



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 18, 2015

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

🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE *Motet on Psalm 51, parts I and II* Johannes Brahms
arranged by Gerry Leckrone

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Béghin (8:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30)
Rev. Sanderford (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Stewardship – Christian Education

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

All: The Lord deals bountifully with us.

One: What shall we give to the Lord for all God's goodness to us?

All: We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. We will sing to the Lord in the presence of all God's people. We will praise the Lord in word and deed!

* **HYMN 477** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Béghin (9:30)

Gracious God, giver of life and every perfect gift, we confess our reluctance to give back. Our excuses for not serving others are legion. We say we put our trust in you but our practices refute that claim. The ways we rationalize hoarding your gifts may be creative, but we know they are not faithful. Turn us back to you. Open our eyes to your love that is beyond measure, and bless us with such joy that we may serve you by giving our very best. 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

**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

Michele Derr (8:00)
Rob VanRenterghem (9:30)
Ellen Johnson (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

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

PRESENTATION OF CHILDREN'S BIBLES (9:30)

Rev. Dr. Fair and Deborah MacVey

Children and parents, please come forward to receive your Bible as your name is called and stand on the chancel steps for the litany. Children receiving Bibles today are:

*Graham Jamison Corey
Kate Elizabeth Groves
Keira An-Na Hale
Caleb Vincent Klein
Grace Ann Klein
Samuel Allan Klein
Luke Phillips Koob
Sebastian Earl Kubitz
Riley Robert Lewis
Tyler Rexford Lewis*

*Chloe Marie Majorprice
Brianna McLaughlin
Madeline Elizabeth Montgomery
Leah Jayne Mueller
Brandon Michael Rink
Anna Elizabeth Harrison Schneider
Molly Catherine Schneidewind
Hannah Katherine Sisson
Nicholas Andrew Song*

Litany for the Presentation of the Bibles

One: Children, we give each of you a Bible inscribed with your own name. Will you read it and study it so you learn the ways God spoke to people in the past and speaks to us today, and so you will know Jesus as your most important friend?

Children: I will read and study the Bible to grow in knowing God and Jesus.

One: Parents, God has given you primary responsibility for your children's education in faith. Will you read the Bible with your children as a means of helping them to know Jesus Christ as friend and Lord, understand ways that Christian faith guides decisions in daily life, and as a means of sharing your faith with them?

Parents: We will read the Bible and share our faith with our children.

One: People of the church, at the baptism of children we promise to tell them of God's love, to help them understand Christ's commands, and to strengthen family ties within the household of God. Are we willing to renew this promise?

Congregation:

We renew our promise to children and their families to tell them the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen their family ties with the household of God.

Everyone in prayer:

God of love and care, thank you for your word in the Bible and actively lived in human lives through ages past and in the world today. Through reading and studying the Bible, through prayer and worshiping, help us to know you and to know what we are to do to be your faithful people, following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Corinthians 8:1-12a

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 428**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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WELCOME

Daniel Ervin (9:30/11:00)

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS (9:30)

New members joining the church today are Charlotte Anderson, Cheong-Hee Chang, Becky Donally, Rebecca Donally, Rachel Dudley, Pat Gilbreath, Jaymin Kim, Sara McAdory, Nancy Melzer, Lynn Mottram, Andy Spaulding, Chris Voigtman, Tarra Voigtman, Alizia Westfall, Ken Westfall, and Angela Yang.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:30)

Receiving the Sacrament of Baptism is Angela Yang.

*** 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

* 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) and large-print bulletins and hymnals 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 Lorna Prescott and Pam Wood. **Church Office volunteers** are Ruth Weber and Lorna Prescott. **Greeters** are Cindy and Tom Crawford and Rob and Cynthia VanRenterghem for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Catherine Kendall, Judy Landau, and Marian West for the 11:00 a.m. service.

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Paul Smith (captain), Len Rezmierski, Carol Seneff, Carol Carter, Jim Cameron, Marty Swindle, Connie Swindle, Keith Bilby, Sheila Bilby, Dean Gilchrist, and Spaulding Clark at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Ralph Winter (captain), Jim Douglass, Jeanette Middleton, Cyndy Colton, and Linda Lampman 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, Dean Gilchrist, and Jennifer Hoy following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Katie Parker and Ginny Rezmierski following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Musical leadership is provided by the church orchestra, Gerry Leckrone, conductor.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Jennie Morgan Lombard by her family.

The red rosebud celebrates the birth of Jackson Clark Blackburn, born September 28, 2015, to Scott and Amanda Blackburn.

The mums in worship are given by the deacons in honor of all of our members of longstanding, especially honoring those who have reached 50 years of membership this year. Mums will be randomly delivered this afternoon. Maybe you will be a blessed recipient!

