



**April 12, 2026**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Baptism of Brody Thomas Lahiff**

**First**  
**Presbyterian**  
**Church** of Northville



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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 also stop by the Welcome Center desk to receive a welcome bag.

Please join us for coffee or 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**      *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*      S. Marak  
                  *I Surrender All*      Van DeVenter/Weeden  
                  Redeemed

*Fantasia in Eco*      Adriano Banchieri  
                  Dr. Dave Wagner, Organ

## Announcements

**Minute for Mission**      Dr. Joseph D. Daniel-Hoste  
  Executive Director, Crossroads of Michigan

**Introit**      *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*      **#234**  
  Chancel Choir

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

One: All things of God, all the heavens,

**All: worship and praise your maker.**

One: Sun, moon and stars; wind, rain and thunder,

**All: worship and praise your maker.**

One: Mountains and forests, streams and waterfalls,

**All: worship and praise your maker.**

One: Creatures beneath the seas, birds throughout the skies,  
all that leaps or crawls, all who walk or worry or wonder,

**All: let us worship and praise our maker together.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**      *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*      **#231**

## Call to Confession

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God our Redeemer, in raising Christ from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. Yet when things go wrong, we confess we are sometimes uncertain how to find him. Like Thomas, we are unsure if we can trust the promise of resurrection. Forgive us when we struggle with doubt about your presence with us. Breathe your Spirit upon us and bring us the peace Christ promised.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

### **Children's Message**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Hymnal page #17

*Presentation*

Brody Thomas Lahiff,  
son of Andrew and Kyla Lahiff

### **Sung Response**

*How Great Thou Art*  
Redeemed

**#625**

Please join in singing the chorus:

**Then sings my soul,  
my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art!  
How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art!  
How great thou art!**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **First Scripture Reading—1 Peter 1:3–9**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God

through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,<sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## **Second Scripture Reading—John 20:19–31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



## **To The Glory of God...**

*The flowers in the chancel are given in loving memory of Tom Lahiff by his family.*



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

#### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

#### Music Ministry

Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director  
Dr. Jerry Custer, Chancel Choir Director  
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director  
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

#### Liturgist

Camden Blanch

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Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

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Lisa Higley, Director  
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#### Office Staff

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator  
Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk  
Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

#### Sextons

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton  
Zak Bugosh, Sexton



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Lucia Danes; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Bev Hines; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Karen Seaman; Alan & Judy Somershoe; the Strom and Gessert families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Ron Chandler (brother-in-law of Nancy Plumley); the family of Carol Dickson; Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); the family of Jackie Fisher (family of Tim Doty); Stan Gill & family (brother of Bev Hines); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb & Tim Gammons); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Scott Hines (step grandson of Bev Hines); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); The Family of Barbara Komp; Jaxson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Kim Myers (sister-in-law of Denise Myers); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine, relatives of Marcia Booth); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (step daughter of Bev Hines); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Amy Svendsen (niece of Barbara Gough); Lita Thomas (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Cathy Yount (daughter of Marilyn Atkinson).

### **All Caregivers**

**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.***

Cards are available for the congregation to sign on the **third Sunday** (or occasionally the second Sunday) of each month.



# The Bulletin Board

**Youth Group Schedule**—APEX Youth Group will not meet today. We look forward to seeing everyone back next Sunday, April 19.

**New Member Class: Sunday, April 19**—A new member class will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. If you are interested in learning more about the church and becoming a formal member of the congregation, we'd love to have you! Please contact Pastor Jackie with your interest. Our new member class is a casual meeting after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

**Holy Lands Dinner and Presentation**—Mark your calendars! Join us in Boll Hall on Friday, May 1 for an evening featuring the presentation, “The Holy Land: In the Footsteps of Jesus.”

The Rev. Janice Locke will take listeners on a wonderful journey, showcasing pictures of Holy Land sites paired with insightful explanations of their rich biblical context. The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. RSVP by scanning the QR code.



**Young Artist Art Fair**—First Presbyterian Church of Northville will be hosting Northville Art House’s Young Artist Art Fair on Saturday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair showcases young artists selling their artwork and handmade crafts. Visitors shop for unique gifts, chat with the artists, and enjoy musical performances and exhibits. \$5 suggested donation. 12 & under free.

**Day of Service**—Save the date! Please plan to join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 for our next church-wide Day of Service. We will start with breakfast and a brief worship together, then continue our worship through our acts. More details to come. If you are interested in leading an activity or have ideas for activities, please email [missionfpnv@gmail.com](mailto:missionfpnv@gmail.com) or talk to anyone from the Mission and Outreach Committee.

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers**—We are still looking for volunteers to make our Vacation Bible School possible. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephen Flavin: [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org).

Join us this  
Saturday for a day  
of music and hope!



Join us for a workshop with

*Carrie Newcomer*

*songwriter, recording artist, performer, educator, activist*

Saturday, April 18

First Presbyterian  
Church of Northville

12–3 p.m.

Tickets \$10



Click here or scan QR code to buy tickets

Two-part workshop:

*Telling Our Story with  
Song and What We Need  
Is Here—Conversations  
About Hope, Resilience &  
Community*

Snacks will be provided!

Event is held in Boll Hall. Please  
enter through the Welcome Center  
entrance on Hutton St.



All sales benefit the  
Pipe Dreams Organ Fund

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The Boston Globe described her as a "prairie mystic."  
Rolling Stone Magazine said she "asks all the right questions."

# Carrie Newcomer

*songwriter, recording artist, performer, educator, activist*

Saturday, April 18, 2026

7:00 p.m. | Tickets \$10

First Presbyterian  
Church of Northville  
200 E. Main St.  
Downtown Northville

Use the QR code to purchase tickets online

Public and street parking available

Enter through the Welcome Center entrance  
on Hutton St.

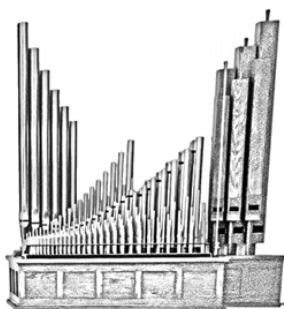
Sanctuary doors open at 6:15 p.m.

All seating is general admission in pews

Sales benefit Pipe Dreams Organ Fund



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# PIPE *Dreams*

*a fundraiser to refurbish the pipe organ  
at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville*

## WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026 — APRIL 19, 2026

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Sun. 4/12		<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Baptism of Brody Thomas Lahiff</b> 8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing 11:00 am Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
Mon. 4/13	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 4/14	12:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room Security Task Force, Library Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary Deacons Meeting, Library & via Zoom AA Meeting, CLC AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 4/15	8:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom Naomi Circle, Gathering Room Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville) Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 4/16	11:00 am 1:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Group, Study Finance Committee, Music Center Yoga, Children's Wing Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
Fri. 4/17	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
Sat. 4/18	12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Carrie Newcomer Workshop, Boll Hall Carrie Newcomer Concert, Sanctuary
Sun. 4/19		<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> 8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room 10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live 10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing 11:00 am Coffee Hour, Boll Hall 11:15 am Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room 11:15 am New Member Class, Gathering Room 2:00 pm APEX Youth Group, Youth Room