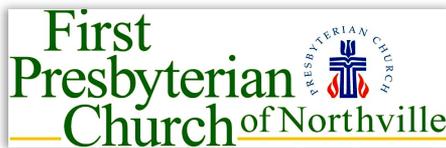




AUGUST 7, 2022
COMMUNION SUNDAY
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Welcome

Thank you for worshiping with us!

We invite you to write your name and contact information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign.

If you would like a children's folder, large print bulletin, *wireless hearing assistance device* or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you. We currently offer two types of hearing assistance devices: one with earphones, and one which works with "T" coil hearing aids.

If you are visiting with us, and don't have a Bible you can read and understand, please take one from your pew as our gift to you!

Please join us for coffee and tea in Boll Hall after the service.

~ *The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship* ~

Welcome

Prelude *'Arioso' from Sonata in Baroque Style* Gordon Young

Announcements

Introit *Take, O Take Me as I Am* John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am;

Summon out what I shall be:

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

***Call to Worship** (read responsively)

One: The sacrifice that honors God is a thankful heart.

**All: We lift up our hearts with gratitude,
and our voices with praise for all that God has done.**

One: Wait upon the Lord who is our help and shield.

All: We trust in God's holy name.

One: With that trust, let us come together to worship.

All: Praise be to God!

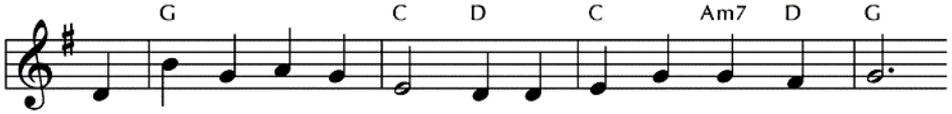
***Opening Prayer**

*Hymn

How Lovely, Lord



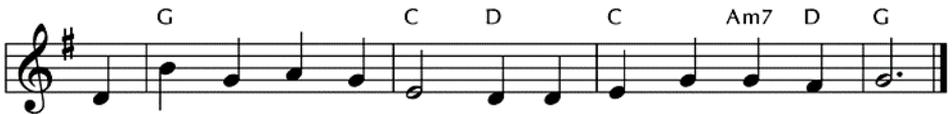
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful God, we confess that our choices do not always reflect your purposes for our lives. Faithfulness to you is sometimes the last thing on our minds. We often choose the easiest way or the way that suits our interests, not yours. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to remember what you require of us. Renew a right spirit within us by your grace.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward to the chancel steps. Following the message, elementary and preschool age children depart for Sunday School in the Education Rooms. After you exit the sanctuary, someone in the Narthex will direct you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-and Sarah herself was barren-because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Second Reading: Luke 12: 32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation "Where Your Heart Is" **Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young
Summer Choir

***Doxology** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**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.

Words of Institution

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Communion of the People

Special Music

"The Call"

Geoff Kelm, solo

Ralph Vaughn Williams

(from Five Mystical Songs)

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *Great God of Every Blessing*



1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* (v.1, 4)



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:



God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Postlude *Trio Sonata on 'Rejoice Now, Christians All'* J.S. Bach

At the close of the worship service, you may depart during the postlude, or stay to enjoy the music.

Worship Leaders & Staff:

Senior Pastor

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Parish Associate

Rev. Linda Cochran

Liturgist

Art Bakewell

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Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director

Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Choir Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

Youth Ministry

Madie Zurkan, Interim Children & Youth Director

Ying Zhang, Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant

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Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

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The Bulletin Board



The Ice Cream Social is TODAY immediately after worship, outside on the east lawn. Please stay to enjoy a treat and time together with others. Note that this will replace our usual Fellowship Time (coffee hour).

No Summer Choir next week — our *Te Deum Handbell Choir* will be playing!

Sunday School— Please sign up for a Sunday in August to teach or help with Elementary Sunday School, or be our “hallway helper”! Sign up online, using the link in our Friday E-News.

Membership Class— Will be Sunday, August 14 right after worship. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office with your name and contact information.

DEACONS’ meeting is this Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

Dumpster - Week of August 15! Groups, Committees, Staff— please go through and prepare to dispose of unwanted and unusable items. A dumpster will be on site for one week. You may label the items to be removed and leave them inside—please let Kelly, Paige or Scott know where they are and we will place them in the dumpster.

Welcome Madie Zurkan, our **interim Children & Youth Director!** Madie is able to fill in as we seek a permanent replacement for Sarah’s vacancy (see below).

Open Position at FPC — We are seeking a part time Children & Youth Director; qualified candidates may send their resume and letter of interest to Human Resources: hr.firstpresby@gmail.com. See the job description on our website and in the Friday E-News.

