



The First
Congregational
Church of Ann Arbor

forgiveness
is not an occasional act,
it is a permanent
attitude
- martin luther king jr.

Sunday, January 28, 2017

Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here.



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Robert K. Livingston

Senior Minister

Darcy A. Crain

Associate Minister

Change of Pace Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Chapel Communion: 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

We Gather to Worship God

Silent Meditation

"I did then what I knew best, when I knew better, I did better."
-Maya Angelo

Organ Prelude

"With Joy I Await the Lovely Summertime"

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Timothy Huth, organist

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bob Livingston

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it down the row and back, providing the opportunity to greet one another by name.

Choral Introit

* Processional Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Please See insert

* Call to Worship

Chip Marquardt

One: We come this morning seeking the love of God, that we may become more whole and gracious.

All: We worship the God who said, "Yes!" to humanity in Jesus Christ our friend and guide.

One: God has made this day, so let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us worship the living God together!

One: To God, the Living Word and the Fountain of Life, be praise and thanksgiving throughout the earth.

All: Glory be to you, O God, now and forevermore!

One: Let us join our voices together in prayer...let us pray.

*** Prayer of Invocation
(in unison)**

We thank you, Everpresent God, for calling us into your church to be your people in the world. Make us ready this morning to hear your words of challenge and forgiveness that we might have the courage to live with faith and do your will. Grant that each day we might draw nearer to your holy ideals. Guide us by your loving Spirit, through the grace of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together...

*** Lord's Prayer
(in unison)**

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.

*** Gloria Patri
(in unison)**

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.

Children's Circle

Rev. Darcy Crain

(Children are invited downstairs to church school following the Children's Circle.)

Give, Share, Rejoice

**Offertory Sentences and
Offertory**

Rev. Darcy A. Crain

Anthem

"What Sweeter Music"
John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*** Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

We Grow in Our Faith

* Hymn of Preparation	“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”	<i>Hymnal #546</i>
Psalter Reading	Psalm 51:1-12	<i>Pew Bible Page 509</i>
Epistle Reading	II Corinthians 5:16-21	<i>Pew Bible Page 1053</i>
Sermon	“Forgiveness: Of Yourself”	Rev. Bob Livingston
Solo	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”	Darren Fedewa, soloist
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Bob Livingston

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

* Recessional Hymn	“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”	<i>Hymnal #80</i>
Charge and Benediction		Rev. Bob Livingston
* Choral Benediction		
* Postlude	“The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” (Psalm 19) Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)	Timothy Huth, Organ

* Congregation Standing (Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult for you.)

Flowers on the communion table are given to the Glory of God by Nicki Griffith in loving memory of her husband, Harry. Please feel free to take a flower from the arrangement following the service.

The First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor extends a cordial welcome and greeting to all who have joined us in this service of worship. Please join us upstairs in Pilgrim Hall after the service for refreshments and friendship during our Friendship Hour.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

“What Sweeter Music”

By John Rutter

Dorian Morris, Interim Director of Music

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn,
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The cause, why things thus fragrant be:
'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.
The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. To welcome him.
The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

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Than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to your bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; in your hands, my des - ti - ny;
 3 Plen-teous grace in you is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

While the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
 Leave, O leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on you is stayed, all my help from you I bring;
 Fount of life, your love im - part, fill my cup a - bun - dant - ly;

Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 Cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of your wing.
 Spring up now with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn soon after his 1738 conversion and titled it "In Temptation." Once considered so intimate that it was omitted from many eighteenth-century hymnals, it is presently found in many languages in collections around the world.

Tune: MARTYN 7.7.7.7.D.
 Simeon B. Marsh, 1834
 Alternate tune: ABERYSTWYTH

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Darren Fedewa, soloist

Rebecca Jones, piano accompanist

English Translation

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work his woe;
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth is his name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

German Translation

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,
ein gute Wehr und Waffen.
Er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
Der alt böse Feind
mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
groß Macht und viel List
sein grausam Rüstung ist,
auf Erd ist nicht seins gleichen.

Mit unsrer Macht ist nichts getan,
wir sind gar bald verloren;
es streit' für uns der rechte Mann,
den Gott hat selbst erkoren.
Fragst du, wer der ist?
Er heißt Jesus Christ,
der Herr Zebaoth,
und ist kein anderer Gott,
das Feld muss er behalten.

Warming Shelter Update



A big thank you goes to all of you who have opened the FCC website to find the Warming Shelter volunteer sign up information. It makes us happy to see so many of you already signed up to come into the warming shelter to help! This week, we have added an additional sign up for items which can be donated. Many of you have asked for a list of specific items to sign up for and donate. Please visit fccannarbor.org to sign up! We

want to emphasize that this is just a "wish" list and we will appreciate anything that is donated...not expecting everything! Please take note of when the items are needed!

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

Ps. 141:3-4a; 139:11-12; John 14:27

John Ellerton, 1866; alt.

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home-ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, as day turns in - to night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 stay with us till the com - ing of the light;
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

We join to bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep safe all those who call up - on your name,
 Then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, in the si - lence, wait your word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 for dark and light to you are both the same.
 call us, O God, to your e - ter - nal peace.

John Ellerton, a priest of the Church of England, wrote this hymn for a choral association festival. The final stanza was sung at his funeral. Ellerton edited and contributed to numerous hymnals.

Tune: ELLERS 10.10.10.10.
 Edward J. Hopkins, 1869

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Welcome! We are glad you joined us this Sunday and look forward to meeting and getting to know you. Please join us after the 10 a.m. service for refreshments and friendship in the Pilgrim Hall lobby and library areas. Please visit our website at www.fccannarbor.org to learn more about our church.

