

# First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2010

8:30 and 10 a.m.

**The Prelude** *[A time to be silent in preparation for worship. Please turn off your cell phone.]*

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*arr. by Smith*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Mission** VBS & Outreach

**Ringling Our Historic Church Bells**

**Opening Hymn #693** “A Shelter in the Time of Storm”

**The Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

L: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**P: We will praise the Lord as long as we live.**

L: God is sovereign and merciful, good and faithful.

**P: We see God’s hand at work in our lives.**

L: God brings new life out of death.

**P: We experience joy even in the midst of suffering.**

L: Despair gives way to hope.

**P: Condemnation yields to redemption.**

L: Needs are met with abundance and grace.

**P: Healing comes out of sickness and pain.**

L: God’s providence is trustworthy and good.

**P: Praise the Lord! We will praise the Lord as long as we live!**

**The Anthem:** “Look to the Day”

*by Ruller*

**Prayer of Confession** *(unison)* **We would prefer an authority to order the world rightly, but you came as a friend, inviting us to a deeper sense of covenant with God and one another. We confess that it is easier to apologize to you in a prayer than to make amends to our neighbor or to ourselves for wrongs we have done. It is simpler to ask you as “the authority” to forgive than to risk practicing forgiveness ourselves. Sovereign God, help us not to misuse your gracious sovereignty to avoid showing mercy to one another. May this confession be merely a first step in a new walk of grace that we share with one another. Amen**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Gloria Patri #812*

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Graduate Recognition**

**Offertory** As a tangible expression of our gratitude to God, we joyfully offer our monetary gifts to financially support God’s work at First Presbyterian Church

**Offertory Music** “Pieta”

*by Martin*

*Soloist: Merry Okonoski & Flautist: Jan Johnson*

**\*Doxology #678** “We Are an Offering”

**\*Prayer of Dedication** *(unison)* **Through the offering of these gifts and our lives, may your covenant of love be renewed in our time, O God. Bless these gifts, that in their giving, sharing, and receiving, we become increasingly aware of the sustenance you intend for all people and participate in creating communities of care and justice. Amen.**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Readings of Scripture** Galatians 1:11-24

*(p.187 NT)*

8:30 a.m. LeRue Werner

10 a.m. Paul Wonacott

**\*Hymn of Preparation #459** “We Remember You”

**Second Reading** Luke 7:11-17

*(p. 65 NT)*

**Sermon** “Covenant of Grace”

*Rev. Shafer*

**The Lord’s Supper** *(insert)*

**\*The Closing Hymn #624** “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

**\*Greeting Each Other In Christian Love**

**\*The Pastoral Benediction**

**The Postlude** “Look, Ye Saints”

*by Owen*

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A Congregation of The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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The Rev. Harold (Hal) Shafer

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR**  
The Rev. Sandra K. Murray

**DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
Pamela Bekkering

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY**  
Gary Bekkering

## THE SESSION

2010  
Brenda Corner  
Melvin (Mel) Matchett  
Sarah Miller  
Nancy Muhlig  
Dale Wagner

2011  
Brandon Darin  
Peter (Pete) Eckardt  
John Moore  
Ramona (Mona) Nelson  
Betty Tezak

2012  
David Branding  
William Clark  
Susan Cook  
Penny Novarro  
John West

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS

2010  
Shanna Branding  
Mary Anne Frey  
Denise Heeke  
Eleanor (Ellie) Holdsworth  
Adam Schuler

2011  
Sandra (Sandy) Davids  
Janet (Jan) Johnson  
Leonard Orzechowski  
Diane Thompson  
Margaret (Marge) Weitschat

2012  
Saundra Blackmore  
Dianne Hall  
Mark Haskell  
Phyllis Staley  
Cathy Weidman

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2010  
James (Jim) Goodall  
Donald (Don) Shurte  
Peter (Pete) VanDenBerge  
Kenneth (Ken) Weitschat  
Harry Widman

2011  
Loyal Cobb  
Jane Croftchik  
Charlene Hansen  
Jonathan (Jon) Heeke  
Richard (Dick) Schurch

2012  
Mark Blackmore  
Thomas Calkins  
Kenneth Cook  
James Mottern  
David West

**PASTOR EMERITUS**  
The Rev. Dr. Daniel K. Herlein

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

## NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**GREETERS 8:30**  
**GREETERS 10:00**  
**USHERS 8:30**

Tici Shafer  
Jack & Linda Sisson  
Bob & Maxine Cameron  
Karen Ruedinger & Jean Sheehan  
David & Shanna Branding  
Myrta Keelan

