



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015  
FAMILY WORSHIP

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP  
9:30 a.m.

## A Symphony of Service: A Celebration of Our Ministries

### 🌿 Gathering 🌿

#### PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Jay Sanderford

FAITH IN ACTION

Prayer Ministry

Lynn Hamilton

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95:1-2

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.

One: Come, let us worship God!

\* HYMN 150

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, help us live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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!**

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## 🌿 Proclaiming 🌿

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Zach Edwards

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

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

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Dr. Fair

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**HOMILY**

*A Symphony of Service*

Rev. Dr. Fair

## 🌿 Celebrating Our Ministries 🌿

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG** *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

*Please remain seated and sing.*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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## MINISTRIES OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**Responsive Reading** from Psalms 95 and 96

Tom Brandt

Leader: Come, let us bow down and worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord's name; proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day. Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations and the wonders of the Lord among all peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

**All: We gather to express awe, gratitude and praise to our Lord; we gather to celebrate God's saving presence in our lives; and we gather to be taught and led through inspiring preaching and music.**

**Acknowledgment of Those Who Have Served and Will Serve**

Tom Granum

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Fair

\* **Hymn 482**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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## EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS

**Responsive Reading** from Psalms 119 and 3 John      Steve McKenny

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep God's decrees, who seek the Lord with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in God's ways.

**All: We nurture our children and youth for a lifetime of committed Christian discipleship; we prepare each other to become equipped to serve God, love others, and witness to the world of the lordship of Jesus Christ; and we support Christian education at home, church, and school.**

**Acknowledgment of Those Who Have Served and Will Serve**

Deborah MacVey

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Dr. Monnett

**Hymn 333**

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

## MINISTRIES OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Responsive Reading** from Romans 12      Karla Olson-Bellfi

Leader: Love one another with mutual affection. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serve the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

**All: We encourage and support each other throughout our life experiences; we warmly welcome all who enter our doors with hospitality; and we encourage and train each other to be caregivers and care receivers.**

**Acknowledgment of Those Who Have Served and Will Serve**

Sandy Talbott

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Rogers

**Hymn 438**

*Bless Be the Tie That Binds*

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## MINISTRIES OF OUTREACH AND MISSION

**Responsive Reading** from Matthew 28:18-20      David Kershaw

Leader: Jesus came to the disciples and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of

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the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**All:** **We encourage each other to be active in spreading the good news; we provide generous financial and prayer support for missionaries – both local and international – and for mission causes; we challenge each other to make commitments to short-term and long-term mission endeavors; we raise a prophetic voice against the wrongs of society; and we meet people’s needs in Christ’s name and invite them to be his disciples.**

### **Acknowledgment of Those Who Have Served and Will Serve**

Rev. Sanderford

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Sanderford

\* Hymn 525

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM

## Responding

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Monnett

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

### **OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

#### **Offertory**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit; many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise; many questions, one choice. O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love. O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne. Help us learn to love each other; show us ways to understand we are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands. Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

#### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer**

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

**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.**

### Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

*All communion cups contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are located in the center cup on each wafer tray.*

### Prayer After Communion



## Sending



- \* **HYMN 555** *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKE ALLE GOTT  
*As the congregation stands to sing, please bring your offering of food forward. Monetary donations may be put in the special communion envelope and placed in the baskets.*

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven.  
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

### \* POSTLUDE

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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**. 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 Missy Smith-Potter at 9:00 a.m., and Nancy Pflasterer at 10:30 a.m.

**Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** before the 9:30 a.m. service are Beth and Jack Caldwell and Martin and Connie Swindle.

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**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski, Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Jennifer Wilson, Dean Gilchrist, Omer Bellfi, Karla Bellfi, Chris Queen, Beth Sanderford, and Lee Roberts.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano after the worship service. The prayer team members are Meg Brown and Dianne Santinga.

**Today's "Symphony of Service"** is adapted from an order of worship developed by the Calvin Institute for Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan: "The intent of this service of worship is to give thanks for the use of gifts and abilities that make the ministry of the congregation possible. Our ministries require the efforts of many people. Only as each contributes her/his gifts and efforts can ministry be accomplished. Many volunteers go unrecognized and rarely receive thanks. Thanks in this service is directed to God for his gifts, the strength of his Spirit, and his blessing on our efforts, and to those who serve. Our thanks to God are primary, and our thanks to others are secondary."

