

A hand holding a Bible against a sunset background. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

“Those
who
love me
will keep
my word,
and
my Father
will love
them.”

John 14:23, NRSV

May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude *Benedictus* Alec Rowley

Announcements

Minute for Mission Day of Service Results Jennie Macy

Introit *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing* **#475**
Chancel Choir

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

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

One: Let the earth rejoice and be glad,

All: let the heavens declare your righteousness!

One: May all people see your glory, O God;

All: may your ways be known throughout the earth.

One: Let us worship the God who loves us;

**All: We come to worship with open hearts,
to raise our voices with thanks and praise.**

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* **#79**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of diversity and detail, the wonders of your creation amaze us. Yet we confess we often fail to honor its beauty and variety in the details of our lives. When voices differ in opinion, we listen to those with whom we agree. We fail to honor experience different than our own. We resist calls to honor the earth as if it were ours for the taking. Forgive our narrow perspectives. Open our eyes and our hearts to the pain and perspectives of others and renew us all with your healing grace.

(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Revelation 21:10, 21:22–22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Second Scripture Reading— John 14:15–29

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot

receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” ²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory *The Stars Have Called You Home* Tom Bowman
Chancel Choir

Today's offertory was composed by Chancel Choir member Tom Bowman in honor and loving memory of longtime Chancel Choir members Dr. Jay K. Moon and Louise Fisher.

***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 and The Lord's Prayer

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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **#366**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* **#8**

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D Major* Bert Landman

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To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Bob and Valerie Griffith in memory of all
men and women who have died in the
service of our country and in honor of
those currently serving.*



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IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Zachary Fuller; Donna Kennedy; Maxine Lapham; Norma Peltz; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Anita Bradshaw (sister of Kathy Gricius); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); Debra Gulinello (friend of Beth Heberlein); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Lori Henson (friend of Pastor Jackie); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); the family of Lucille Kimpel; Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith) Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Lynn Zelek (daughter of Charlene Frellick).

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

Church Closure—The church will be closed on Monday, May 26 in celebration of Memorial Day. Happy Memorial Day!

Office Closure—The church office will be closed this Wednesday, May 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Staff will be participating in CPR/First-aid training.



Popcorn Theology: Thursday, May 29—Join us on Thursday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room to watch *The Minimalists*. This is a short documentary that addresses the rampant consumerism that is a part of the American psyche. Discussion will consider the response of people of faith in the face of tariffs, rising prices, and shortages. All are welcome to come watch the movie, eat popcorn, and enjoy the discussion after.

Baccalaureate Sunday—Join us to celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 8. 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 June 1: hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org.

Summer Choir is Back—Anyone and everyone is cordially invited to drop in, beginning June 1, to rehearse at 9 a.m., sing at 10 a.m., and head out to brunch (or whatever pursuit) around 11 a.m. No robes. No formality. Families are invited and encouraged to take part. No long term commitment. Come join us when and as your schedule permits. All are welcome: come one, come all!

VBS Volunteers—Volunteers are needed to make this year's "Road Trip" VBS possible. VBS will run from Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20. Please consider donating your time and energy each morning to make this a wonderful and memorable experience for our community kids. Contact Stephen Flavin if you are able to volunteer or have any questions: stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.

Civic Concern—Currently, the most needed items are canned tuna, canned fruit, canned soups, canned stews, packaged pasta and rice, cereal, laundry soap, and diapers. Thank you so much for your generosity.



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WEEK OF MAY 25, 2025 — JUNE 2, 2025

Sun. 5/25		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	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. 5/26		Memorial Day
		Church closed
Tue. 5/27	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, High School Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 5/28	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	9:00 am	Staff CPR Training, Office closed
	1:00 pm	Staff Retirement Luncheon, Office closed
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 5/29	1:30 pm	Popcorn Theology, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/30		
Sat. 5/31		
Sun. 6/1		Ascension Sunday and Communion Sunday
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room