



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

9:30 a.m.

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**      *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*      Dietrich Buxtehude

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**      Rev. Sanderford

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who have walked without light;  
come to the light that lives in Jesus Christ.

**All: God is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?  
God is the stronghold of my life: I shall not be afraid.**

One: Come, all who heed the invitation of Jesus;  
come together, to follow Him into the world.

**All: God empowers us at the cross of Christ;  
we are eager to receive good news to share. Amen.**

\* **HYMN 464**      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*      HYMN TO JOY

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will. We have broken your law and rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors and have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through 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

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

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# Proclaiming

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Marti Wendler

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 6:41-51

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

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** *I Am the Bread of Life*

Suzanne Toolan

*Please sing the refrain when indicated:*

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

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**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Kings 3:1-15

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

**SERMON**

*Teachable*

Rev. Dr. Monnett

# Responding

**HYMN**

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

MADELEINE

Stanza 1 - soloist

*Please stand to sing.*

Stanza 1 (again) - all    Stanza 2 - choir    Stanza 3 - all



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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## WELCOME

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

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offertory**                      *Teach Me, O Lord*                      Thomas Atwood  
Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes;  
and I shall keep it unto the end. *Psalm 118, 119:33*

\* **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

**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.**



\* **HYMN 281**                      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*                      CMW RHONDDA

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

\* **POSTLUDE**                      *Psalm Nineteen*                      Benedetto Marcello

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\* 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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are

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Lorna Prescott and Judy Landau. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Mohrlock. **Greeters** are Anne Kloack and Carolyn Schultz.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano after the worship service. Prayer team members are Marolin Bellefleur and Anne Kloack. "Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening." - Mahatma Gandhi

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Kerry Colligan (captain), Merri Lynn Colligan, Lee Roberts, and Angela Yang.

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Lt. Col. Michael Patrick McCarthy, USN, and Sarah Beatice Thomas by Ozora McCarthy.

**Musical leadership** is provided by Ronald Perkins, soloist, and Chancel Choir. Gerry Leckrone is the guest conductor.

## **TODAY'S EVENTS**

**Worship** is at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 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](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

### **Children's Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. A combined **Sunday School class** is offered for children, grades K-5, at 9:30 a.m.

**Today First Pres welcomes three Resident Ministers:** Emily Béghin, Daniel Ervin, and Angela Ryo. Emily, Daniel, and Angela will be the eighth group of Residents to come to Ann Arbor and add their gifts for ministry to our church's life. These new Residents will be introduced at our three worship services this morning and begin their ministry here tomorrow. Please welcome Emily, Daniel, and Angela. You may read their biographies on the First Pres website or in the 2015 Resident Ministry Brochure.

**We also welcome our two new Peer Ministers** who will be working in Youth and College Ministry. Andy Spaulding is a 2014 graduate of the University of Arkansas, and Alexis Allum is a 2015 graduate of Michigan State University. The Peer Ministers will work with Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett in all facets of youth and college ministry. They will be here until April 30 and are living with the Stubers (Andy) and the Parkers (Alexis).

**The Peer Minister Potluck** is tonight at 6:00 p.m. Students, College Workgroup members, and Youth Workgroup members are all welcome to attend. Please contact Rev. Dr. Monnett for more information.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Carly Groves, Linda Lampman, Marge Higley, and Cindy Crawford. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mature Singles** will meet for dinner this Friday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 North Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

**First Pres name tags** may be ordered online or by contacting the Church Office. The cost is \$8.00 for either a magnetic or clip style.

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

**Saturday Supper returns!** If you are not a “foodie” but you do enjoy sharing great food with friends both old and new, and if you are able to host a gourmet group in your home, the Saturday Supper program at First Pres is for you! We will form groups of 8-10, with hosts making the main dish, and guests bringing the sides. Hosts are needed. Some homes have children present. If you are interested, we are gathering on October 3. Sign-ups begin August 30 at Coffee Hour.

**Chancel Choir invites new singers**, from high-school age through adult, to join. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., and singers choose whether to sing for the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. services. They are beginning work on Dan Forrest’s *Requiem for the Living*, a new work for choir, soloists and chamber orchestra to be presented on All Saints’ Sunday afternoon, November 1, in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please contact Tom Granum.

**The Property Committee and the Memorial Garden Committee** take the maintenance of the grounds very seriously and work together to care for some important areas. As stewards of these sacred places, they have worked to save the Red Oak tree in the Memorial Garden. However, the beloved tree is not going to regain health, is now a safety hazard, and will soon be removed. The committees are working on a plan to enhance the Memorial Garden area to ensure that it remains a special place for our congregation. The Red Oak tree is located in an area where no ashes are interred and no disruption to the interment area will take place. If you have questions, contact Rev. Rogers or Facilities Manager, Adrian Prundeanu.

**Fall Events for Mature Ministries and Hilltoppers:**

**Thursday, September 17: Meet the Resident Ministers** for lunch (\$5) and discussion at noon in the Social Hall. Whet your appetite for the 2nd Thursday series we call Hilltoppers. Guest speakers will be our new resident ministers: Daniel Ervin, Angela Ryo, and Emily Béghin.

**Thursday, September 24: Arab-American Museum and Habib’s**  
We will be joined by Brad Taylor, Associate Director of the Museum Studies Program at UMI. Cost of trip is only your lunch at Habib’s. We will carpool from church, meeting at 8:30 a.m. and returning by 3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 8: Kick Off For Hilltoppers**

11:00 a.m., Coach Ron Warhurst; 12 noon, Lunch (\$5);

12:45 p.m., Featured Speaker, John U. Bacon

We begin at 11:00 a.m. with Coach Ron Warhurst, famed UM running coach, talking about his experience winning world championships and training world class runners. After lunch, we welcome sportswriter John U. Bacon, who will discuss his new exposé of David Brandon, *Endzone: The Rise, Fall, and Return of Michigan Football*. *Endzone* tells the story of how college football’s most successful, richest and respected program almost lost all three in less than a decade - and entirely of its own doing. It is a story of hubris, greed, and betrayal. This book will be released September 1; pre-order now and you can read it in anticipation of his visit. He will sign books that you bring. Reservations are required.

**You can sign up for any of these events by contacting Rev. Rogers or by calling the Church Office.**

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## **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

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Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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