



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

AUGUST 23, 2015

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
9:30 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Charles Callahan

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Rogers

FAITH IN ACTION Alpha House Nicole Jolliet

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 34

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

One: O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!

* **HYMN 482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, God of all nations, help us cease our warring madness! We admit our complicity in the rancor that surrounds us. We allow anger to overcome respect for one another. We boast about clever insults and allow hurtful statements to go unchecked. We demean others rather than seeing them as members of God's good creation. Arrest our slide into incivility. Turn us back to you, and give us the courage to work for peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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!

 Proclaiming 

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Karl Hauser

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:7-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Dr. Monnett

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 6:10-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 Responding 

* **HYMN 450**

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM LMD

WELCOME

Daniel Ervin

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Adagio from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Kate H. Kraft and Cristian J. Vercler present their daughter, Alice Sargent Vercler, born April 30, 2015, 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*
Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.

KINGDOM

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 386**

O for a World

AZMON

* **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**

Tuba Tune in D

C. S. Lang

* 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 Barbara Mueller and Mary Ann Pierce.

Church Office volunteers are Sarah Mohrlock and Martha Petroski. **Greeters** are Peggy Jensen, Paul Brown, and Meg Brown. **Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Joe Schmidt (captain), Angela Yang, Marolin Bellefleur, Olivier Jolliet, and Nicole Jolliet.

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 Meg Brown, Paul Kirton, and Malcolm Powers. "Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love." - Saint Teresa of Avila

The chancel flowers are given by Rob Parker in loving memory of Howard and Dorothy Parker, who were married August 26, 1939. Additional flowers have been given in loving memory of Wendel Heers, whose memorial service took place yesterday in the Sanctuary.

The rosebuds on the Communion Table are to celebrate the birth of Alexander William Shemon, born August 10 in Naperville, Illinois, and Nora Aiyle Johnston, born August 13 in Livingston, Montana. Alexander is the child of Emily and Aaron Shemon and the grandchild of Lori and Bill Wolters. Nora is the child of Sean and Beth Johnston and the grandchild of Diane Johnston.

Musical leadership is provided by Gayle Stevens, piano, and Chancel Choir.

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.

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.

Join us for Coffee Hour on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Betty Anderson, Betsy DiMaggio, Ozora McCarthy, and Carol Senneff. 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 monthly T2A2 potluck brunch is today at the home of Catalina Esguerra, 2541 Pamela Avenue. The fun begins at 12 noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mature Ministries travels to the Detroit Tiger game this Thursday, August 27. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. if you signed up.

Saturday Supper returns! If you are not a "foodie," but you enjoy sharing great food with friends both old and new, 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.

Mature Singles will meet for dinner this Friday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m., at Outback Steakhouse, 3173 Oak Valley Drive. All are welcome.

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. service. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, please contact Tom Granum.

Sunday, September 13 is Rally Day! Full Adult education and Children and Youth programming begin anew. Sunday School classes are offered for all ages, youth fellowship groups for 6th-8th graders and 9th-12th on Sunday nights, and so much more. If you have questions about offerings for Nursery-5th Graders, see Debbie MacVey; for 6th-12th graders, undergrads, grad students, and 20s-30s, see Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett; and for other adult offerings, see Rev. Jay Sanderford. All may be reached by calling the Church Office.

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 worked to save the Red Oak tree in the Memorial Garden. However, the beloved tree did not regain health, became a safety hazard, and was recently 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 was located in an area where no ashes are interred and no disruption to the interment area took place.

On September 6, we will celebrate our congregation's ministries within and outside our walls with "A Symphony of Service" at the 9:30 a.m. service. During the service we will give thanks to God for the range of gifts and celebrate both the past and coming year. Come, join the "symphony" at First Pres as we praise God! Following the service, we will continue our celebration with an Ice Cream Social on the Circle Terrace.

Everyone is invited to attend an important congregational event Wednesday, September 9. We will gather from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for a panel discussion on same-gender marriage. There will be a pre-discussion session from 5:00-6:15 p.m., specifically to consider biblical passages often cited as grounds to deny same-gender couples the church's blessing and passages that illustrate multiple biblical understandings of marriage. This is a timely discussion because the session of First Pres has not yet taken any action on same-gender marriages.

Mature Ministries travels to Stratford, Ontario, September 1-2. Please keep our older members in your prayers as they travel together. Questions? Contact Rev. Rogers.

"Wednesday@First" begins September 16. Read this week's First Press (our September newsletter sent to you by email, available on our website, and in printed form in the Church Office) for more information. Join us for dinner followed by worship. If you did not receive the newsletter and would like to be added to the email list, please send your email address to Lisa Haddrill, Technology Coordinator.

Children, grades K-5: Join Children's Choir to find out why there's an M on M&M candy. Children's Choir meets Wednesday, 5:15-6:00 p.m., beginning September 16 as part of Wednesday@First.

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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