

Continue in the faith.

Colossians 1:23

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY

First
Presbyterian
Church of Northville



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Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Thank you for worshipping 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 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 Prelude on "Simple Gifts" David Wagner

Announcements

Introit *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **#263**

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

One: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

All: We will sing praises for all that God has done.

One: Let your hearts be joyful!

All: We will seek God's presence continually.

One: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

All: We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *The Church is One Foundation* **#321**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Faithful and forgiving God, we confess we do not live out your love and mercy. We cling to old hurts and familiar habits. We nurse anger and envy. We are often self-absorbed and turn our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your generous grace.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message **Jenn Zibbell**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Second Scripture Reading—Colossians 1: 9-14

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Congregational Prayer

Sung Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* #469

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Lord of the Dance
Summer Choir

Shaker Melody

***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

The 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.

Sanctus

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.

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.

Words of Institution

. . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Hymns During Communion:

#519 *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

#525 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *Jesus Call Us* **#720**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *When Peace Like a River* **#840**

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in D Major Johann Sebastian Bach

*After the benediction response, you may depart from the
sanctuary or stay to enjoy the postlude.*



To the Glory of God

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Seaman and Patrick McKinney in loving memory
of Grandma and Grandpa Sedimeyer and
Luella Westerlund.*

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Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care

Jenn Zibbell, Children & Youth Director, Mission Coordinator

Liturgist

Louise Fisher

Music Ministry

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director

Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

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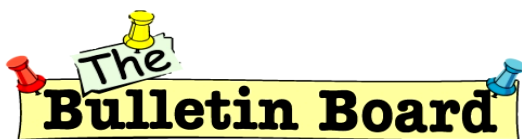
Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator

Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk

Sextons

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton



This 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



How can you Serve? - The Congregational Nominating committee is seeking candidates for the offices of Deacon, Elder, Endowment and congregational nominating committee for the term beginning in January 2024. If you feel called to serve on one of these important church offices, would like to nominate someone else or would like more information, please contact Debby DeLabay, CNC moderator, at 248-347-1063 or debbydelaby@gmail.com.

Celebrating the Preschool—Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17. During worship and coffee hour, we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of Northville Presbyterian Preschool.

Yoga is back again for the fall!
6:15 pm in the CLC

Session 1:

September 7, 14, 28, Oct. 5, 19, 26
(No class Sept 21 & Oct 12)

Session 2:

November 2, 9, 16, 30, Dec. 7, 14 (No class Nov 23)

The cost is \$60 for each 6 week session. Drop in rate is \$15.

All levels are welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat and a blanket or large towel to class. For more information contact Ann Werther at 248-672-3209 or at annwerther@yahoo.com



Agape Women' bible Study—Please join us for “Abide, a Study of 1, 2 & 3 John” Get your bundle copy today at Lifeway.com. We will meet on Friday's at 9:15 am in Boll Hall. Our first discussion is Friday, September 15th. All are welcome so bring a friend. Please email jsyver@gmail.com to RSVP. For more information, contact Carol Maise (Maise729@yahoo.com) or Gretchen Mizerowski (gmizerowski@yahoo.com).



Find Your Perfect Fit! You're invited to the FPCN Fall Opportunity Fair on Sunday, September 24th after service, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting! Contact Vivienne Ward at jvtward@aol.com for questions or to host a table. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks to all who sang in this year's Summer Choir! Our Chancel Choir resumes regular rehearsals [this coming Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 PM](#) in ... where else? ... the Chancel. **New members are welcome in all sections.** If you're not sure which section is right for you, let our experts help you find your place as you raise your voice in worship. Questions? Ask Dr Jerry by email to custer@wayne.edu or by phone at 734-358-9753. Listen! Is God *calling you?*

Announcing Music Reading 101 Can't tell a half note from a bass clef, but wish you could? Then you're cordially invited to join us next Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the music room as we learn to read

music under the expert guidance of Dr Jerry Custer. There is no charge for this course. Open to anyone in the 9th grade and up. Come as you are!



