



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

### PRELUDE

*Intrada and Trumpet Tune*

Henry Purcell/Jeremiah Clarke

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Daniel Ervin (8:00)

Rev. Sanderford (9:30/11:00)

### FAITH IN ACTION

Stephen Ministry Carol Gottliebsen (8:00)

Bill Wolters (9:30)

Cyndy Colton (11:00)

### CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalms 122 and 126

One: I was glad when they said to me,

**All: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

One: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

**All: Come, let us praise God!**

\* **HYMN 483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess our unworthiness to be your children. We are quick to deny your lordship and to turn away from your call on our lives. We prefer the easy path to the demands of discipleship. We shun those around us instead of speaking up for those who need an ally in truth. We put our personal security and comfort before our responsibility to act justly and show mercy. Forgive us, not out of our deserving but because of your unfailing mercy. Reset our hearts to follow wherever you would have us go, for we ask it in the name and for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.

### SILENT CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

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**\* 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**

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
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 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Linda Strodtman (8:00)  
Jill Baumhover (9:30)  
Gayle Stevens (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 19

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

**ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00)

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great redeemer's praise;  
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,  
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.  
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Emily Béghin (11:00)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 8:27-38

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Fair

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# 🌿 Responding 🌿

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Thanks be to God!**

\* **HYMN 393** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

BOURBON

**WELCOME**

Rev. Ryo (9:30/11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00)

*I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me* C. Hubert H. Parry  
I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "They shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces." Psalm 122:1-3, 6-7

\* **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**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (8:00)

*See Communion Liturgy 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 371**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Crown Imperial*

William Walton

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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 Peggy Hodgson and Donna Nussdorfer.

**Church Office volunteers** are Bill and Pat Fuerstenau. **Greeters** are Barb and Dick Carlisle and Rob and Cynthia VanRenterghem for the 9:30 a.m. service and Joann Freethy and Cathy and Hailey Berrigan for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Dale Leslie at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Jennifer Wilson, Dean Gilchrist, Jim Cameron, Chris Queen, Beth Sanderford, Katie Parker, and Bill Parker at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Beth Meda, Peggy Hodgson, Joe Cox, Karen Cox, and Cindy Andress at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Carol Fletcher, Diane Knibbs, and Jennifer Hoy following the 9:30 a.m. service and Ralph Winter and Jim Lombard following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening." – Mahatma Gandhi

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Taylor Elizabeth-Blair Calhoun by her family and friends.

## **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](http://www.waamannarbor.com).

**Join us for Coffee Hour** on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Barb Carlisle, Nancy Fox, Carol German, and Judy Landau. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

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**Children’s Ministry Opportunities:**

**Childcare and Sunday School classes** are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

**9:30 a.m. Classroom Assignments:**

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|-------------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| Crib .....              | Room 203 | First Grade.....       | Room 402 |
| Toddler .....           | Room 204 | Second & Third Grade.. | Room 403 |
| 2’s.....                | Room 201 | Fourth Grade.....      | Room 405 |
| 3’s & Young 4’s .....   | Room 200 | Fifth Grade .....      | Room 404 |
| 4’s /Kindergarten ..... | Room 202 |                        |          |

**Sunday School Open House** is today in our education wing. Families with children from crib room through fifth grade are invited to join us for a fellowship gathering between the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

**Youth Ministry Opportunities:**

**Sunday School** is a great place to meet new people, learn about God, and discover something new about yourself. We begin at 9:20 a.m. with **Munch & Mingle** in the 100 level hallway for Washtenaw Dairy Donuts and fellowship followed by **classes** which meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Sixth and seventh graders** meet in Room 104.

**Eighth grade Confirmation** meets in the Curtis Room on the 300 level.

**High school** meets in the Youth Room on the 100 level.

**Youth Choir**, for youth in sixth through twelfth grades, rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 400 Level.

**Youth Dinner** is in the Founders/Curtis Rooms 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner is \$5 or free if your family provides one dinner per semester.

**Mids, our sixth – eighth grade youth group**, meet 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room. **Keystones, our high school youth group**, meet 6:00– 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

**First Pres College Opportunities:**

All college students are invited to our **free College Dinner** Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Vance and Lewis Rooms on the 300 level. **Club** meets Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union.

