

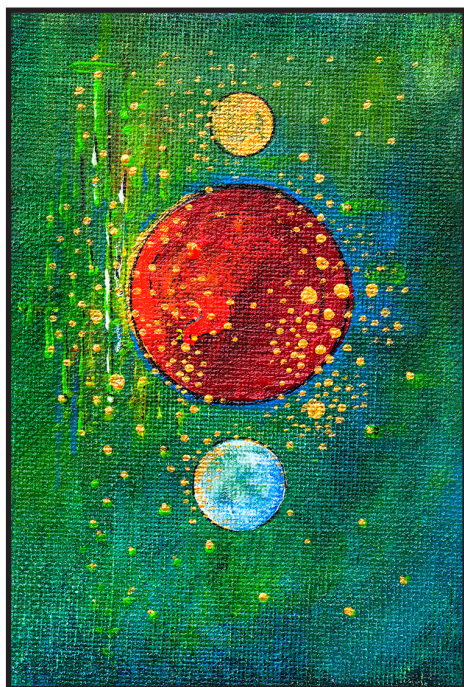


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NOVEMBER 29, 2015
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
FAMILY WORSHIP

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



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🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Monnett (8:00)
Rev. Béghin (9:30)
Rev. Dr. Fair (11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION

Family-to-Family

Julie Morrison

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In darkness and light

All: we will walk with God.

One: In peace and danger

All: we will walk with God.

One: In living and dying

All: we will walk with God.

One: We will live in God's light.

All: We will walk in God's ways.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

During this Advent Season, we will light four candles, one for each Sunday before Christmas, as a sign of the coming Christ. Today, we light the candle of Hope. Candlelighters are Bill and Pat Austin at 8:00 a.m.; Ken, Alizia, and Ava Westfall at 9:30 a.m.; and Cheong-Hee Chang at 11:00 a.m.

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in hope,
the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

All: **Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.**

Choral Response *Light One Candle* Natalie Sleeth

Prayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your
reign. We put away your hope, place our trust in things that pass
away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rudi Ansbacher (8:00)

Kira Collins (9:30)

Luke Rogers (11:00)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 80:1-7

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

ANTHEM (9:30/11:00) *Lost in the Night*

Finnish folk tune
arr. Kyle S. Haugen

Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish,
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?

Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon. Christ is coming soon.

Traditional Finnish text translated by Olav Lee

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

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 13:24-37

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

SERMON

Rev. Sanderford

Responding

* **HYMN 13**

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

WELCOME

Rev. Rogers (9:30)

Daniel Ervin (11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory (9:30/11:00) *Christ Be Our Light*

Bernadette Farrell

Please remain seated and sing the refrain when indicated:

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

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* **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**

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**

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

Please remain seated until indicated to stand and sing.

Soloist and choir:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword.
God's truth is marking on. Refrain

God has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
And is sifting out all human hearts before the judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer; O be jubilant my feet!
Our God is marching on. Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,
While God is marching on.

Please stand to sing:

**Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.**

**He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave,
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is honor to the brave;
So the world shall be his footstool and the soul of wrong his slave.
Our God is marching on.**

**Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.**

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! God's truth is marching on.**

*** POSTLUDE (9:30/11:00)**

* 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 Linda Upton and Dean Gilchrist. **Church Office volunteers** are Bill and Pat Fuerstenau. **Greeters** for the 9:30 a.m. service are Bill McPherson, Judy Stuart, and Catherine Kendall; and Gail Grady and Dale Leslie 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, Jennifer Wilson, Karla Olson-Belfi, Omer Belfi, Dean Gilchrist, Chris Queen, 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 Hillemonds Chapel, to the right of the piano after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Prayer team members are Paul Kirton and Nicole Jolliet following the 9:30 a.m. service, and Ralph Winter 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. "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." - Jeremiah 29:12

Musical leadership is provided by Children's Festival Choir (9:30); Ensemble from Youth Choir (11:00); Doris Granum, soloist; and Chancel Choir.

Our closing hymn, *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*, has a text rich with biblical roots. The text incorporates many apocalyptic images such as the coming of the Lord in glory (Matthew 24:30/Mark 13:26/Luke 21:27), the winepress (Isaiah 63:3, Revelation 14:19, 19:15), and the sharp sword (Isaiah 27:1, Revelation 19:15).

The Scripture readings are from the Common English Bible. Some worship materials are adapted from *Candles and Conifers* by Ruth Burgess and published by the Wild Goose Worship Group, Iona and Glasgow, Scotland.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Lee Danielson by his wife Millie and his daughter Lisa.

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 homemade cookies and Fair Trade Coffee. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children.

Cookie bakers are Holly Majorprice, Nancy Fox, Carol Carter, and Judy Landau.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Today is Family Worship Sunday. Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

Youth Ministry Opportunities:

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.