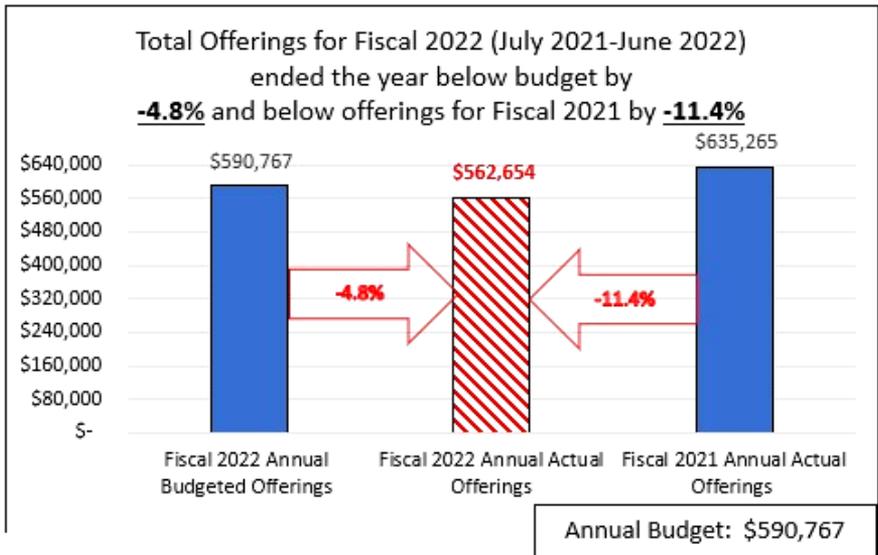
Meijer ‘Simply Give’ — continues through Saturday, October 1. **Double Match Dates are on two Saturdays: August 13 and September 10.** Purchase a \$10 donation card at the Meijer at 8 Mile & Haggerty Rds., and Northville Civic Concern receives the funds! Meijer will match contributions for every card purchased, and double match on the specified dates.



Church Calendar Updates— *To all groups, committees, and activity leaders:* Please send Kelly your meeting dates and room request for the upcoming program year (September to June), or at least through December. The calendar needs to be accurate and rooms reserved so there are no conflicts. Also, please note any dates that you are NOT meeting (i.e. during holiday weeks, etc.) If you are meeting on Zoom or a hybrid of Zoom and in-person, we need to know those dates as well. Thank you for your help!

Did You Know? The church calendar is always available for viewing online through our website, with the “Our Calendar” link in the middle of our Home page, or on the ‘Dates & Events’ section on the Bulletin Board page. WWW.FPCNORTHVILLE.ORG

Offerings Update





Congregation: all caregivers; Jim Atkinson; Bonnie Bakewell; Grant Beringer; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Marge Dabney; Kathy Gricius; Ron Housman; Donald Morgan; Marilyn Overmyer; Melissa Weiss; Dick Werther

Friends and Family: Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Roy Awe (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Claude Coleman (brother of Coline Coleman), Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Patrick Gill (husband of Neyssa Gill); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Grandson of friend of Janet Heath-Morgan; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Marc Noga (friend of Jim & Liz Murtfeldt); Penny Norton (mother of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann & Lynn Stringer); Tina Tate (friend of Mary Ann Gingrich); Bob Trombley (husband of Sandy Trombley and brother of Maureen Trombley and Barbara Ulbrich); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

All Military Personnel currently serving here and abroad.

*To add a name to this list, please call your Deacon, or the Church office at 248-349-0911. Please note that names are added to the Prayer Ministry list only with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***



WEEK OF AUGUST 7— AUGUST 14, 2022

Sunday 8/7	Communion Sunday
	8:45 am Kerygma Bible Study, Middle Sch. Rm
	9:00 am Summer Choir, Sanctuary
	10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
	11:00 am Ice Cream Social, East lawn
Mon. 8/8	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
Tue. 8/9	10:00 am Fellowship Activities, via Zoom
	12:00 pm Rotary, Boll Hall
	4:30 pm Women's Golf League, Riverbank G.C.
	7:00 pm Deacons, Gathering Room
	8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm AL-ANON, Boll Hall
Wed. 8/10	8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	5:00 pm Mission Committee, via Zoom
Thur. 8/11	9:30 am Women of Faith & Fellowship, Gathering Rm.
	7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
Fri. 8/12	10:00 am Connections, Music Center
Sat. 8/13	
Sunday 8/14	8:30 am Serving at Crossroads, Detroit
	8:45 am Kerygma Bible Study, Middle Sch. Rm
	10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
	11:15 am Membership Class, Gathering Room
	5:00 pm Youth Pool Party, off site