If you are a college student visiting First Pres for the first time or a regular attender not already plugged into First Pres College, please introduce yourself to Rev. Jim Monnett, Transitional Campus Minister, or to Peer Ministers Alexis Allum and Andy Spaulding today. They look forward to meeting you and telling you more about First Pres College. If you don’t connect today please email Jim at [jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:jmonnett@firstpresbyterian.org).

**Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and conversation. In September, this class begins a new study of the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**A five-week series on end of life issues begins today at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall.** Paul Tichenor, MD, and Rev. Rogers, MDiv, lead a discussion of *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande, touching on key personal, medical and theological issues that confront all people at the end of life. All of our adult education classes will participate in this opportunity.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session** for next Sunday, September 20, 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.

**Tell Me More About First Pres!** Rev. Dr. Fair will lead an open one-hour conversation next Sunday, September 20, at 12:15 p.m. This is for anyone interested in knowing more about First Pres – our history, theology, practices, governance, who we are as a staff, our vision, and more. Lunch will be provided but reservations are required. Childcare is provided upon request. Sign up by calling the Church Office or emailing Rev. Rogers.

**Ready to join First Pres? Please do!** Regular attenders and prospective members, know that we want you to become a part of our church family. The next new member class is Sunday, October 4, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Contact the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers to sign up. Lunch is provided and childcare will be provided by reservation. New members will join October 18.

**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.

**Join us for the October 3 Saturday Suppers** where in groups of 4 – 6 and 8 – 10 we share a potluck supper in the homes of First Pres members. Come meet new friends and catch up with old acquaintances. Register online or during Coffee Hour next Sunday. Host homes are needed. Contact Sara Vander Voort at saravoort@gmail.com for more information.

**Flu Shots** are available for those ages 12 and up next 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, 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.

**Presbyterian Women** invite all church women to attend their fall kick-off this 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. Lunch (\$7) follows at noon in the Social Hall. **InGathering donations** will be received at this meeting or may be brought to the Church Office.

**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 Thomson will lead a discussion of the Introduction and Chapter One. All church women are invited.

**University Sunday** is September 27. We welcome to the pulpit Dr. Rebecca Blank, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, and former member and elder of First Pres.

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**New robes will be purchased this fall for our Children’s, Youth, and Chancel Choirs.** We invite you to help purchase robes by donating a robe in honor of or in memory of someone. The cost is \$160. Contact Tom Granum for more information.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m., at Panda House, 229 North Maple 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.

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

**Mature Ministries invite you to attend these upcoming events:**  
**Thursday, September 17: Meet the Resident Ministers**

Join us at noon in the Social Hall for lunch (\$5) and an opportunity to meet our Resident Ministers and hear them share their faith journeys.

**Thursday, September 24: Trip to the Arab-American Museum**

Travel with us, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., to the museum in Dearborn followed by lunch at Habib’s Cuisine and a conversation with the Executive Director of the museum.

**Thursday, October 1, 11:00 a.m.: Book Group**

*Pilgrimage Through the Last Third of Life: 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth* is this year’s selected book. Book group meets seven times during the year for discussions facilitated by Rev. Rogers and Rev. Bill Fuerstenau. Contact Rev. Rogers soon if you are interested as the group is limited to 15 participants.

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

Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall with Coach Ron Warhurst and sports writer John U. Bacon. Lunch (\$10) is at noon.

Sign up for these events by contacting the Church Office.

**WEDNESDAY@FIRST**  
**September 16 – November 18**

- 5:15 p.m. – Children’s Choir
- 6:00 p.m. – Dinner and Fellowship
- 7:00 p.m. – Worship in Monteith Hall

This week we are serving spaghetti with a choice of marinara or bolognese sauce, garlic bread, panzanella salad, fruit, and lemon cake. Pay today during Coffee Hour or in the Church Office and your dinner is \$6. Pay on Wednesday and it is \$9. Clearly, signing up and paying today is a great idea!

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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

Transitional Campus Minister

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Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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Andy Spaulding

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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