



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Ann Arbor | Michigan

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

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

## 🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

*Pavane*

Paul Drayton

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Ryo (8:00/9:30)

Rev. Béghin (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Nicaragua Mission Trip

Rev. Rogers

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: God forgives us again and again.**

One: We give thanks to the Lord, and gather to worship the one, true God.

**All: We praise you, God of all, and sing to your glory!**

\* HYMN 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, it is hard to admit but impossible to deny that we need your forgiveness. Time and again we harm those around us. Sometimes we speak without thinking; other times we seek to inflict pain. Sometimes we are oblivious to needs around us; other times we intentionally turn away. We want for ourselves what we deny others. We want opportunity, wealth, and security. We want advantages, mercy, and second chances. We are hesitant to speak up when we see another being wronged and we are reluctant to admit when we are at fault. We do not deserve your forgiveness but we seek your grace. Forgive us, Loving God, for we ask it in the name of your Son, Jesus, who gave himself for us.**

### 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."*

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\* **GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

 **Proclaiming** 

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Cheryl Gulbranson (8:00)  
Alice Holderby (9:30)  
Gerry Leckrone (11:00)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
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.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Daniel Ervin (8:00)  
Rev. Dr. Fair (9:30/11:00)

 **Responding** 

\* **HYMN 210** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

**WELCOME** Daniel Ervin (9:30)  
Rev. Rogers (11:00)  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.*

**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**Offertory** (9:30/11:00) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Dan Forrest

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
And calm amidst its rage did sleep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.

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Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood  
Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its empty tumult cease,  
And give, for wild confusion, peace;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea.

*The congregation is invited to remain seated and sing:*

**O Trinity of love and power!  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go,  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

**\* 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 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 262**     *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**O Trinity of love and power,  
All travelers guard in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

**\* POSTLUDE**     *In honor of our veterans*

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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 John Yodhes and Lynne Lande. **Church Office volunteers** are Lorna Prescott and Elsa Stuber. **Greeters** for the 9:30 a.m. service are Deborah and Hank McQueen and Marita Servais; and Dale Leslie and Catherine Kendall for the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Ushers** are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Marolin Bellefleur, Chris Queen, Jennifer Wilson, Karla Olson-Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, Omer Bellfi, and Beth Sanderford at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Cindy Andress, Peggy Hodgson, Beth Meda, Joe Cox, Karen Cox, and Jim Douglass at 11:00 a.m.

**The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Paul Kirton following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Marolin Bellefleur and Jane Kinzinger following the 11:00 a.m. service. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." – Colossians 4:2

**Musical leadership** is provided by the Men's Chorus. Today's offertory anthem, *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*, is sung in honor of veterans. Composer Dan Forrest initially composed this anthem for mixed voices for a choral festival in honor of President John F. Kennedy, and he chose this hymn as it had been played by the Navy Band as JFK's casket was carried up the steps of the Capitol Rotunda. In honor of veterans of our congregation, Dan Forrest has revoiced this setting, and today is its first presentation. Donors to the Sacred Music Fund have made this commission possible.

**The chancel flowers** are given in honor of all of our veterans. This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II. World War II veterans in our congregation are wearing carnations. Please honor and greet them!

## **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** in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service for homemade cookies and Fair Trade Coffee. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

**Cookie bakers** are Betsy DiMaggio, Kim Gernant, David and Carol Downton, and Julie Rupp.

**The Deacons host the Quad B Brunch** at noon in the Social Hall.

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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.

### **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 at 12:15 p.m. in the Choir Room on the 400 Level.

**There are no evening youth ministry opportunities.** Please pray for our Pittsburgh mission trip participants returning today.

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

There is **no College Dinner** tonight. Come next week for good food and conversation at 5:30 p.m. **Club** meets Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. in the Michigan Union.

### **Adult Education Opportunities:**

**The Bible @ 9:30** meets in the French Room 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. Using a DVD and discussion questions, the group will explore "Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision" using the *Living the Questions* materials.

**Exploring the Faith** meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall to explore "Universal Slavery: Human and Moral Issues." The class will examine slavery with a focus on the U.S. and the role of Christianity and the church as troubled participants, then forceful opponents of the practice. The presenter is Dr. Wally Schmeichel.

**Common Ground** meets at 11:00 a.m. in the Lewis Room. So, what are you going to do with your one precious life? What is the story of your faith and your work? Rev. Ryo will present Parker Palmer's *Let Your Life Speak*. This class will help all newly elected deacons and elders create their own faith stories and statements.

**T2A2 (the First Pres young adults group)** meets at noon in the Founders Room for a brief Bible study on the miracles of Jesus. Please join us for a time of fellowship, study, and reflection. A meeting to plan events for the coming months will follow Bible study. All T2A2 are invited to attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Complete a Learning Church Survey for Adult Education.**

Discovery, exploration, and spiritual growth mark a Learning Church. The Adult Education Committee created a survey to learn about interests in adult learning opportunities at First Pres. Your thoughts matter whether you've never attended an Adult Ed offering or are a regular attendee. A link to the survey can be found on our First Pres website or you may pick up a paper copy in the Church Office.

