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\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



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 Proclaiming 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Cynthia VanRenterghem (9:30)

Downs Herold (11:00)

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Mark 9:30-37

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

**A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** (9:30/11:00)

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 89:1-8

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

**SERMON**

Rev. Ryo (8:00)

Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

\* **HYMN 257**

*Give Praise to the Lord*

LAUDATE DOMINUM

**WELCOME**

Rev. Sanderford (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Monnett (11:00)

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

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *O How Amiable* R. Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:

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even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:  
They will be always praising thee.  
The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:  
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Texts from Psalms 84 and 90 and Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

\* **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 210**

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Please sing stanzas 1-4.*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (9:30)**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Gloria (Mass in F)*

J. S. Bach

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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 (in the Sanctuary only) and large-print bulletins and are available from the ushers.

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**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 Sheila Bilby and Judy Stuart.

**Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Sarah Krein. **Greeters** are Carolyn Schultz and Ginny Horan 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 Michele Derr and Katie Parker following the 9:30 a.m. service and Ginny Rezmierski and Pam Rinker following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. “‘Thank you’ is the best prayer that anyone could say.” – Alice Walker

**The chancel flowers** are given in loving memory of Dr. Julian Hoff by his wife Diane and their family.

**The rosebuds** celebrate the births of:

Ethan Richard Janz, born September 9, son of Eric and Lesley Janz, and grandson of Jim and Nancy Janz Clark; and

Ian Jacob Valdez, born August 29, son of Saoul and Lauren McPherson Valdez, and grandson of Bill McPherson and Judy Stuart.

## **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).

**We welcome our First Graders to worship at 9:30 a.m. today.** Each first grader has been given a Milestone, a red tote bag with a personal notebook to bring to church each week, and a “church passport” with eight different activities to do during the week as they explore “Worshipping Together.” Welcome, first graders! We are so glad you are a part of our church family!

Sydney Aldrich  
Linus Austin  
Kaitlyn Cheng  
Sebastian Dickinson  
Lauren DiMarzo  
Jacob Gernant  
Anastasia Gibbs  
Dylan Hanley

Natalie Hummel  
Lexi Lewis  
Lily Lewis  
Andrew McInchak  
Maggie Montas  
Ben Mullinix  
Nuala Small-Swihart  
Drew Warner

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**A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session** for today immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing church officers and the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. Nominees for Elder – Class of 2018 are Tom Brandt, Chris Dahl, Prue Heikkinen, Olivier Jolliet, Marita Servais, Kate Silbert, Carol Smith, and Bill Wood. Lucie Audette is nominated to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2017. Nominees for Deacon - Class of 2018 are Ross Anderson, Al Barber, Marolin Bellefleur, Jill Binkley, Paula Doering, Gail Einhaus, Doris Granum, Ron Gulbranson, George Hendrickson, Nicole Jolliet, Barb Ladewski, Jane Myers, Ann Nicklas, Margie Perrett, and Brad Taylor. Mary Ann Pierce is nominated to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2016. Chris Argersinger is nominated to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2017. Nominees for the 2016 Nominating Committee are Doug Gottlieb, Sean Hoskins, Susan Morville, Brian Schneidewind, Cynthia VanRenterghem, and Kathy Wirstrom.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** on the Circle Terrace immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Rebeca Torres-Davenport, Angela Yang, Kay Erdman, and Eleonora Charlson. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We are proud to serve Fair Trade coffee at First Pres. Your purchase of Fair Trade coffee in the Church Office during business hours supports fair wages for coffee farmers and subsidizes our commitment to serving Fair Trade coffee at all church events.

**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:**

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		

**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.

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**The high school mission weekend to the Pittsburgh Project** to rehab houses is November 6 – 8. Cost is \$150 and scholarships are available. This trip often sells out. Email Rev. Dr. Monnett to sign up.

**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 centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Ed Koster.

**A six-week series on end-of-life issues based on *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande**, continues with part two today at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. This morning, watch Frontline's *Being Mortal* as Gawande explores the intersection of life, death, medicine and what matters at life's end. Rev. Rogers will lead a discussion of the video.

**The Flu Shot Clinic** is in the Lewis Room 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Tell Me More About First Pres!** Rev. Dr. Fair leads an open one-hour conversation at 12:15 p.m., in the Founders Room.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The fall meeting of the College of Elders** is Saturday, October 3, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. Please respond to Linda Robinson ([lrobinson@firstpresbyterian.org](mailto:lrobinson@firstpresbyterian.org) or 662-4466) by Wednesday, September 30. If you are a PCUSA elder or minister who did not receive an invitation, please call the Church Office.

**Join the First Pres family!** Regular attenders, 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 is available by reservation. New members will join October 18.

**Last call for Saturday Suppers!** Registration closes today for the potluck suppers served in members' homes October 3. Sign up during Coffee Hour or online. First-time guests are especially welcome to join the fun. Contact Sara Vander Voort at [saravoort@gmail.com](mailto:saravoort@gmail.com) for more information.

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

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m., at Classic Cup Café. All are welcome.

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

**The Russia Mission Team invites all to attend "A Conversation with Father Vladimir Klimzo and Ellen Smith"** Wednesday, September 30. Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship and discussion in Monteith Hall at 7:00 p.m. Learn about First Pres' work in Russia as Fr. Vladimir discusses the impact that our global mission partnership has had on residential camps for disabled children there. Ellen Smith, PC(USA) Mission Partner, will share her experiences as coordinator of congregational twinning programs across Russia.

**The Peace and Global Witness special offering**, which promotes peace, justice, and reconciliation locally as well as globally, will be received Sunday, October 4. The Mission Committee has allocated 25% of this offering to support ongoing efforts by Michael and Rachel Ludwig in Niger, Africa. In addition to monetary support, we ask you to hold the Ludwig family in your prayers.

**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 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.

**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.

**You are invited to join our instrumental music ministry**, which comprises Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir, orchestra, Recorder Ensemble, and a variety of other ensembles organized for specific services and needs. Middle school and high school youth and adults are encouraged to speak with Tom Granum about your interest in participating in this ministry.

**Quad A Potluck Brunch** is Sunday, October 25, at noon in the Social Hall. Quad A includes Chapels 10 – 17 in the northeast section of Ann Arbor. Bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share. Come see old friends, meet new neighbors, and enjoy a bountiful feast. Please feel welcome if you cannot bring a dish or if you decide at the last minute to attend. There is always plenty of food and a place at the table for all. If you have questions, contact your deacon or Quad A leader Lynne Lande: [lynnelande@me.com](mailto:lynnelande@me.com).

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**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 BBQ chicken, macaroni and cheese, green salad, cornbread, fruit, and cookies.

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!

**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  
Deborah MacVey, Director of Children’s Education and Family Ministries  
Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries  
Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist  
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Daniel Ervin  
Reverend Angela Ryo  
Peer Ministers:  
Alexis Allum  
Andy Spaulding  
Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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