

Deacon Sunday



Diakonos

Greek — [dee-AH-koh-nos]

English translation: deacon, to serve

July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Deacon 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 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

Terry Heaton

Prelude

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service
Joy in Serving Jesus
Redeemed*

#761

Ackley/Smith

Give Me Jesus
Sharon Boylan, Guest Pianist

Spiritual,
arr. Z. Unke

Announcements

Kathryn Wilamowski and Lauren Giroux

Introit

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me
Summer Choir

#71

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

Beth Heberlein

One: We gather to worship the One who never abandons
his people.

**All: When we rejoice, God is with us. When we grieve,
God is with us.**

One: When we feel strong, God is with us. When we feel weary,
God is with us. God often shows up through ordinary
people, through hands that serve, hearts that care, and
neighbors who love.

**All: We give thanks for all the ways God is present
among us.**

One: Today we give thanks for Christ, who came not to be
served, but to serve, and who calls us to reflect his love in
the world.

All: Come, let us worship the God who is always present.

***Opening Prayer**

Karen Cornely

***Hymn**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

#727

Call to Confession

Doris Edwards

Prayer of Confession

Doris Edwards and Bette Gabrys

Gracious God, You are always present with us, yet we confess that we do not always recognize your presence in our lives or in the lives of others. Forgive us for the times we have overlooked those in need, chosen comfort over compassion, or failed to reflect your love. Open our eyes to where you are at work, and help us to be instruments of your grace so that others may know your love through us. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Bette Gabrys

Children's Message

Laurie Doner

Music

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Redeemed

#700

Prayer for Illumination

Coline Coleman

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 1:3–7

Lois Fuller

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Second Scripture Reading—Matt. 25:31–40

Judy Somershoe

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king

will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Stephen Flavin

Call for the Offering

Jim Clarkson

Offertory

Agnus Dei

Gerald Custer

Cheyenne Johnson and Geoff Kelm

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Wanda Moon

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Art Bakewell

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, the Lord of Sea and Sky

#69

Thank You

Karen Marold

Benediction

Sung Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

#541

Postlude

Allemande
from *Suite in F Minor*

G. F. Handel

Evacuation Drill

Evacuation Drill:

At the conclusion of worship today, we invite everyone to remain seated for a brief evacuation drill as part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our congregation.

When instructed, those in the **narthex and balcony** should exit through the nearest **sanctuary door**, while those seated in the **sanctuary** should exit through the nearest **chancel door** to the Main Street porch.

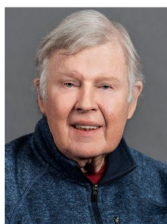
When outside, gather across either street in **Mary Alexander Court** or the **Starbucks parking lot**, depending on which side of the building you exit.

The church bell will ring after a few minutes to signal that it is safe to return for ice cream in Boll Hall and an opportunity to share feedback.

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* Please rise in body or spirit.

FPC Deacons 2026



Art Bakewell



Susan Bartlett



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Earl Eiben



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Betty Gabrys



Lauren Giroux



Kathy Gricius



Tom Haupt



Terry Heaton



Beth Heberlein



Karen Marold



Wanda Moon



Wendy Richardville



Judy Somershoe



Kathryn Wilamowski

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Mark & Anne Hartigan in celebration of
their 25th wedding anniversary.*



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IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Marcia Booth; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; the family of Maxine Lapham; Dale Robison; 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: Steve Atallah (husband of Elaine Atallah); James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Carolyn Blaszczowski (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); Rick De Hart (friend of Georgeann Stringer); 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); Susan Grant (friend of Coline Coleman); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb and Tim Gammons); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); the Family of Rosa Lee Herman; 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); Wes & Penny Norton (parents of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Kathy Schillaci (friend of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (stepdaughter 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

Today's Activities — Come for worship. Stay for ice cream. Leave having made a difference. Our deacons are leading worship, and we hope you'll stay for everything that follows. After the service, we'll hold a brief safety drill, then head to Boll Hall for an ice cream social hosted by the Fellowship Committee. At 11:30 a.m., the Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to the Gathering Room to fill backpacks for local foster children. Many hands make light work — and meaningful work.

Meet Your Deacon After Service—Deacons are caregivers who provide encouraging words and support to our congregation through calls, cards, prayers, flowers, and acts of service. Each family/individual in our congregation is assigned to a deacon. Your deacon looks forward to meeting you in Boll Hall following today's worship service!

Join us next Sunday for our Summer Storytelling Series—The second round of our Summer Storytelling Series will take place next Sunday, July 26. The theme for this month's stories is understanding. We encourage you to join us to hear storytellers from our congregation during the sermon portion of worship.

New Member Class—A new member class is being planned for later this summer. Membership in the church allows you to vote at congregational meetings and hold leadership roles in the church, but more, it solidifies a commitment to our church family. 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 on a Sunday after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

Declan Carter Victory Run: August 29—Join us for the second annual Declan Carter Victory Run in downtown Northville on Saturday, August 29. Choose between a 5k Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. or the Mighty Mini Mile (1 mile course) beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$40 race fee for the 5k and a \$25 race fee for the Mighty Mini Mile. Register by August 16 to avoid increased fees. Both races start and finish at Our Lady of Victory (133 Orchard Dr., Northville, MI 48167). All money raised goes toward the Declan Carter Foundation and its efforts to support youth athletics and academics in our community and the surrounding area. If you would like to participate, you may scan the QR code to join the FPCN team.



Crossroads of Michigan: Children's Summer Lunch—

Throughout the summer, Crossroads of Michigan hosts a free Children's Summer Lunch program that is open to children under 18 years old and their caregivers. Each day, they rely on volunteers to help provide kid-friendly programming to build community and to make the day's hot lunch. This program runs Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., now through August 22. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a volunteer shift.



Blessing of Backpacks and Beyond—Mark your calendars! All are invited to bring a backpack, purse, briefcase, sports bag, or other “holder of important things” to worship on August 30. Each of you will receive a blessing that is meant to help you keep the words and actions of Jesus with you, whether in school, at work, at an activity, or at home. Children having backpacks blessed may then go to the Narthex to pick out a new FPCN pencil and a writing pad. Thanks for considering taking part in this opportunity to carry Jesus with you wherever you may go.

Children's Sunday School Schedule—Children's Sunday School is paused for the summer. During the summer months, your children will be able to either go back to the Toddler Room or remain in worship.

About Today's Music

Today's anthem is a premiere of the *Agnus Dei* by Dr. Jerry Custer.

Part of a longer setting of the traditional Mass text, the lyrics are:

<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Lamb of God
<i>qui tollis peccata mundi,</i>	who takes away the sins of the world,
<i>miserere nobis.</i>	have mercy on us.
<i>Dona nobis pacem.</i>	Grant us peace.

WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026 — JULY 26, 2026

Sun. 7/19		Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and Deacon Sunday
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Evacuation Drill
	11:15 am	Ice Cream Social, Boll Hall
	11:30 am	Pack Backpacks for Students in Foster Care, Gathering Room
Mon. 7/20		
Tue. 7/21	6:00 pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting, Library
	7:30 pm	Session, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 7/22	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
Thurs. 7/23	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 7/24	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run Senior Living
Sat. 7/25		
Sun. 7/26		Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall