to Sandhill Crane Vineyards Winery & Cafe on Thursday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m. We will meet there, and carpools can be arranged. The cost is \$5 per person for an evening of live music and wine tasting. Reserve your spot by Saturday, July 25, by calling the Church Office.

Play Ball! It's Time for Tigers Baseball. Come with us August 27 to root for the Tigers versus the LA Angels at 1:05 p.m. as part of Senior Days at Comerica Park. Tickets are \$38 per person, and the price includes a hot dog and Coke. Transportation is provided, and we will depart at 11:15 a.m. Sign up by this Friday, July 24, by calling the Church Office.

Through July 30, additional worship services are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. These services are recorded for the Sunday morning radio broadcast on WAAM (1600 AM). All are welcome to worship.

If you would like to have your child baptized, contact the Church Office. Baptism Sundays are July 26, August 23, October 11, November 29, and December 27.

The (S)Upper Room, First Pres' gourmet dinner group for singles or couples who like to make complex recipes and who can host at least eight people in their home once during the year, is gearing up for the fall. Contact Rev. Rogers to learn more.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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