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving gratitude for all those who serve in the many ministries of First Pres.

## **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).

**Join us for an Ice Cream Social** on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Jinx Cooke, Betsy DiMaggio, Beth Caldwell, and Cindy Crawford. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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

**Today is Family Worship Sunday. Childcare** is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 9:30 a.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Communion Food Offering** is today. 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. Today's food donations and financial contributions are for Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

**Everyone is invited to attend an important congregational event this Wednesday, September 9.** We will gather from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Monteith Hall for a panel presentation on same-gender marriage, followed by discussion and a brief time of worship. There will be an optional session from 5:00-6:15 p.m., to consider biblical passages that illustrate multiple biblical understandings of marriage and those often cited as grounds to deny same-gender couples the church's blessing. The evening's discussion is timely because the session of First Pres has not yet taken action on same-gender marriages. **Interested in childcare?** Contact Debbie MacVey at [dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:dmacvey@firstpresbyterian.org) or 662-4466, ext. 342 to make a reservation. The reservation deadline is today, Sunday, September 6.

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**Our Fall worship schedule resumes Sunday, September 13.** Worship will be held at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

**A meeting of the congregation has been called by the Session** for Sunday, September 20, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing church officers – elders and deacons – for the Class of 2018 and for the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee.

**Volunteer for Alpha House, a local shelter for children and their families who are experiencing homelessness.** First Pres will be supporting Alpha House guests the week of September 14-20. For more information contact Lucie Audette, Anne Gere or Nicole Jolliet. Sign up online or at Coffee Hour.

**Next Sunday, September 13, all Adult Education classes and Children and Youth programming return.** We have Sunday School classes for all ages, youth groups for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday nights, and so much more. If you have questions about offerings for Nursery-5<sup>th</sup> graders, see Debbie MacVey; for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, undergrads, grad students, and 20s-30s, see Rev. Dr. Monnett; and for other adult offerings, see Rev. Sanderford. All may be reached by calling the Church Office.

**Wednesday@First** begins September 16. Read the September edition of our newsletter *First Press* 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, at [lhaddrill@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:lhaddrill@firstpresbyterian.org).

**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 our Wednesday@First Program.

**Saturday Suppers** registration begins today during Coffee Hour. You can sign up as a host, hostess, or guest for one of our small group potluck suppers served in members' homes on Saturday, October 3.

**Flu Shots** are available for those ages 12 and up on Sunday, September 20, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All major insurances will be billed. If you are uninsured the cost is \$14.99. Signups are available during Coffee Hour today and next Sunday, through the Church Office, or online. Bring your insurance information with you or a photocopy of your card, front and back, so your insurance can be billed. Pre-registration will help us prepare for the number of vaccines we need to give. If you have questions or concerns, contact parish nurse Sandy Talbott.

**Presbyterian Women** invite all church women to attend their fall kick-off on Wednesday, September 16, in Monteith Hall. Bible Study is 9:30-10:30 a.m. followed by a short business meeting, and the monthly program. This month we welcome our three new Resident Ministers: Emily Béghin, Daniel Erwin, and Angela Ryo. Lunch follows at noon in the Social Hall. The cost is \$7.00. **InGathering donations** will be received at this meeting or may be brought to the Church Office. Contact Jill Binkley ([jillbink2@gmail.com](mailto:jillbink2@gmail.com)) for more information.

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**The Women's Reading Group** meets Wednesday, September 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m., at the home of Betty Anderson. The book selection is *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. Mary Lynn Thompson will lead a discussion of the Introduction and Chapter One. All church women are invited.

**All adults are invited to join Adult Education classes** beginning next Sunday, September 13. The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room for a study of the Gospel of John. Common Ground, First Couples, and Exploring the Faith meet at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to view and discuss *Being Mortal*, Atul's Gawande's exploration of the intersection of life, death, medicine, and what matters at life's end.

**New robes will be purchased this fall for our three choirs: Children's Choir, Youth Choir, and Chancel Choir.** We invite you to make a donation to help purchase robes. If you would like to "give a robe" in honor of or in memory of someone, please include that information with your gift. If "giving a robe," the cost is \$160. Gifts of all sizes are appreciated. Please contact Tom Granum for more information.

**Mature Singles** will meet for dinner this Friday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m., at Max & Erma's, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

#### **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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