



**MARCH 26, 2023**  
**BAPTISM OF COOPER KELLEN LAHIFF**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



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# ***Welcome***

## **to First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

***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.

## ***We Believe***

We believe relationships are key to understanding God and enjoying life together.

We seek to create a community that mirrors God's unconditional acceptance and love.

We value and are centered in scripture.

We honor and worship a God who is constantly at work for the good of every person in every place.

We welcome all regardless of politics, gender, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction.

We are called to love as God loves.

***We're glad you're here!***



## Order of Worship

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

### Welcome

**Prelude**      *O Mensch beweine deine Sünde groß*      J.S. Bach

### Announcements

**Introit**                      *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*                      **#471**  
Chancel Choir

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

One: More than those who watch for the morning,

**All: we wait faithfully for God.**

One: With our questions and our cries, in our hopes and expectations,

**All: we wait faithfully for God.**

One: Come, let us worship the Lord our God together,

**All: and offer our prayers and praise in faithfulness.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                      *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*                      **#250**

### Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession**    (unison)

**God who knows us through and through, we confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith. We remember difficult times and wonder where you were. We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen. We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us. Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you. Remind us that your love never lets us go and that its power holds us and heals us in desperate moments.**

*(Silent Confession)*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## The Sacrament of Baptism

*Presentation—Cooper Kellen Lahiff*

*\*Profession of Faith*

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Baptism*

*Laying on of Hands*

*Welcome*

**Prayer for Illumination****Scripture Reading: John 11: 1-44**

PASTOR: Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said,

JESUS: This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.

PASTOR: Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

**ALL: The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"**

JESUS: Jesus answered, are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them.

PASTOR: After saying this, he told them,

JESUS: Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.

**ALL: The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."**

PASTOR: Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,

JESUS: Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.

PASTOR: Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples,

**MEN: Let us also go, that we may die with him.**

PASTOR: When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

**WOMEN: Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.”**

JESUS: Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

**WOMEN: Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”**

JESUS: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**WOMEN: She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”**

PASTOR: When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary.

**WOMEN: Martha told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”**

PASTOR: And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb

to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet.

**WOMEN: Mary said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”**

PASTOR: When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,

JESUS: Where have you laid him?

**ALL: They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”**

PASTOR: Jesus began to weep.

**ALL: So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”**

PASTOR: But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said,

JESUS: Take away the stone.

**WOMEN: Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”**

JESUS: Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

PASTOR: So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,

JESUS: Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.

PASTOR: When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

JESUS: Lazarus, come out!





**To The Glory of God...**  
*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Jay & Wanda Moon  
'in honor of our 30th Wedding Anniversary,'  
March 27*



**We Welcome....**

*Cooper Kellen Lahiff into the life of this church through his baptism, along with his parents Andrew & Kyla. Please make the time to introduce yourself to this family and rejoice with them on this happy day!*

**Worship Leaders and Staff:**

Senior Pastor

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Liturgist

Marilyn Thibodeau

Music Ministry

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director  
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Choir Director  
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

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Ying Zhang, Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant

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Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton  
Steven Aron, Evening Sexton

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# The Bulletin Board

**Euchre Tournament TODAY** — St. James Catholic Church on 10 Mile Road will host another opportunity to play euchre on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. There is no need to bring a partner, or to make a reservation. You don't even need to know how to play euchre very well! Just show up with some quarters so that you can donate 25 cents to the Salvation Cup. Proceeds are donated to Gleaners Food Bank at the end of the season. Come join other members of First Pres as we engage in friendly competition with members of St. James Catholic Church and Holy Cross Episcopal Church of Novi. Contact Diane Lahiff with questions, either at [dlahiffnv@yahoo.com](mailto:dlahiffnv@yahoo.com) or (734) 678-4164.

**Caregiver Group** — Being a caregiver often means taking time to care for yourself, too. Join with other caregivers for a time of sharing, listening, and leaning on one another. Our next gathering is this Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room on the lower level. Please enter through the office doors (on the Starbucks side).