**Sunday
Worship** During our programming year (September through May), we offer our contemporary Change of Pace worship service in Pilgrim Hall at 9:00 a.m. There is a brief 15-minute communion service in our Douglas Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. Our more traditional worship service is in the sanctuary at 10 a.m., and is normally followed by refreshments and friendship in Pilgrim Hall. Assisted listening devices are available for services held in our sanctuary.

**Childcare
& Church
School** Nursery care is available for children newborn to 4 years of age with screened and consistent childcare workers. If you'd like to keep your infant or child with you in worship, you are welcome to do so. Please feel free to move about during the service as needed. Also, during the 10 a.m. service in our regular programming year, children and youth are invited to leave after our children's circle and attend their church school classes.

**Luncheon
Group** These luncheon gatherings, hosted by Bob Livingston, meet monthly on the fourth Monday of each month (September through May). They are highly informal, with welcoming and wide-ranging conversations, with the hopeful result of the nourishment of both the mind and body. The luncheons are held at Knight's Restaurant on 2324 Dexter Avenue in Ann Arbor. Our next luncheon will be on February 26.

**Tuesday
Night Series
(TNS)** Please join us for our series on World Religions. We are looking at Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, and Buddhism. Rev. Bob Livingston takes the lead with this group. We meet on Tuesday nights in the Mayflower Room of the church from 7-8:30 p.m. Please come and join us if you can!

**Text
Breakfast** We gather with Bob Livingston every Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. at the Classic Cup Café (4389 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor) for lively discussion based on the upcoming Sunday's scriptural text. Our next breakfast is scheduled for January 31.

**Mind &
Spirit Book
Group** The Mind and Spirit Book Group is a community of women of all ages. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Mayflower Room. Please contact Gail Haynes at gehaynes@aol.com for additional information.

20/40 Our 20-, 30-, and 40- somethings meet on Wednesday evenings. Our next gathering will be January 31 at 7 p.m. for pub trivia (Wolverine).

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Second Sunday From the time of the Old Testament until now, music is a vehicle for expression of political, emotional, physical, mental, social, and psychological perspectives. Dr. Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra works to give voice to the marginalized voiceless through multidisciplinary music compositions, hymn texts and festivals, and children's songs (tested in the Detroit Public Schools) that teach how to find peace within and how to emulate global peacemakers. Ruiter-Feenstra will provide examples from her works, *Muse in Peace*, *Muse for the Soul*, and *Belonging: A Carillon Call to Care for All*. Participants are invited to join in singing hymns that "weave world peace with tenderness."

Healing Space Join us on Sunday, February 11 from 7-8 p.m. in the Mayflower Room when we will feature recorded music by local composer David Barrett. "Anger as Our Spiritual Ally" will be the focus of the reflection and guided meditation. There will also be a time for prayer.

This new service meets the 2nd Sunday of each month from 7-8 p.m. If you need further information, please contact Gail Haynes or Liz Larrivee. Input is welcome and all are welcome.

Food Box In keeping with our theme of "Nurturing Our Neighbor", Mission and Outreach is encouraging you to bring non-perishable items to our Food Box. Each week a member of the M&O team will deliver donations to the Jewish Family Service's Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry serves any resident of Washtenaw County with food insecurities: referrals from U. of M. Complex Care and local churches, refugees, home bound deliveries (56 this month), homeless, etc. Current requested items include but are not limited to tuna fish, paper towels, and toilet paper. In advance, we thank you for your support.

Capital Campaign We want your input! Please join us for three all-congregation informational meetings.

- February 18th: Dan Jacobs will offer a presentation explaining why we are considering a capital campaign to make some of the architect's recommended improvements and upgrades.
- March 11th: The architect will present the initial concepts of components that could be included in the campaign. The congregation will have the opportunity to actually see and provide input on proposed improvements to FCC.
- April 15th: An informational presentation will be given on what specific improvements the congregation will be asked to vote on at the member meeting on April 29.

Please visit fccannarbor.org and click the "Open Commentary" link on the home page to provide your suggestions and concerns. Hard copies of the open commentary form are dispersed throughout FCC if you'd prefer to submit your questions, comments, and concerns on paper.

"Investing in Our Future" is what others did for us 171 years ago. Now is our opportunity to step up and provide for those who follow us.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall
Confirmation Class, Mayflower Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Director of Christian Education Installation

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall
11:30 a.m. Circle of Friends Luncheon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Change of Pace, Pilgrim Hall
9:30 a.m. Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Friendship Time, Pilgrim Hall
Confirmation Class, Meeting Room
11:15 a.m. Second Sunday Presentation, Mayflower Room
7:00 p.m. Healing Space, Mayflower Room

TODAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

Infants and preschoolers are invited downstairs to church school before the service.

Children (K-12) are invited to church school after children's circle.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Jan. 28 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class, Mayflower
Jan. 30 7:00 p.m. TNS, Mayflower Room
Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
7:00 p.m. 20/40 Group, Trivia (Wolverine)
Feb. 2 9:00 a.m. Warming Shelter Begins
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9 a.m. — 3p.m. through February
Feb. 4 11:30 a.m. Circle of Friends Luncheon
Feb. 6 11:45 a.m. Men's Luncheon (Knight's)
7:00 p.m. TNS, Mayflower Room
Feb. 7 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
10:15 a.m. Mind & Spirit Book Group
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Group, Meeting Room
Feb. 11 11:15 a.m. Second Sunday Presentation
7:00 p.m. Healing Space, Mayflower Room
Feb. 12 6:15 p.m. Trustees, Mayflower Room
Feb. 13 12:00 p.m. CC Fundraising Committee,
Meeting Room
7:00 p.m. TNS, Mayflower
Feb. 14 8:30 a.m. Text Breakfast, Classic Cup Café
6:30 p.m. 20/40 Dinner

STAFF

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