



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

SEPTEMBER 27, 2015  
UNIVERSITY SUNDAY

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

## Gathering

**PRELUDE**      *Prelude, Fugue and Variation*      César Franck

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**      Rev. Ryo (8:00)  
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

**FAITH IN ACTION**  
Peace and Global Witness Offering      Susan Cares (8:00)  
Rosemarie Rowney (9:30)  
Bob Wallin (11:00)

Stewardship – Worship and Music Ministries  
*Psalm 98*      Jane Marshall

*Please sing when indicated.*

**O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
Sing praises to the Lord, to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

**With trumpets, with trumpets, and the sound of the horn!**

**O sing to the Lord a new song. . . .**

**Make a joyful noise, a joyful noise.**

**Make a joyful noise before the Lord, before the King.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness.  
Make your way straight before me.

**All: Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;  
let them ever sing for joy.**

One: Judge me, O Lord, according to the integrity that is in me.

**All: Bless us with your wisdom, O God,  
as we worship and praise you.**

\* HYMN 487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all, we are your people. We confess our need to know you, to be guided by you, and to depend on you. We are legalistic when we should be gracious and indecisive when we should be firm. We confuse your law with our interpretation of it and refuse to love one another in our applications of justice. Help us admit our blindness to what we do not want to see: your call for accountability and mercy, consequences and grace.

## 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

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

## Proclaiming

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)  
Carson Smith (9:30)  
Charlotte Anderson (11:00)

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:7-14

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

### ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Let the Words of My Mouth* K. Lee Scott

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with hearts full of thanks to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him.

Psalm 19:14; Colossians 3:16-17

### A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Children through grade five are invited forward.* Rev. Rogers (9:30)  
Lex Allum (11:00)

### NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:13-20

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

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SERMON

*Bound by the Law?*

Emily Béghin (8:00)

Dr. Rebecca Blank (9:30/11:00)

 Responding 

\* HYMN 167

*God's Law Is Perfect and Gives Life*

KINGSFOLD

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)

*Draw Me Nearer*

arr. Ovid Young

\* 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

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND OF REST

**We come to you for healing, Lord,**

**of body, mind, and soul,**

**and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.**

**As once you walked through ancient streets**

**and reached toward those in pain,**

**we know you come among us still with power to heal again.**

**You touch us through physicians' skills,**

**through nurses' gifts of care,**

**and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.**

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**Through nights of pain and wakefulness,  
through days when strength runs low,  
grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,  
in trust that through our nights and days  
your grace will heal, sustain.**

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**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Processional of Peace*

Alan Hovhaness

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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.

**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 is Martha Froseth. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Barb and Dick Carlisle and Carol Fletcher for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Rosie and Richard Bird 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, Chris Larson, Bob Larson, Chris Queen, Beth Sanderford, Katie Parker, and Bill Parker at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Joe Cox, Karen Cox, Beth Meda, Peggy Hodgson, 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 Fred and Sue Beutler and Paul Kirton following the 9:30 a.m. service and Ginny Rezmierski and Mary McKeever following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve." – Mother Teresa

**The chancel flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of David and Joan Anderson's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their children, Cynthia, David, Steven, and Laura.

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## 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).

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

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Betty Anderson, Karen Wisniewski, Julie Morrison, and Holly Majorprice. 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.

### 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, Youth Dinner and Youth Groups** do not meet tonight.

**Mids, our middle school youth group, and Keystones, our high school youth group,** meet at 2:00 p.m. to go to Skyzone. The registration deadline has passed; only those previously registered may attend.

**The Keystone family potluck** is next Sunday, October 4, at 12:15 p.m., at the home of the Chronis family. RSVP to RJ.

**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.

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If you are a college student visiting First Pres for the first time or a regular attendee 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.

***Being Mortal: Grappling with Our Life's End***, a six-week series on end-of-life issues with Rev. Rogers and Dr. Paul Tichenor, continues today with part three at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. The series is centered on the book *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. This morning there is a panel presentation including Rev. Diane Smith, Ann Arbor Hospice Residence chaplain; Rev. George Lambrides, Co-Director of the Interfaith Roundtable, and retired pastor and hospital chaplain; Dr. Jim Peggs, Family Physician/Geriatician; Dr. Jennifer Griggs, breast oncologist, and one of her patients; Chris Argersinger, wife of a patient; and Rev. Ben Helmke, retired Social Worker and recent caregiver.

**The Promises Group**, our specially-abled young adults, led by Rev. Rogers, Kathy Wirstrom, and Heidi Hess-Willis, will meet today at noon at Pizza House. Contact Rev. Rogers for more information.

**You are invited to *Singing the Psalms of Life, a Hymn Festival*** led by Michael Burkhardt, this afternoon at 4:00 p.m., at Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University. Singers from our Chancel Choir will provide the core of singers for this festival co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists and EMU. There is no charge for admission.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us this week for Wednesday@First.** The evening begins at 5:15 p.m. with Children's Choir followed by dinner and fellowship in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Worship is in Monteith Hall at 7:00 p.m. Pay today during Coffee Hour or in the Church Office and your dinner is \$6. Pay Wednesday and it is \$9. This week's menu is roast pork loin, homemade applesauce, potato pancakes, tossed salad, fruit, and brownies. This week's worship theme presented by Rev Rogers is "An eye for an eye" (Leviticus 24:20).

**The Russia Mission Team invites all to attend Wednesday@First and then participate in "A Conversation with Father Vladimir Klimzo and Ellen Smith"** this Wednesday, September 30. 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 fall meeting of the College of Elders** is next 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 this Wednesday, September 30. If you are a PCUSA elder or minister who did not receive an invitation, please call the Church Office.

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**The Peace and Global Witness special offering**, which promotes peace, justice, and reconciliation locally as well as globally, will be received next 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.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, October 2, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

**Join the First Pres family!** Regular attenders, we want you to become a part of our church family. The next new member class is next 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.

**The Women's Reading Group** meets this 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.

**Mature Ministries invites you to sign up in the Church Office to attend these events:**

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

*Pilgrimage Through the Last Third of Life: 7 Gateways to Spiritual Growth*  
Book group meets seven times during the year for discussions facilitated by Rev. Rogers and Rev. Bill Fuerstenau.

**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.

**The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 11.** The CROP Walk raises money to help alleviate hunger around the world, largely through self-help development initiatives. 25% of the funds raised will go to nine local organizations. Please consider participating either by walking or by sponsoring a walker. To register and join *Team First Presbyterian Ann Arbor*, contact Jim Schaafsma, at jschaafs@umich.edu.

**In celebration of the Rehoboth Interfaith Garden, a joint project of First Pres and Hillel**, our members have been invited to join Hillel for a Sukkot, or Celebration of the Harvest, on Thursday, October 1, at 5:30 p.m. Those who helped participate in the planting, watering, weeding, or harvesting of the garden are especially encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending this interfaith event, please contact Rev. Rogers by today at 10:00 p.m. Space is limited.

**Restore Hope Support Group welcomes you.** Do you have a mentally ill family member that you care about? Perhaps you could use some support yourself. At our meetings, we help one another cope with the difficult issues related to loving and caring for/about a family member with serious mental illness. You'll find an accepting and caring group of people who understand what you are experiencing. Fall meetings are October 13 and 27, November 10 and 24, and December 8 and 22. We meet on the 100 level at First Pres. For more information, contact Linda Koopmann, at writingresource@comcast.net, or Rev. Rogers.

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