Adult Education Opportunities:

Adult education classes do not meet today. Regular programming resumes next Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor.

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, 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.

Poinsettias will beautify our worship on December 13. They are given in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15, and **orders are due this Friday, December 4.** Payment can be made in the Church Office or on our website. Please note this early deadline!

Immature Ministries invites you if you are a single or couple in your 40s or 50s to a special event this Thursday, December 3. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Jolly Pumpkin and then a concert by NESSA, a band with several of our church members, at the ARK. The cost is \$15 for tickets. Contact Rev. Rogers to sign up. This is the launch party and concert for their new album.

Mature Singles meet for dinner this Friday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m., at Olive Garden, 445 E. Eisenhower Parkway. All are welcome.

The Advent Happening, our Advent/Christmas craft morning, is next Saturday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. – noon, in the Social Hall. Childcare is available for children under 3.

All-Church Christmas Dinner is next Sunday, December 6. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and a gourmet meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person and seats must be reserved. We are limited to 250 people. Make your reservation on our website or by contacting the Church Office.

Advent Email Devotionals written by members and staff help spiritually lead us through this holy season. Email delivery began today but you may still sign up on our website to receive them. Hard copies are available in the Church Office for those who do not use the internet.

An Advent Bible Study led by Rev. Béghin meets at Glacier Hills in the Ecumenical Chapel at 10:30 a.m. every Tuesday, December 1 – 22.

The annual Pancake Supper sponsored by Campus Ministry is Tuesday, December 15, as UM students wrap up their fall semester. We expect to serve over 300 hungry students from 10:00 p.m. to midnight and volunteers are needed to help with outreach, setup, cooking, serving, and clean-up. Sign up for a volunteer spot on our website or contact Peer Minister Andy Spaulding.

Children’s Festival Choir (Advent/Christmas): Children, grades K-5, are invited to rehearse 10:30 – 10:50 a.m. Sunday mornings, December 6, 13, and 20, to sing for the Lighting of the Advent Candle for 9:30 a.m. services during Advent and for the Christmas Pageant on December 24 at 3:00 p.m.

You are invited to three concerts we are hosting in our sanctuary.

Friday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. – Three organists from the Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present a free concert, “An Organist’s Christmas,” with the Boychoir of Ann Arbor, which will include audience carol-singing.

Saturday, December 12, 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. – The Boychoir of Ann Arbor presents their Christmas concerts, “A Boychoir Christmas.” Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., a free concert by 14-year old violin prodigy Kay Cee Galano who recently won the 2015 world concerto competition in Beijing.

Glacier Hills Advent Worship is Monday, December 14. Our pastoral and program staff and several deacons welcome you to join them at to lead our annual Advent Communion service. We begin gathering in the Hanson Room at 10:00 a.m. If you can support the deacons by attending, contact Karen Gardstrom (boothstrom@aol.com) or John Yodhes (677-4036).

The Longest Night Service is in Monteith Hall Sunday, December 20, at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. This service recognizes the increasing darkness that comes with the Winter Solstice, and looks to the hope of returning life, and the gift of Light in Christ. It is meant to comfort those grieving or struggling during this holiday season. It is open to all, including your loved ones and neighbors, who are coping with sadness at this time. This service, led by Rev. Rogers, includes candles of remembrance, the music of harp and flute, and moving hymns. The Stephen Ministers will provide hot cider and cookies for a time of fellowship afterwards.

Join us in worship on Christmas Eve at one of these services:

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| Family Worship | 3:00 p.m. |
| Lessons and Carols | 5:00 p.m. |
| Lessons and Carols | 7:00 p.m. |
| Candlelight Communion | 11:00 p.m. |

The Chancel Choir, harp, brass, organ and woodwinds will present a 30-minute prelude of Christmas music before the 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Services of Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve. Come early to listen to choral and instrumental music for the season.

Join us for "Joy to the World – A Festival of Carols and Hymns for Christmas" on Sunday, December 27, at 10:00 a.m. Celebrate the

Newborn King at this festival of Christmas hymns, carols, and solo organ repertoire. There are no other worship services that day. Childcare will be provided for crib through age five.

The Church Office will be closed Christmas Day, December 28, and January 1.

Year-End Finance Information: The IRS requires that we close our books for 2015 on December 31. Make sure you allow sufficient time for your donation to reach the office for your contribution to be applied to your 2015 statement. If the Finance Office door is locked, use the mail slot. When paying your financial commitment with a credit/debit card, the commitment is for one calendar year, and must be renewed each year. A new authorization form is available on the First Pres website or in the Finance Office. 2016 envelopes will be available for pickup in the Finance Office beginning December 29.

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