



The First
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Church of Ann Arbor

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Generation to Generation: New Beginnings



The First Congregational Church ❖ Ann Arbor, Michigan

Whatever Your Story, You're Welcome Here

We Gather to Worship God

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**Welcome and
Announcements**

Rev. Darcy Crain
Rev. Eric Hausman

Prelude

Come, ye Thankful People, Come
Land of Rest (American Frontier Hymn)

Hugo Gehrke
Russell Schulz-Widmar
Timothy Huth, organ

*** Gathering Hymn**

“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

NCH #17

*** Call to Worship**

Ron Olmsted

One:

For everything, there is a season:

Many:

And a time for every matter under heaven:

One:

A time to be born and a time to die.

Many:

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

One:

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

Many:

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

One:

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

Many:

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

One:

A time to love and a time to hate.

Many:

A time for war and a time for peace.

One:

Through each ending and new beginning,

Many:

God is our help and guide.

One:

Let us pray:

*** Prayer of Invocation**

God of the Turning Seasons, we stand on the edge of something new, aware of the unknown and excited for the possibilities. We know that in You, every ending holds a seed of growth, every loss, a glimmer of transformation. Together, as a community of seekers, we pray to be channels of love and grace, may we walk in the light of Your presence, finding joy in each small step forward, and hope in each act of love. We pray as Jesus taught us:

* **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.**

* **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.*

Children's Circle

Rev. Eric Hausman

*Kidz 0-8th grade are invited downstairs for FCC Kidz.
Activity bags are available for kids who wish to stay in worship.*

Passing of the Peace *Please turn and greet your neighbor.*

Give, Share, Rejoice

Offertory Sentences

Rev. Darcy Crain

Offertory Music

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

arr. Paul Hack
Gary Maki, flugelhorn

* **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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Eric Hausman

* **Hymn of Preparation**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

NCH #423

We Grow in Our Faith

Scripture Reading

John 9:24-34; Isaiah 43:13-19

Sermon

"Generation to Generation: New Beginnings"

Rev. Darcy Crain

Choral Anthem

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton
Chancel Choir
Joshua Marzan, piano

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Eric Hausman

Choral Prayer Response

Chancel Choir

We Go Forth to Live and Serve

* **Parting Hymn**

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

NCH #417

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Darcy Crain

Postlude

Now, Thank We All Our God
(Nun danket alle Gott)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Timothy Huth, organ

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

The altar flowers this Sunday from John and Karen Eisley are dedicated “to the glory of God and remembering family members we can no longer touch but are in our hearts today and every day.”

Choral Anthem lyrics

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise his Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise His Holy Name!

Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us Praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord!
Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah Oh, oh-
Praise High Holy Name!
Praise Him!



Attention, 8th Graders!

Exciting news—Confirmation begins in 2025, and you don't want to miss out on this important milestone in your faith journey! Join Darcy and your parents in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service to learn all about Confirmation.

FAITH

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This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

Unison

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
 2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and

mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
 Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
 griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin - nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
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*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

THANKSGIVING

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Great Is Your Faithfulness

Lam. 3:22-23

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*originally "my Father"

This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10, with refrain
 William M. Runyan, 1923

Refrain

Great is your faith-ful-ness! Great is your faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed your
 hand has pro-vid-ed, Great is your faith-ful-ness, God, un-to me!

FCC

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Party

11am

December 1

Childcare Provided

The holiday season is just around the corner, and it's time to bring festive cheer to FCC! Join us for our Annual All-Church Decorating Party on December 1st at 11:00 a.m. Together, we'll transform FCC into a holiday wonderland. After the decorating fun, enjoy a delicious lunch provided by AFC. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you—come and help make FCC shine!

Sunday, November 24th

9:00 a.m.	Change of Pace Service, Douglas Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.	Middle School Youth Coat Drive, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time, Mayflower Lobby
11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Info Session, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 1st – 1st Sunday of Advent

No Change of Pace Service

9:30 a.m.	Chapel Communion, Douglas Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	All-Church Decorating Party, FCC
11:15 a.m.	AFC All-Church Decorating Party Lunch, Pilgrim Hall

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

11/25	7:00 a.m.	Overnight Shelter Ends – Pilgrim Hall
11/26		No Tuesday Night Series
11/27		No Text Breakfast
11/28		Happy Thanksgiving – Office Closed
11/29		Office Closed
12/01		No Change of Pace Service
12/03	7:00 p.m.	Tuesday Night Series – Mayflower Room
12/04	9:00 a.m.	Text Breakfast – Alpha Koney Island
12/04	10:15 a.m.	Mind and Spirit – Mayflower Room
12/04	5:00 p.m.	Missions & Outreach – Mayflower Room
12/05	6:00 p.m.	Advent Women’s Evening – Pilgrim Hall
12/06	6:00 p.m.	Carol Singing - Sanctuary
12/08	11:00 a.m.	JFS Microenterprises Market – Pilgrim Hall

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