

"BUT AS FOR WHAT WAS SOWN ON GOOD SOIL,
THIS IS THE ONE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND
UNDERSTANDS IT, WHO INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND
YIELDS, IN ONE CASE A HUNDREDFOLD, IN
ANOTHER SIXTY, AND IN ANOTHER THIRTY."

Matthew 13:23



July 12, 2026
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**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

Communion Op. 8

Louis Vierne

Announcements

Introit

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Te Deum Handbell Choir

arr. A. Sherman

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

One: God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

All: and a light to our path.

One: God's Word is made visible in Christ;

All: in him we are rooted in truth.

One: God's Word is revealed through the Holy Spirit;

All: and lived out in faithful service.

One: Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

All: We wait to receive the Word of Life.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

#395

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, you have planted the seeds of faith in us, but we confess we have too often not trusted you. We fail to keep studying the wisdom of your word, satisfied instead with what we think is true. We consider that we already know enough, rather than pursuing deeper encounters with you. Forgive us, God, when we think you have nothing more to offer us.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Prayer for Illumination

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Te Deum Handbell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

***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**

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**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

#541

Verse 1

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude

Duetto No. 3

BWV 804

Johann Sebastian Bach



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* Please rise in body or spirit.

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Becky McCabe in honor of her parents
Charlie & Karen Smith's 55th
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; 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

Sunday, July 19 — Come for worship. Stay for ice cream. Leave having made a difference. Our deacons will lead 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.

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.

Detroit Handbell Ensemble Concert Today

The Detroit Handbell Ensemble is performing in our sanctuary this afternoon! The concert begins at 4 p.m. A light reception in Boll Hall will follow the performance. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there.

SEASONS OF LOVE



DETROIT
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

SPRING CONCERTS

May 3, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church
629 East Jefferson Ave. • Detroit, MI

May 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Celebration Lutheran Church
39375 Joy Rd • Westland, MI

May 8, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Clarkston United Methodist Church
6600 Waldon Rd. • Clarkston, MI

July 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Zion Lutheran Church
1501 W Liberty St • Ann Arbor, MI

July 12, 2026 at 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Northville
200 E Main St • Northville, MI

July 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar
Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Rd. • Cincinnati, OH

#RingDetroit
in Concert



WEEK OF JULY 12, 2026 — JULY 19, 2026

Sun. 7/12		Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
	4:00 pm	Handbell Concert, Sanctuary
Mon. 7/13		
Tue. 7/14	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room
	6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Offsite
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 7/15	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
Thurs. 7/16	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 7/17		
Sat. 7/18	11:00 am	Funeral for Maxine Lapham, Sanctuary
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	Safety Drill
	11:15 am	Ice Cream Social, Boll Hall
	11:30 am	Pack Backpacks for Students in Foster Care, Gathering Room