**USHERS 10:00**

### TODAY, June 6

*Communion & Graduation Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### MONDAY, June 7

5:00 p.m. Facilities Committee  
6:30 p.m. Christian Education MT  
6:30 p.m. PNC  
7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices  
7:30 p.m. VBS Meeting

### TUESDAY, June 8

8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Exercise  
2:00 p.m. Nurture MT  
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

### WEDNESDAY, June 9

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Finance Meeting  
3:00 p.m. Worship MT  
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, June 10

8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due  
7:00 p.m. Women's Association

### FRIDAY, June 11

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print

### SATURDAY, June 12

9:00 a.m. Meadowview Condo  
Association Meeting

### SUN., June 13

*Stephen Ministry Sunday*

8:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. VBS Meeting

### MON., June 14

10:00 a.m. VBS Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Newsletter Articles Due  
1:00 p.m. VBS Meeting  
5:00 p.m. Board of Trustee  
6:30 p.m. PNC  
7:00 p.m. Harbor Voices

### TUE., June 15

8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Exercise  
8:30 a.m. Building Comm. in MP

### WED., June 16

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in MP  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
2:30 p.m. Sp. Finance Meeting -MP  
4:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### THU., June 17

8:30 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Place 4 Health @ LH  
Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Bulletin Items Due

### FRI., June 18

9:00 a.m. Bulletin Print  
12:00 p.m. Session Packets

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** by Bill and Ellie Holdsworth in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations Bill and Ellie!

**THE SINGLE ROSE** in the north sanctuary window is placed in celebration of the birth of Annalise Nichole West, daughter of Sgt. Matthew and Carolyn West. She was born on May 12, 2010; weighed 8 lb. 5oz. and measured 22 inches. Congratulations to Annalise's parents, to grandparents John and Marci West, and great-grandmother, Bea West and the late Joseph West. Also congratulations to big brothers, Tyler and Joe.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** high school youth mission trip

**WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY** to George & Cheryl Knight and family on the death of mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Edith Crider, who died, on June 2, 2010. Services to be held at a later time. Please keep this family in your prayers

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN FRIENDS** Omer Foret, Elinor Herrmann, Earl Morrison, Vern Oxender, Cecil and Irene Smith.

**CHILD CARE** facilities are available to keep our services in the spirit of worship. Infants and children through three years of age are invited. Katie Atkinson and JoEllen Gilreath are assisting our Childcare Coordinator, Melissa West, today. Jane Lund is scheduled to assist next week.

**MASON'S PANCAKE BRUNCH** at the Masonic Hall today from 9 to 1 p.m. Cost is \$7. Everyone is welcome!

**THE CHERRY CAPITAL MEN'S CHORUS 44<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL JUNE NIGHT OF HARMONY 2010**, "A Night in June", Thursday, June 10, and Friday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. Performance will be held at Bay Pointe Community Church, 6880 Secor Rd., Traverse City. See poster on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for ticket information.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WILL BE MEETING** this Thursday, June 10 at 7 p.m. at the church. Thelma Orzechowski will be our Hostess. We will be studying Lesson 5 of our "Joshua" Study. All women are invited to join us.

## *The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church*

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Demonstrating Christ's way of love in service to the world*

## NURSERY LOCATION

Toddlers (18 – 36 months)

Lower Level

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### AN EAGLE VILLAGE TRIP IS PLANNED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17.

This is an opportunity to visit this residential treatment center for abused, neglected, and delinquent children that our Mission Outreach Ministry supports. The plan is to leave Elk Rapids at 9 a.m. and arrive about 10:30 for a tour followed by lunch. We would then work for a couple of hours on their scripture path before leaving around 3:30 p.m. and arriving back in Elk Rapids by 5 p.m. Please contact Peggy Bushnell (322-4926) or the church office if interested.

**VBS TEAM MEMBER MEETING!** If you have volunteered to be a VBS Crew Member on the “High Seas” or are considering this wonderful opportunity to be a part of changing a child’s heart, plan on attending one of the four meetings, in the Fellowship Hall.

Monday, June, 7 @ 7:30 p.m., Sunday, June 13 @ 11:15 a.m.

Monday, June 14 @ 10 a.m., Monday, June 14 @ 1 p.m.

Each meeting will be approximately 1 hour. If you are working with a partner, you can coordinate your schedule to allow for some planning time after the initial meeting. I will be there as long as you have questions or need my assistance.

The week of VBS is very hectic. It is easier for everyone and provides the best possible quality programming if we are all on the same page before Monday morning. Sailing Instructions are necessary! If you have already agreed to be a team member, attending **one** of these informative meetings is a **MUST!** If you have any questions, or are not sure this is for you, or how best your gifts could be used, come to a meeting and see what we are all about!!! \*Those doing set up and take down are not required to attend a meeting.

