

The  
sheep  
follow  
him  
because  
they  
know  
his  
voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



**April 26, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**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**                      *Heavenly Dance*                      Shin-Ae Chun

### Announcements

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

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

One: God, our Shepherd, offers us abundant life.

**All: God, you are with us!**

One: God, our Shepherd, leads us by still waters.

**All: God, restore our souls!**

One: God, our Shepherd, walks with us through every dark valley.

**All: God, we will not be afraid! God, our Shepherd, we  
praise you for your goodness and mercy with us every  
day.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                      *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*                      **#187**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of love, we confess that too often we let the events around us shatter our trust in your love. When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence. When truth gets lost among misleading claims, we wonder if love can prevail over lies. Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in the power of your love so soon after it raised Jesus from death's grip.

*(Silent Confession)*

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Children's Message**                      Stephen Flavin

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### First Scripture Reading—Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

<sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### Second Scripture Reading—John 10:1–10

<sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher



# Welcome, New Members



**Tom Bowman:** Tom is a Northville native and a graduate of Northville High School. He currently teaches elementary music in Dearborn Public Schools. A former section leader, Tom still sings in our Chancel Choir. He is now the director of our Oakway Children's Choir. He is engaged to Connor Kehoe.

**Varughese & Beena Easow:** Varughese and Beena are Northville residents and healthcare workers. They have two adult children. Beena is looking forward to helping bake and cook at FPCN, while Varughese is interested in helping with gardening and property preservation.



**Alan & Linda McGlone:** Alan and Linda are residents of Fox Run Senior Living Community. They have been married for 65 years and have two daughters, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. They are both retired from Grand Blanc Schools. Linda enjoys reading and is involved with our Women's Book Club. Alan is excited to join our Property Committee and help out with projects around the church.

**Kenny & Rebecca O'Shaughnessy:** Kenny and Rebecca are Northville residents who both work in education. They are proud parents of two children, Jackson (2) and Eleanor (6 months). As a family, they are excited to become members of a church that they have spent a lot of time at.



## **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  
Ye Mee Kim, Guest Pianist

### Liturgist

Beth Heberlein

### Technology

Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

### Preschool

Lisa Higley, Director  
Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

### Office Staff

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

### Sextons

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton  
Zak Bugosh, Sexton

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## **Music Notes:**

Today's prelude and postlude are composed by Shin-Ae Chun. Ms. Chun is a local artist from Ann Arbor. When asked about the inspiration for these compositions, she shared the following:

"I had a sketch that I used when children came to the front for their time in worship. Heavenly Dance is a finished composition based on that sketch for the book. I imagine God's children will dance happily in heaven. Go in Peace is my way of blessing those who gather in Christ and are about to go into the world."



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; 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 Has saballa (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



**Extended Communion: Sunday, May 3**—If you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, May 3, please let your deacon know or email Stephen Flavin: [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org)

**FPCN Scholarships**—Applications for the Marlow Van Soest and the Educational Endowment scholarships are now available. To apply, please see the Friday email. Applications must be received no later than May 29 and should be submitted to Stephen Flavin at [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org).



**Crossroads Meal: Sunday, May 31**—Our church is sponsoring the Crossroads of Michigan Sunday soup kitchen meal on May 31. We invite you to join us in preparing or serving the meal, or both! A sign-up with morning and afternoon volunteer slots will become available in the coming weeks. This meal is made possible by our 5 Cents a Meal donations. Your generosity and service are greatly appreciated! Contact the Mission Committee with any questions.

**Baccalaureate Sunday**—Join us as we celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 14. If you know of recent graduates from high school, college, graduate school, trade school, or job training, we'd love to include them in our bulletin insert. Please email the office with a short bio and photograph by May 31: [hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org).

**Women's Walking Group**—FPC Northville's Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday from 10–11 a.m. Weather permitting, we meet at Ford Field and alternate our routes throughout downtown Northville and local neighborhoods. If weather is too cold or wet, we will walk indoors at Laurel Park Place (Livonia) or Twelve Oaks Mall (Novi). Please see Debbie Dunbar or contact the church office (248-349-0911 or [fpcnorthville@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:fpcnorthville@fpcnorthville.org)) to be placed on our email list and receive our weekly notification as to where we will meet and walk. If you will be joining the group any given week, please respond to the weekly email to let us know to expect you.

**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).

**Supplemental Church Directory**—We are working on putting together a supplement to our 2024 church directory. Members and constituents are welcome to submit their current contact information (home address, phone number, and email) for inclusion in this supplemental church directory. If you are **already listed** in the 2024 directory but your information **has changed**, please inform us of those updates. If your information **remains the same**, your existing listing will **automatically** be included in the supplemental directory. We are not taking new photos. However, if you are submitting your information for the first time and would like a photo to be included, we are accepting photo submissions. The deadline for all submissions is June 1. Please send all contact information and photos to Hannah Johnson at [hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org).

**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. Age 12 & under free.

# Day of Service



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
SUNDAY, MAY 17**

**Breakfast provided  
Seated and active activities for all ages**



# JOIN US FOR HOLY LANDS DINNER AND PRESENTATION

Friday, May 1 in Boll Hall

6 p.m.	Dinner
7 p.m.	Presentation

First Presbyterian Church of Northville  
200 East Main Street  
Northville, MI 48167

## “THE HOLY LAND: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS”

*Speaker: Rev. Janice Locke*

RSVP by scanning the QR code or filling out the form in your pew.



## WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2026 — MAY 3, 2026

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Sun. 4/26		<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter and Reception of New Members</b>
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Study
	9:30 am	Special Session Meeting, 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
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class, Library
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 4/27	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, Off-site
Tue. 4/28	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Security Committee, Youth Room
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
Wed. 4/29	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 4/30	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/1	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Grief Group, Youth Room
	6:00 pm	Holy Lands Dinner & Presentation, Boll Hall
Sat. 5/2		
Sun. 5/3		<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday, &amp; Scout Sunday</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
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room