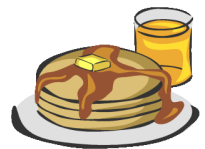
**Popcorn Theology** — Enjoy a 'matinee' movie at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room and stay for discussion afterward. **Thursday, March 30: "Departures"**, PG-13, 2009, Japanese with subtitles. Soon after buying an expensive cello, Daigo Kobayashi learns that his orchestra is disbanding. Daigo and his wife move back to his hometown in northern Japan, where he answers an ad for what he thinks is a travel agency but is, in actuality, a mortuary. As he learns and carries out the rituals used in preparing the dead for their final rest, Daigo finds his true calling in life.

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We have a new **Lost & Found** collection box in the Coat Room adjacent to Boll Hall. Please check there for any of your misplaced items.

Don't miss the annual **Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 2** after worship in the CLC. For a free will donation, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee served by the middle school and high school Youth. The funds will help their mission work this summer.



**EASTER LILIES — Orders are due TODAY—**Order your Easter lilies in honor or memory of someone in your life. \$15 per plant. The flowers will decorate the church for Easter Sunday and you may take your plant home after the worship service. Forms are on the Welcome Desk, our website and in the Friday ENews.

**Pickleball End Date—** This season's Tuesday pickleball will end on April 4. We hope the participants (21 total) have enjoyed the sport and camaraderie. We encourage you to show interest by playing outdoors this summer. Please 'stay tuned' for next season's schedule! -My best, "Coach Tee".



Hop on over for some fun at the FPCN Annual **Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon!** We have egg-stra special games with prizes, crafts, an Easter Egg Hunt and even the Easter Bunny waiting for you! All families are welcome and no reservations are needed for this free community event. Enter through the Welcome Center on Hutton St.

For questions please contact Jenn Zibbell, Director of Children & Youth, at [jenniferzibbell@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:jenniferzibbell@fpcnorthville.org). Join us for an 'egg-citing' time!

**Job Posting—Parish Associate:** FPCN is seeking a part time parish associate. Qualified candidates may send their resume' and letter of interest to [hr.firstpresby@gmail.com](mailto:hr.firstpresby@gmail.com). The position description may be found on our website or in our Friday ENews.

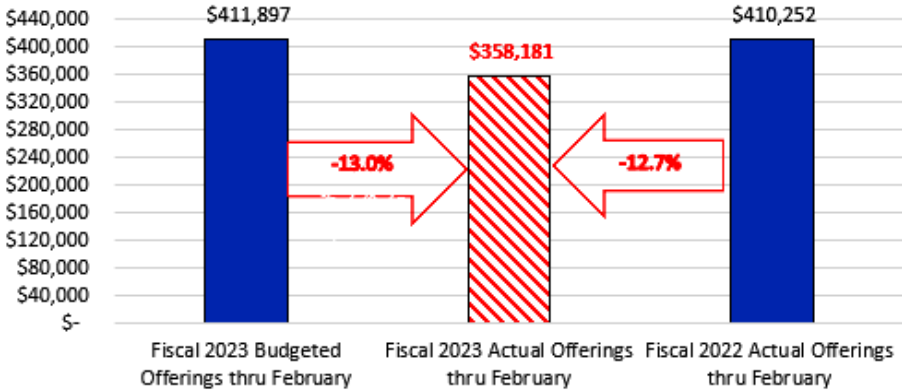
**Summer Camp Registration—**FPCN will offer two separate weeks of summer camp this year (half days Monday—Friday). For children ages 4 to 12 years. **Early registration runs through May 1—**plan ahead and register now for the best rate! The themes are 'Love your Neighbors' (June 19-23) and 'Do Justice Love Kindness' (July 17-21). See our website page 'Summer Camp' for all the information and the link to the online registration form. Contact Jenn Zibbell with any questions. Email: [jenniferzibbell@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:jenniferzibbell@fpcnorthville.org)



**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, Communion Sunday and the Pancake Breakfast! Please plan to attend as we gather and worship at this special time in the church year.**