Congregation: Jim Atkinson; Grant Beringer; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Curt Esch, Louise Fisher, the family of Helen Friess; Kathy Gricius; Ron and Lois Housman; Nancy Kaatz, the family of Tom Lahiff; Donald Morgan; Jeanne Planet, Georgeann Stringer; Melissa Weiss; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Heather Belkadi, daughter of Tammy Fulton, 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); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Arden Lee, Friend of Abbe MacDonald; Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Sheila York Marold & family; Dave Nickel (Son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Melanie Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Marc Noga (friend of Jim & Liz Murtfeldt); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Kathy Pfleger, sister of Deb Sopo, Christine Snell (friend of Kathy Gricius); June Tervo (mother of Curt & Trudy Esch and grandmother of Emily Hamilton); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Kelly and Steve William friends of FPCN, Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

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.***

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200 E Main Street, CLC Entrance on Hutton

Parent's Night out!

Parents enjoy a well deserved
night out while we entertain your
children!

SEPT. 8, 5:30PM - 8:30PM

Follow the link for registration, or use our QR
Code:

<https://www.signupforms.com/registrations/33960>



Kids will enjoy a pizza dinner, movie, popcorn, crafts,
and games! We will be hanging out in the Christian
Life Center (CLC), entrance off Hutton. This is a no
charge event, but we will be accepting free-will
offerings. Any offering given goes directly toward
future FPC Community wide events!

*We ask all children be potty
trained*

EMAIL

JENNIFERZIBBELL@FPCNORTHVILLE.ORG IF
YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
All Church Picnic!

Sunday, September 10th

Fellowship Time at Church: 11-11:30 am

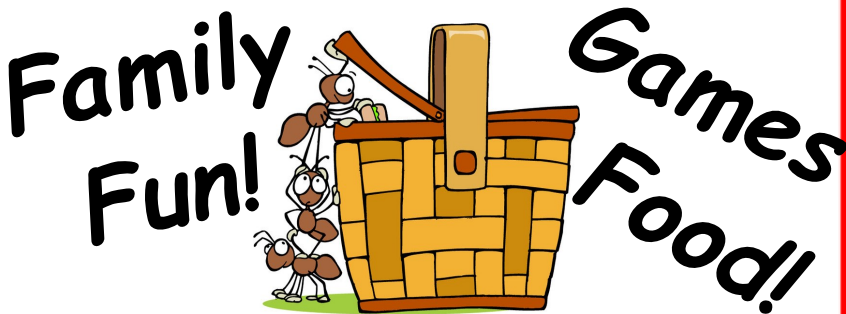
Picnic Time: 12 noon to 2:00 pm

Food Served: Starting at 12:15 pm

**Wear your picnic clothes and pack
your lawn chairs!**

Location: Waterford Bend Park

(on the corner of 6 mile & Northville Rds.)



RSVP on the *Sign-Up Genius*

link in the Friday email,
at FPCNorthville.org, at service or
call the church office.

Donations & Help Wanted!

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023—SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday 9/3	Communion Sunday
	8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room
	9:00 am Summer Choir, Sanctuary
	10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
Mon. 9/4	Labor Day (Office is closed)
Tue. 9/5	5:30 pm HR Committee Meeting, via Zoom
	7:00 pm Education Meeting, via Zoom
	8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm AL-ANON Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 9/6	8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am Living & Learning Team Visit
	11:00 am Stewardship Meeting, via Zoom
	1:00 pm Property Meeting, Music Center
	6:00 pm Worship Committee, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 9/7	6:15 pm Yoga, CLC
	7:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation, Preschool
Fri. 9/8	10:00 am Connections, Music Center
	5:30 pm Parents Night Out, CLC
Sat. 9/9	
Sunday 9/10	Communion Sunday
	8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
	12:00 pm Church Picnic, Waterford Bend Park