We are so grateful to everyone for their dedication to this BIG event. We could not do God’s wonderful work without your help!

Yes, there will be treats! If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to call me at church 264-8167, or e-mail me at [pbekkering@hotmail.com](mailto:pbekkering@hotmail.com) I will be happy to help in any way that I can!

*Pam Bekkering CE Director & Captain*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is looking for any Rotarian to be in charge of picking up the tents, setting- them up and taking them down for VBS. Set-up will be on Sunday, June 20, after second service. Take down will be on Friday, June 25, after 1 p.m. If you can help, please contact Pam Bekkering at 264-8167

**REMINDER:** If you, or your group, are the last ones in the church, please make sure all the doors are locked (including the west side door by the kitchen) and the lights are off, especially the restroom lights.

**THE STEPHEN MINISTERS** invite you to the continuing education portion of their meeting on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Lynnett Knapp will speak about abuse.

**HARBOR VOICES OR THE ELK RAPIDS COMMUNITY CHOIR** will begin rehearsals for Harbor Days on Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. in our church sanctuary. All singers are welcome. The concerts will be performed during Harbor Days on Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9 in the evening. Please call Cheryl Knight, 264-8899, if you have any questions.

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY - June 6, 2010

At the 10 a.m. service today, we will be recognizing those young adults in our church family, who are graduating from high school. A gift will be presented to each graduating high school senior.

Stephani Harlan  
Shelby Hawkins  
Olivia Morrison  
Natalie Myers  
Joey Perrault

Elk Rapids High School  
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### SERMON POINTS:

- Death is witnessed in the church and society when we close off the ability to want to learn, open our minds and relearn what we think we know.
- The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will not be those who cannot read or write but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn. —Futurist Alvin Toffer
- In a world of change the learners inherit the earth while the learned find themselves perfectly equipped in a world that no longer exists. — Eric Hoffer
- In God’s covenant of grace, only through humble hearts can God brings life out of death.
- God’s intention and power of the covenant is to renew life.

YOUNG CHILDREN: Young children may receive Communion at the discretion of their parents who are asked to please explain the meaning of the Bread and Cup, and the sacred nature of the Sacrament. Parents should feel free to bring young children with them, even if the children are not receiving Communion.

OPEN COMMUNION: The Sacrament of Holy Communion in our church is open to all Christians who have confessed their sins before God, and, with God's help, intend to turn away from those sins, living in a way that is pleasing to God and of service to others.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All:** Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament, be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. We ask this through Christ, we ask this bringing up all our prayers with the one that our Lord who taught us to pray. 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.

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## The Sacrament

# of Holy Communion

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus wishes that all come to His table, none are excluded, those who believe in Jesus are welcome along with those searching, and those needing the assurance Jesus gives.

*[Our Personal Response]*

**I COME, NOT BECAUSE I AM STRONG, BUT BECAUSE I AM WEAK; I COME, BECAUSE I LOVE THE LORD, AND WOULD LIKE TO LOVE HIM MORE; I COME, BECAUSE GOD FIRST LOVED ME, AND GAVE HIMSELF TO ME, IN THE PERSON OF MY LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.**

## THE PREPARATION / THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER Pastor / P E O P L E

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**L:** Lift up you hearts.

**P:** We lift them to the Lord.

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**L:** Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**P: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: We give you thanks that on the night of his arrest, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. So it is that we remember your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and the fruit of the vine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service.

**P: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

L: Gracious God, we call upon you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and the fruit of your cup that the bread we break and cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. At this time we make our petitions to you for all of your people. We ask that they be united with all the faithful in heaven and that we are one in your sight; may your chosen be nourished with the body and blood of Christ. And may those that are questioning this morning be strengthened. May they receive new life and mature into the fullness of your Son, remaining faithful as Christ's body in ministry in the world; and may the hope we all have unite with the promises of Jesus' kingdom

**All: (unison) Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen**

## THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jesus said: "I am the bread that came down from heaven.' No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets. 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and

learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. . . . I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:41ff.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### PROCLAIMING THE MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH

Pastor / **PEOPLE**

L: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**P: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.**

**As we await, Oh Lord, your  
coming in glory!**

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

**The Bread:** Please wait until everyone has been served the Bread by the Elders and Deacons, after which the Pastor will lead us in partaking of the Bread together, symbolizing our oneness with each other in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Cup:** Please drink of the Cup whenever you are personally prepared before the Lord to do so, symbolizing our individual and personal relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.