



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

OCTOBER 25, 2015

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

**PRELUDE**      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      Martin Luther  
arr. Douglas Wagner

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us into a life that finds purpose in God's grace.

**All: We know what that grace is because of Jesus Christ, who brought life out of death, creation out of nothingness, hope from despair.**

One: We gather here to witness to Jesus,

**All: to remind each other and everyone we meet that Jesus Christ brings good news.**

\* **HYMN 150**      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*      MADRID  
*At the 9:30 a.m. service, the youth/children's choir will sing Stanza 1. Please stand to sing Stanzas 2-3 when indicated.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you bless us with so much. Forgive us for not sharing with others, for keeping silent when a word is needed, and for speaking when silence is the right course. Our hands remain idle and clean when they should be busy working with your people. Our hearts remain distant from your call to love one another. Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ in our words and our actions at home, at work or at school, and throughout the world. 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."*

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\* 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**

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)  
Daniel Cressman (9:30)  
Andy Spaulding (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 65:17-25

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

**ANTHEM** (9:30/11:00) *Everywhere I Go*

Natalie Sleeth

Everywhere I go, the Lord is near me.  
If I call upon Him, he will hear me.  
Never will I fear,  
for the Lord is near  
everywhere I go.

In the dark of night should things alarm me,  
ever in His sight, no ill may harm me,  
I will be of cheer  
for the Lord is near,  
everywhere I go.

He is with me day by day,  
He will be my strength and stay;  
From His path I will not stray  
But follow in His way.

In the coming days of joy or sadness  
I will praise His name with song of gladness,  
For to me it's clear  
that the Lord is near,  
everywhere I go.

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

Rev. Béghin

*Children through grade five are invited forward.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Revelation 21:1-7

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

**SERMON**

*"Before they speak, I will answer."*

Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)  
Dr. Campolo (9:30/11:00)

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# Responding

\* **HYMN 260**      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      EIN' FESTE BURG

**WELCOME**      Rev. Dr. Monnett (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)    *Spirit, Open My Heart*      arr. Al Fedak

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Text by Ruth Duck, 1994

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (8:00)      *See Communion 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 538**      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*      SICILIAN MARINERS  
*Please sing Stanzas 1 and 2.*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,  
Let no fear of death appall us, glad Thy summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with Thee in endless day.**

\* **POSTLUDE**

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

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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](http://www.firstpresbyterian.org). If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Judy Landau and Dale Leslie. **Church Office volunteers** are Martha Petroski and Jane Bartman. **Greeters** are Tissy and Rudi Ansbacher and Amy Hofing for the 9:30 a.m. service, and Betty and Doug Halliday and Tim Wendler for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Michele Derr at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Dick Carlisle (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 Jim Lombard, Diane Knibbs, and Marolin Bellefleur following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Linda Lampman and Marolin Bellefleur following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Heaven is full of answers to prayer for which no one bothered to ask." – Billy Graham

**Musical leadership** is provided by Gale Kramer, organist (8:00), Sanctus Ringers Handbell Choir (9:30/11:00), Chancel Choir (9:30/11:00), Children's Choir and treble singers of Youth Choir (9:30), Luke Panning, violin (9:30/11:00), and Brooke Phillips, soloist (11:00).

**The chancel flowers** are given in honor of our Annual Giving Committee: Lucie Audette, Chair; Lynnette Conner, Carol Downton, John Edman, Gail Grady, Prue Heikkinen, John LeDuc, Zach Monsma, Chris Queen, Rev. Angela Ryo, and Carson Smith.

**The red rosebud** celebrates the birth of Henry Robert Stroh on October 16, 2015. Henry is the son of Bryan and Sarah Colton Stroh and the grandson of Cyndy and Jeff Colton.

**The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession** are adapted from Presbyterian Church (USA) *UKirk Ministries*.

## **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).

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**Today we welcome to the pulpit Dr. Tony Campolo**, professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, and an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church. He has written more than 35 books and is one of the founders of the Red Letter Christian movement. Dr. Campolo and his wife, Peggy, live near Philadelphia and have two children and four grandchildren.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for homemade cookies, and Fair Trade Coffee.

**Cookie bakers** are Betty Anderson, Joann Freethy, Beth Caldwell, and Julie Morrison. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. Enjoy the **Fall Photo Show** during Coffee Hour. The Haiti Medical Mission Team is selling their homemade frozen apple pies and Haitian rum cakes. Pre-orders are available for pick-up.

#### **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.

#### **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. There is no **Youth Dinner** this evening.

**Mids** youth group does not meet tonight.

**Keystones** youth group meets 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

#### **First Pres College Opportunities:**

All college students are invited to our **free College Dinner tonight at 6:00 p.m.** in the Vance and Lewis Rooms on the 300 level. Tonight's dinner is a taco bar from Moe's Southwest restaurant in Ann Arbor. We will eat together and all head to Monteith Hall to enjoy the talk, the band, and Q&A with Dr. Tony Campolo. **Club** meets Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. in the Anderson Room of the Michigan Union.