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.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for cake, homemade cookies, and Fair Trade Coffee. The cakes are in honor of our third graders who received Bibles today and of our longtime members. **Cookie bakers** are Margie Van Tuyl, Karla Olson-Belfi, Kathy Swarts, and Shannon Hoy. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. Enjoy the **Fall Photo Show** during Coffee Hour.

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.

At 10:45 a.m. there is a **Milestone presentation event for the children who received their Bibles today and their families.** Go to the Social Hall first for a piece of cake, and then join us in the Lewis Room.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

Munch & Mingle is at 9:20 a.m. in the 100 level hallway.

Sunday School classes meet 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir rehearses 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 400 Level.

Youth Dinner is in the Founders and Curtis Rooms 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Mids youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Curtis Room.

Keystones youth group meets 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

The high school mission weekend to the Pittsburgh Project to rehab houses is November 6 – 8. Cost is \$150 and scholarships are available. Paperwork is due by this Tuesday, October 20. Email Rev. Dr. Monnett to sign up.

First Pres College Opportunities:

There is no **College Dinner** tonight and **Club** does not meet this Tuesday due to UM Fall Break.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 meets in the French Room/Library for Bible exploration and discussion centered on the Gospel of John. The presenter is Rev. Koster.

First Couples meets at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall to focus on how and when to pray in our chaotic world using Reuben Job's book and DVD. Today's lesson is "Listen - Praying in a Noisy World."

Exploring the Faith and Common Ground meet at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to conclude a series centered on *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Today Debbie Mattison, LMSW and Sheryl Kerze, M.D. will lead a discussion on end-of-life issues.

T2A2, our twenties and thirties group, potluck brunch is at 12:30 p.m., at 2388 Nixon Road. Expect great food, conversation, and laughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deacons' Blood Drive is tomorrow, Monday, October 19, 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Please help save lives of those in critical need. Sign up to donate blood, either online at www.redcrossblood.org, or at the Blood Drive table at Coffee Hour. Questions? Contact John Yodhes at jjodhes@gmail.com, or 677-4036.

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 \$6 today during Coffee Hour or in the Church Office. Pay Wednesday and it is \$9. This week's menu is pulled pork sandwiches, homemade coleslaw red skin potato salad, fresh corn, fruit, and dessert. This week's worship theme presented by Rev. Dr. Fair is "out of the mouths of babes" (Psalm 8:2).

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m., at Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road. All are welcome.

Presbyterian Women invite all church women to attend PW Bible study this Wednesday, October 21, at 9:30 a.m., in Monteith Hall. A program on America's racial crisis is at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker is Scott Ellsworth, historian and First Pres member. Lunch (\$7) is at noon in the Social Hall.

Apple pies and rum cakes are back. The Haiti Medical Mission Team is making frozen apple pies for purchase (\$12) that can be picked up after all of the worship services on Sunday, October 25. You can also buy a fresh baked Haitian Rum Cake that day. Large rum cakes are \$30, small are \$8, and slices sell for \$3. Reserve your pies and cakes on our website, in the Church Office, or by contacting Rosemarie Rowney, rrowney@comcast.net.

Noted speaker Dr. Tony Campolo will preach next Sunday on "College and Church: Why We Are Better Together" at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. He will lead a college-directed forum on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. for the entire college community. Please invite the college students in your life to attend. On Monday, October 26, Dr. Campolo will speak at a college ministry fundraising breakfast at 9:30 a.m. sponsored by the Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation Board at the Ann Arbor City Club. Tickets are \$125. Purchase tickets in the Church Office or from Rev. Dr. Monnett.

Quad A Potluck Brunch is next 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. If you have questions, contact your deacon or Quad A leader Lynne Lande (lynnelande@me.com).

The Israel/Palestine Mission Team annual cinnamon roll fund raiser is in progress. Place your order on the church website or in person during Coffee Hour. Pick up orders on Sunday morning, November 1 in the Social Hall. Rolls may be ordered plain, with raisins, or with pecans, for \$10 per pan. Funds provide support for the Mar Elias schools for children in the Palestinian village of Ibillin, Israel. Volunteer to help in the preparation of the rolls on Saturday, October 31, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Margaret McClamroch (mmclamroch@hotmail.com or 734-971-3949) to volunteer.

Worship with us on All Saints' Day, November 1. Names of members and family and friends of members **who have died in the last year** may be submitted on our website or in the Church Office by October 26. These names will be included in the bulletin.

The Chancel Choir and chamber orchestra will present *Requiem for the Living* by Dan Forrest and *Requiem* by Giacomo Puccini Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. All are invited.

Christian Life Academy 2015 is November 15 – 16. Registration has begun for a wonderful learning opportunity with respected Presbyterian pastor and author Rev. Judy Fletcher, the author of this year's Presbyterian Women's Bible study *Come to the Waters*. Visit the church website for more details and to register for meals.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

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Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

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