## Offerings Update—February

Total Offerings through the **eighth** month of Fiscal 2023 (February 2023) were below budget by **-13.0%** and below offerings through February 2022 by **-12.7%**



Annual Budget: \$595,428

**Remember FPCN in your estate planning** — Contributing to our **Legacy Funds** offers an opportunity to make an enduring statement of faith through a charitable gift that will build on and extend our church’s ministry for generations to come. Planned gifts take many forms, including wills, trusts, or as an insurance beneficiary. Required Minimum Distributions from an IRA and appreciated stocks can be great ways to reduce your tax bill. For more information about our Legacy Funds, please pick up a brochure in Boll Hall, or call the church office.



**Next Sunday is 5 Cents a Meal Sunday.** For every meal you and your family members enjoyed over the past month, we are asking that you contribute 5 cents to help feed the hungry in our community. Thanks in advance for your gracious gifts!

# Looking for an opportunity to help with Children and Youth Ministry?

## April 8, 10 am - 12 pm Easter Eggstravaganza

- We need candy!
- We need 6 adult volunteers!

## May 12, 6 pm - 9pm Parent's Night Out Movie Night

- We need at least 2 adult volunteers!

## June 10, 2 pm - 4 pm Summer Block Party

- We need set up help!
- We need 6 adult volunteers!

## June 19 - 23, 9 am - 1 pm Summer Camp

- We need up to 4 adult volunteers!
- We would like up to 4 high school volunteers!

## July 17 - 21, 9 am - 1 pm Summer Camp

- We need up to 4 adult volunteers!
- We would like up to 4 high school volunteers!

**YOU make a difference! Contact Jenn Zibbell to help with any of these opportunities!**

**Email: [jenniferzibbell@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:jenniferzibbell@fpcnorthville.org)**



**Congregation:** all caregivers; Jim Atkinson; Bonnie Bakewell; Grant Beringer; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Kathy Gricius; Ron Housman; Tom Lahiff; Laura Mitchell; Donald Morgan; Marilyn Overmyer; Georgeann Stringer; Melissa Weiss; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood

**Friends and Family:** Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Kathleen Beagan-Miller (friend of John Takacs); Nate Custer (son of Jerry Custer); Rick Custer (brother of Jerry Custer); Donna (neighbor of Kathy Gricius); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Karen Fink (friend of John Takacs); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); 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); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (Son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Marc Noga (friend of Jim & Liz Murtfeldt); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Christine Snell (friend of Kathy Gricius); June Tervo (mother of Curt & Trudy Esch and grandmother of Emily Hamilton); 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.***





FIFTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

## WEEK OF MARCH 26 — APRIL 2, 2023

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Sunday 3/26

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent, Baptism**

- 8:45 am Kerygma, Middle School Room
  - 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
  - 10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
  - 11:15 am Adult Sunday School, Gathering Room
  - 2:00 pm Euchre Tournament, St. James Church, Novi
- NO Confirmation or Youth Groups today**

Mon. 3/27

*Church Office Closed*

Tue. 3/28

- 12:00 pm Rotary, Boll Hall
- 5:00 pm Pickleball, CLC
- 7:00 pm Caregiver Group, Youth Room
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
- 8:00 pm AL-ANON, Boll Hall

Wed. 3/29

- 8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
- 9:30 am Living & Learning Team Visit
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thur. 30

- 1:00 pm Popcorn Theology, Gathering Room
- 6:15 pm Yoga, CLC
- 7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
- 7:00 pm Matthew 25 Meeting, via Zoom

Fri. 3/31

- 9:15 am Agape' Women's Study, Boll Hall

Sat. 4/1

Sunday 4/2

### **Palm Sunday, Communion Sunday**

- 8:45 am Kerygma, Middle School Room
- 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
- 10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
- 11:15 am Adult Sunday School, Gathering Room
- 11:15 am Pancake Breakfast, CLC**

**NO Confirmation or Youth Groups today**