#### **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 explore practices of prayer using Reuben Job's book and DVD, *Listen - Praying in a Noisy World*.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore "Universal Slavery: Human and Moral Issues." The presenter is Dr. Waldemar Schmeichel.

**Common Ground** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room to explore "The Many Faces of Marriage." Today's session is "The Diversity of the American Family" with Kate Drinkwater, LMSW, and Rev. Sanderford.

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**T2A2 (the First Pres young adults group)** meets at noon in the Founder's Room for a brief Bible Study on the miracles of Jesus. Please join us for a time of fellowship, study, and reflection. For more information, contact Rev. Ryo.

**The Quad A Brunch** is at noon in the Social Hall.

**Dr. Campolo's evening presentation** is at 7:00 p.m. in Monteith Hall. Tonight Dr. Campolo will speak to the college community on why Christian faith matters to us while we are in college. The Young Life College Band led by Daniel Cressman will share some worship songs before Dr. Campolo's talk and questions and answers will follow. Please send the word to the college students in your life to come to Monteith Hall tonight. All are welcome.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Would you like to learn more from Dr. Campolo and support campus ministry?** Join us at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning at the Ann Arbor City Club for a college ministry fundraising breakfast sponsored by the Ann Arbor Campus Ministry Foundation Board. Tickets are \$125 and may be purchased through Rev. Dr. Monnett.

**Communion Food Collection** is next Sunday. 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. Please bring food donations or financial contributions for the Washtenaw Community College Food Bank.

**Worship with us on All Saints' Day, next Sunday, November 1. Tomorrow, Monday, October 26, is the deadline** to submit names of members and other loved ones who have died in the last year. Names may be submitted to the Church Office or via our website. These names will be included in the bulletin next Sunday.

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

**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 baked chicken, homemade pierogis (potato with cheese and sauerkraut with mushrooms), glazed carrots with fresh peas, cucumber salad, bread and butter, fruit, and dessert. This week's worship theme presented by Rev. Rogers is "at your wit's end" (Psalm 107:27).

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, October 30, at 5:30 p.m., at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter Avenue. All are welcome.

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**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 next 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.

**Quad B Potluck Brunch** is Sunday, November 8, at noon in the Social Hall. Quad B includes Chapels 20 – 28. These include the neighborhoods around the church: downtown, parts of Geddes, Ann Arbor Hills, Buhr Park, and Burns Park. Bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share. If you have questions, contact Quad B leader Martine Blogin (mblogin@comcast.net) or your deacon.

**Christian Life Academy 2015, a wonderful learning opportunity for all ages, is November 15 – 16.** Rev. Judy Fletcher, respected Presbyterian pastor and author of this year's Presbyterian Women's Bible study *Come to the Waters* will help us explore "Love, Justice, and Sin." Visit the church website for more details and to register for meals.

**Plan ahead for Alpha House, November 16 – 22.** Our congregation has another opportunity to serve the guests at Alpha House by providing food, serving and cleaning up from meals, and entertaining children. As one volunteer put it, "I have a new understanding of what experiencing homelessness means in the lives of children." Sign up to serve during Coffee Hour today through November 15 or on the church website.

**Hilltoppers welcomes our members and friends age 60 and up to hear the lecture, "Sexuality in the Later Years."** Join us Thursday, November 12 for lunch at 12:00 p.m. (\$5) and a talk by psychotherapist, certified sex educator and therapist, Ruth Koelling, MFT, CST. Sign up in the Church Office or with Rev. Rogers.

**Volunteers are needed for the Delonis Shelter Card Program** on Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., at the Delonis Center. A box stocked with cards, stamps, and a parking pass may be picked up at the Church prior to going to the Center. This program provides a wonderful opportunity to listen to the guests, an important part of our local outreach Church program. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jeannine Buchanan (971-6589 or buchananra@msn.com).

**Commitment Sunday and the all-Church Member Canvass took place last Sunday.** Thank you to all who have returned a Commitment Form! As of Wednesday, October 21, we have received 359 commitments and reached 73% of our 2016 stewardship goal of \$1,650,000. If you have not yet completed your Commitment Form, please don't delay longer. Read Rev. Dr. Fair's letter and review the Stewardship brochure you received in the mail. Pray and discern what is possible for you to give during 2016, remembering the abundance of God's blessings in your life. We will put every gift, great and small, to amazing use in our church's ministries. You may go online at our Church website to complete your commitment or mail the form to the church.

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## **PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF**

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