**The new photo directory is here.** Postcards were mailed to every family pictured in the directory. Your card is needed to exchange for your free directory. Directories may be picked up during Coffee Hour today and in

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the Church Office Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you want an additional copy of the directory or if your photo is not in the directory and would like to have a copy, you may purchase one for \$10 after December 1.

**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 features chicken fajitas, tortilla chips with salsa and guacamole, tossed salad, fruit, and dessert. This week’s worship theme presented by Daniel Ervin is “a drop in the bucket” (Isaiah 50:15).

**Hilltoppers welcome our members and friends age 60 and up to hear the lecture, “Sexuality in the Later Years.”** Join us this 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.

**Mature Singles** meet for dinner this Friday, November 13, at 5:30 p.m., at Carlyle Bar & Grill, 3660 Jackson Road. All are welcome.

**The Knit Night Group** will meet this Friday, November 13, 7:30 – 8:45 p.m. in the Curtis Room. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome. The group makes shawls and baby blankets for church members.

**There will be a Communion Workshop for elementary school age children and their families** next Sunday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. The Communion workshop will help parents and children understand the Sacrament of Communion and how this meal is celebrated in worship. Debbie MacVey and Rev. Dr. Fair will lead the workshop. Register for the workshop by e-mailing or phoning Debbie.

**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 or on the church website.

**Presbyterian Women Opportunities for Wednesday, November 18:**

**Bible Study** is at 9:30 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Mary Smith facilitates a discussion of Lesson 4 from *Dangerous Waters, God’s Deliverance*.

**Program** is at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Dr. Virginia Bell, Iona pilgrim, presents “Pilgrimage - Near and Far.”

**Lunch** is at noon in the Social Hall. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

**Reading Group** is at 1:00 p.m. in the Vance Room. Myra Larson leads a discussion of Chapter 3 from *The Road to Character* by David Brooks.

**Calling all leaf rakers! Our annual leaf raking day is Saturday, November 21, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Enjoy multi-generational fellowship, Washtenaw Dairy doughnuts, and hot drinks. For more information contact Facilities Manager Adrian Prundeanu.

**MISSION A2, a local non-profit that works to alleviate homelessness, requests our help with their sleeping bag drive in November.** The temperatures will soon be dropping in Ann Arbor which

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means our street friends need sleeping bags and blankets more than ever. Please drop off new and/or gently used sleeping bags and/or blankets outside Rev. Ryo's office. For more information refer to the MISSION A2 website ([www.missiona2.org](http://www.missiona2.org)).

**High schoolers, come travel to Montgomery Presbyterian Center, near Gainesville, Florida, for a work project** December 27 – January 2. Rev. Dr. Monnett and Peer Minister Lex Allum are leading. Sign up by sending a check to the church for \$600. We will stay at the center where we will rebuild their outdoor pavilion and a volleyball court, remove overgrowth from the lake, and do other delayed projects. See RJ for an info sheet with all the information. Friends are welcome.

**Have you made your 2016 Annual Giving Commitment?** Your response to God's goodness has been great! Commitments are coming in faster (26% faster, for you who love statistics) than last year (449 pledges versus 356 at the same time last year). While we are off to a strong start, there is work yet to be done. As of November 3, we were at a 65% participation rate of active church members. Our hope is to surpass the 81% who made a financial commitment for 2015. As a committee, we are convinced that a higher participation rate will create a greater sense of partnership among the congregation and a more faithful witness in the community. Please participate by pledging your financial resources and gifts of time today. If you have questions contact Lynnette Conner, Finance Manager.

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

**"Tell Me More About This Church"** is Sunday, November 22, at 12:15 p.m. for an hour, in the Founders Room (near the Church Office). Join a small group of people for an intimate conversation with Dr. Fair. It's a great way to learn more about her, our church and denomination, what we believe, what joining entails and why you might want to do it. You can ask anything! What do we believe about same-gender marriage? Who can be baptized? What is the PCUSA stance on Israel and Palestine? What is Dr. Fair's favorite coffee shop in Ann Arbor? What are the strengths of First Pres and also our growth areas? We will provide lunch and childcare. Please make a reservation with Rev. Rogers or in 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, December 6, 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 December 13.

**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.

**An intergenerational mission trip to Nicaragua** is planned for Ann Arbor Public Schools Spring Break, April 2 – 9. If you are interested in going alone or with your child who is at least 13, please contact Rev. Ryo or Carol Smith ([psmith6641@aol.com](mailto:psmith6641@aol.com)).

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**Poinsettias given in honor or memory of a loved one will beautify our worship on December 13.** Following worship our deacons will deliver all the poinsettias to those who are grieving, ill, recovering, or shut-in. The cost is \$15, and orders are due December 4 at noon. Payment can be made in the Church Office or on our website. Please note this early deadline!

**Advent Email Devotionals** help spiritually lead us through this holy season. They are written by members and staff and will begin coming to your inbox on November 29 if you sign up on our website. Printed copies will be in the Church Office for those who do not use the internet.

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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

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Carol Muehlig, Associate Music Director and Organist

Resident Ministers:

Reverend Emily Béghin

Daniel Ervin

Reverend Angela Ryo

Peer Ministers:

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Andy Spaulding

Sandy Talbott, Parish Nurse

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