

## Welcome to Our Guests!

Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lounge after the service. We're glad you're here!

### This Morning's Schedule

#### 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

- ◆ **Nursery** provided for children through age 3
- ◆ **Young Children & Worship**, for children age 4 thru 3rd grade, meets in the Chapel after the Children's Message

#### 10:00 a.m. Growing in Faith

- ◆ **Nursery** provided for children thru age 3
- ◆ **Children's Shine!**: All children will begin and end in room 16/17
- ◆ **The Divine Conspiracy Classes:**
  - **Troy's Team** meets in the Rec. Room
  - **Jill's Team** meets in Fellowship Hall
  - **D.C. Video Edition** meets in the Conference Room
  - **The Wired Word** meets in Room 5

#### 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

- ◆ **Nursery** provided for children through age 3
- ◆ **Young Children & Worship** meets after the Children's Blessing
  - 4, 5 year-olds, Y5s & K: Room 16/17
  - Grades 1 & 2: Chapel
  - Grades 3 & 4: Room 20

#### Fall Class Offering

**A Study in the Book of Jeremiah:** Facilitated by Hazel Kragt. Weekly classes begin Tuesday, September 19, 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

#### About Our New Fall Banners

Many of you have noticed and commented on our beautiful new autumn banners hanging in the chancel. These were wonderfully crafted by artist and church member Wanda Anderson, who states:

*"The banners celebrate the beauty of fall, with colorful leaves, acorns, and sunflowers!"*



Thank you, Wanda, for gracing the chancel with the beauty of the season!

#### For Your Calendar

- **September 17**—Return to 8:45 am and 11:00 am Worship Services
  - Growing in Faith Classes Resume
  - Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus 4:00 p.m.
  - Vine, Roots & Shine56 Kick-off event 5-7 p.m.
- **September 24**—P.W. Mum Sale
- **October 1**—CROP Walk
- **October 13-15**—2nd Annual All Church Retreat at Gull Lake Retreat & Conference Grounds
- **November 10**—Feeding America Food Truck Sponsorship

The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory and honor of God and in loving memory of our granddaughter, Samantha Yee, by Steven and Diana Groters

#### Worship Leaders

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jill VanderWal, Interim Associate Pastor  
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Rob Hlebinsky, Organist; Marc Felt, The Gathering Band Leader

**Participants:** Geneva Choir, The Gathering Music Team  
Becky Yonan, Children's Ministries Director

**Greeters:** 8:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
Clinton Street: Kitty Blessing Kristin and Marc Felt  
Gathering Area: Jane Christy Joe and Kay McCrea  
Portico: Cheryl Wilkinson Jim and Jane Schultz

**Readers:** Laura Yonan Michele Smith

**Nursery:** Marta McNergney, Stacey Erskin, Carissa Yonan (aide)

**Usher Team #2:** Connie VanSchelven and Julie Kremer

#### Our Church Family & Friends

**Prayer requests:** Ruth Edward, Carol Folkert, Margaret Johnson, Jim Kober, Sue Roper, Phyllis Papanoli, Fran Wilson, and Evelyn Wood

**Thank you cookie bakers:** Karen Abraham, Chris Bussell, Kristin Felt, Marilyn Horton, Kelly Seaver & Mary Wood

#### In Our Church

##### "Conspiracy-cast" and Weekly Study Guides for *The Divine Conspiracy*

Our podcast as well as weekly study guides are available on our website ([www.fpgh.org](http://www.fpgh.org)). The podcasts feature a discussion with the pastor and several church members about the current week's chapter.

##### 2017 All-Church Retreat Registration Sign-Up Deadline is Oct. 1!

Be sure to fill out your registration form and turn it in with a deposit to save your spot at this year's retreat! Forms and informational brochures are available online or at the Welcome Desk.

##### Caregiver and Grief Support Groups Begin Tuesday, September 19

Both groups will meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at FPC, and are facilitated by Barb Doorlag, MA, LLP

**1:00 p.m. Caregiver Support:** offers a setting for sharing information, insight, advice and encouragement for caregivers.

**2:30 p.m. Grief Support:** offers companionship and understanding from others who have experienced loss and are experiencing life with grief.



