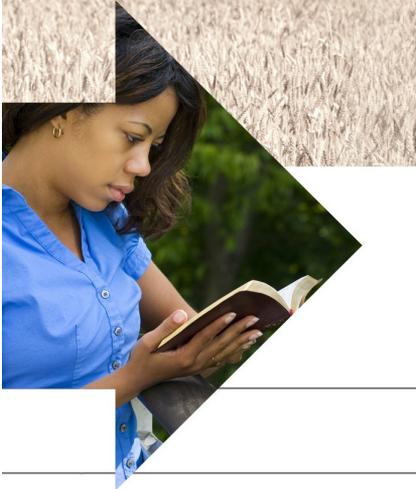




*My sheep hear my  
voice, and I know them,  
and they follow me.*



*John 10:27, ESV*

**MAY 8, 2022**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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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 after the service.

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

## Welcome

**Prelude**     *Chorale Improvisation in A Major*     Sigfried Karg-Elert

## Announcements

**Introit**                     *Blessing and Honor* (v. 1)

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

One: Along with all those in heaven, let us cry out together:

**All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

One: Along with the redeemed, let us praise God with joyful hearts:

**All: For this reason, we come before the throne of God and worship the Lord day and night.**

One: Called together by the Holy Spirit, let us rejoice and sing:

**All: We will hunger and thirst no more. The Lamb will guide us to springs of the water of life. Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

\*Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We follow the desires of our own hearts, ignoring the needs of others. We judge ourselves more generously than others. We fail to offer others the forgiveness we seek from you. We nurse grudges and cling to our own opinions. Forgive the ways we betray your love, and return us to your paths of truth and mercy.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Children's Message

**Pastor Linda**

*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: Acts 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## **Second Reading: John 10:22-30**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**    *"Hearing Christ's Voice"*    **Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

## **Call to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Ubi Caritas*  
Chancel Choir

Maurice Duruflé

**\*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**

### **Prayers of The People & 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.**

**\*Sending Hymn**      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**      *Go With Us, Lord*

**Postlude**      *Praeludium in a minor*      Georg Boehm

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



## ***Worship Leaders and Staff:***

### Senior Pastor

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

### Liturgist

Sandy Robison

### Organist/Accompanist

Dr. Dave Wagner

### Parish Associate

Rev. Linda Cochran

### Music Ministry

Julia Bezems, Vocal Music Director

Nancy Plumley, Handbell Choir Director

### Youth Ministry

Sarah French, Children and Youth Director

Emily Hamilton, High School Youth Leader

Ying Zhang, Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant

### Preschool

Lisa Higley, Director

Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

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Daryl Bean, AV Tech Associate

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**All Aboard!**  
**Vacation Bible  
School**

**At First Presbyterian Church of Northville**



**June 20—23, 2022**

**Evenings from 6 to 8:00 p.m.**

**For children 4 years old through 5th grade**

**Register Now!**

**Form is on our website or the Friday Email Blast**

**Contact: Sarah French at  
sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org**

**FPC Website: [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org)**



# The Bulletin Board

**Preschool Substitute Teachers** — are needed for the 2022—23 school year. Please contact Lisa Higley, director, Email: [lisahigley@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:lisahigley@fpcnorthville.org) or phone: 248-349-0911, ext. 216



**Bible Sunday** — We are in the works for a very special Sunday! Our elementary children (grades 3rd-5th) will be given a special Bible on May 15. Please reach out to Sarah French if you are interested or have any questions: [Sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:Sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org)



**Baccalaureate Sunday** — If you are, or a family member is a 2022 graduate from high school, college, graduate school or a trade school, we would like to include you in our annual **graduates Sunday on May 22**. Please RSVP for your attendance that day, and send a photo and a *brief* summary of your graduate information, including: the institution where you graduated, degree, and your immediate plans. This will be included in a printed list in the bulletin. Please forward to Judy in the church office, no later than May 16: [judyphillips@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:judyphillips@fpcnorthville.org)

**Vacation Bible School** — VBS registration has begun! Our theme is “Rocky Railway” - the power of Jesus pulls us through! The form is available on our website or the Friday Email blast. VBS will be held June 20—23 (Mon—Thurs) **in the evenings** from 6:00 to 8:00 p m. For information and to return your form, contact Sarah French—[sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org)