#### Community Artist & Speaker Series Season Opener!

##### Great Lakes Barbershop Chorus Sunday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.

The Great Lakes Chorus was formed in 1947 and has been a part of the West Michigan music community ever since. Now under the direction of Jamie Carey, the current Great Lakes Chorus is creating exciting a cappella music for an ever-expanding audience.

The chorus was crowned District Champions in April of this year and has qualified the past three years for the Barbershop Harmony Society's international competition. Singing on the stage of Hollywood's Axis Theater in the most recent competition, the chorus posted its highest score ever, and is now recognized in the barbershop world as an "A" level chorus.

Great Lakes Chorus repertoire includes a wide variety of musical styles including Barbershop, Gospel, Patriotic, Doo-Wop, Seasonal, and Swing.

All of the Community Artist events are free and open to the public.



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 17, 2017



#### Meditation to Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

"We were built to count, as water is made to run downhill. We are placed in a specific context to count in ways no one else does. That is our destiny."

- Dallas Willard

#### Our Vision:

We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 8:45 A.M.

 Please check-in online before you silence all electronic devices

### Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church!

If you do not have a church home in the Grand Haven area, we invite you to make our church yours. We are an open congregation and we welcome you.

### PREPARING

PRELUDE – *Aria* Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon  
*Please feel free to use the Prayer Request Cards in your pew, and place them in the offering plate. Your requests will be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

INTROIT – *Speak to One Another*

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Jill VanderWal

**Many:** The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

**One:** A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

**Many:** The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

**One:** Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

**Many:** The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

**One:** Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

**Many:** The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

**One:** Let all who have ears, hear.

\*OPENING HYMN 246 – *Christ is Alive!*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**People:** May God be with you as you worship and learn together.

Children: May God be with you as you worship here.

**People:** Go in peace.

*Children through age 3 are welcome in nursery. Children age 4 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade meet in the chapel for Young Children & Worship. All others remain in worship.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We go our own way; we concern ourselves only with ourselves; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.**

*(followed by silent confessions)*

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *Kyrie*

**Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**One:** Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness.

**Many:** Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Thanks be to God! Amen.

### \*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

FIRST LESSON – Mark 10:17-31

p. 822 pew Bible

SECOND LESSON – Matthew 4:23-5:2

p. 785 pew Bible

**One:** The Word of the Lord.

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*Eternal Life...Now!*

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

### RESPONDING

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN 343 – *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

PASTORAL PRAYER with 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.**

OFFERTORY - *Canticle of Thanksgiving*

John Rutter

### \*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.**

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

\*CONCLUDING HYMN 299 – *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

\*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

**One:** As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?

**Many:** We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.

\*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Let There Be Peace*

POSTLUDE – *Dialogue*

Charles L. Talmadge

**WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!**

\*for those who are able, please stand

### GET CONNECTED

Today in the Gathering Area!

Fall is a great time to dive back in and get involved and connect with your church family!

As you leave worship this morning, there will be representatives from many of our committees and small groups, who are ready to answer your questions about opportunities to get connected.

Do you love to sing? Join the Choir. Are you a great public speaker? Be a liturgist. Do you love to bake? Sign up to bring cookies for Sunday fellowship. These are just a few examples of the myriad ways for you to personally connect with your church family.



# The Gathering

11:00 Worship Service @ 1st Pres

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### GATHERING TO MEET GOD

Countdown

Worship in Song – *This is Amazing Grace*

Welcome & Announcements

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Children's Message

*Children thru age 3 are welcome in the nursery.*

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Worship in Song – *Deliverer*

Confession and Grace

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

First Lesson – Mark 10:17-31

Second Lesson – Matthew 4:23-5:2

The Good News

*Eternal Life...Now!*

Troy Hauser Brydon

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Time, Talent & Treasures – *Your Grace Finds Me*

Prayer of Thanks

### CARRYING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song – *How Great Thou Art*

God's Vision & Blessing for Us

Concluding Song – *This is Amazing Grace*

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Note to those wearing hearing aids with T-coil option: The main sanctuary seating area is equipped with an induction loop system.