## **Youth Mission Trip—“Forge Flint” Envelope Fundraiser**



Thank you for all of your support towards the youth mission trip! We have another fundraiser coming up on **May 15**, called an “Envelope Fundraiser”. There will be a series of envelopes that represent different donation amounts, and each envelope will highlight one of the youth members going on the mission trip. This year, our youth in both middle school and APEX will be traveling to Flint, Michigan from June 26– July 1. Through Forge Flint, we will have the opportunity to partner with local outreach programs (e.g., Carriage Town, Little Lambs, Crossover Outreach and more) with three other churches. We will be staying at First Presbyterian Church of Flint. Each day, in theory, we should have a different serving experience from landscaping, painting, to food distribution, etc. Each day the youth will also have chapel time and a devotional. For more information about Forge Flint, see their website: [www.forgeflint.org](http://www.forgeflint.org)

**Deacons** — Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the church. We will be having a group picture taken that day, as well. Please plan to attend!

**Men's Clothing Drive for Crossroads of Detroit** — For the month of May, we will be collecting new and gently used men's SUMMER clothing as well as shoes, belts, socks and underwear. Please drop off items in the basket in Boll Hall. If you have a large amount of items, please contact Bob Anthony at [rla4@fastmail.com](mailto:rla4@fastmail.com).

**College Student Pizza Lunch** — We are planning a gathering for our college students to celebrate the completion of another year and spend some time together! Meet on Friday, May 13 at noon in the APEX room at church. Please contact Sarah to RSVP: [sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org)

**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.

**Staying connected at FPC Northville** — We send a weekly Email blast on Fridays with events and announcements, including helpful links to documents and sign-ups. If you would like to be included, please "opt- in" to this list by going to our website's home page and click where it says "Sign up for Weekly Email". There, you may type in your name and e-mail address. Our website also has a Bulletin Board page and much more—please check it out!

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### **Upcoming in May:**

**May 15:** Children's Bible Sunday; Musical Celebration  
Worship Service; Julia Bezems' farewell  
Youth Group Envelope Fundraiser

**May 22:** Baccalaureate Sunday

**May 23—26:** Preschool Class Graduations (mornings)

**Monday, May 30:** Memorial Day (Church closed)



**Congregation:** all caregivers; Jim Atkinson; Bonnie Bakewell; Grant Beringer; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Marge Dabney; Kathy Gricius; Bob Griffith; Elizabeth Hartigan; Dale Haskin; Ron Housman; Donna Kennedy; 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); Michelle Bishop (friend of Beth Heberlein); Claude Coleman (brother of Coline Coleman), Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Jill Farris (friend of Adam, Lori, & Jacob Danes); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Patrick Gill (husband of Neyssa Gill); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); 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); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann & Lynn Stringer); 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 MAY 8— MAY 15, 2022

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Sunday 5/8	<b>Mother's Day</b> 8:15 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 Confirmation Class, Library <b>NO APEX &amp; GAP Youth Groups</b>
Mon. 5/9	<i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30 pm Scouts, CLC
Tue. 5/10	10:00 am Fellowship Activities Meeting, via Zoom 12:00 pm Rotary, Boll Hall 4:30 pm Women's Golf League, Riverbank G.C. 5:30 pm HR Committee, via Zoom 7:00 pm Deacons, Gathering Room 8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC 8:00 pm AL-ANON, Boll Hall
Wed. 5/11	8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom 9:30 am Property, Music Center 10:00 am Naomi Circle, Boll Hall 10:30 am Preschool Children's Worship, Sanctuary 5:00 pm Mission Committee, via Zoom 6:00 pm Scout Leadership Training, Boll Hall 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thur. 5/12	9:30 am Women of Faith & Fellowship, Gathering Rm. 10:30 am Preschool Children's Worship, Preschool 5:00 pm Memorial Service, Sanctuary 6:15 pm Yoga, CLC 7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Bell Room
Fri. 5/13	10:00 am Connections, Music Center 12:00 pm College Student Lunch, APEX Room
Sat. 5/14	
Sunday 5/15	<b>Children's Bible Sunday</b> <b>Musical Celebration Worship Service</b> 8:15 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 Confirmation Class, Library