



“Here is the
Lamb of God who
takes away the
sin of the world!”

John 1:29, NRSV

January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after Epiphany

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 *Prelude on Rhosymedre* R. Vaughan Williams

Announcements

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

One: My friends, behold the Lamb of God

All: who takes away the sin of the world.

One: The two disciples said,

All: “We see Jesus, run after him, and ask, where are you staying?”

One: In worship, Jesus invites us to come along and see for ourselves.

All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* **#408**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

If we’re honest, some of us think we are too good for Jesus’ invitation to come, see, and stay. Instead, trying to reply on our own power and authority. Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost, yet it’s hard to recognize we have lost our way. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children’s Message

Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Psalm 40:1–11

- ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- ² He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- ⁴ Happy are those who make
the LORD their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.
- ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be counted.
- ⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.
- ⁷ Then I said, "Here I am;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me.
- ⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."
- ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.
- ¹⁰ I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.
- ¹¹ Do not, O LORD, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.

Second Scripture Reading— John 1:29–42

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Brendan Ashley

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Variations on “*Slane*”
Dr. Dave Wagner, organ

arr. G. Young

***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** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* **#442**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* (verse 1) **#136**

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

Postlude *Offertoire from the Mass for Parishes* F. Couperin



Welcome, Rev. Ashley!

This morning we welcome to the pulpit, the Rev. Brendan Ashley. Brendan last served as the Associate Pastor of Worship and Outreach at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, completing his ministry there in December. He currently serves as a supply pastor for the Presbytery of Detroit and as a part-time barista at Red Dot Coffee here in Northville. Brendan holds an M.Div. degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree from Whitworth College. Brendan is married to the Rev. Ashley Ashley, who serves as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given
by the Maise and Jukan Families
in celebration of Shirley Henry's
94th birthday.*



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IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Lucia Danes; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Bob Geake; Ron & Lois Housman; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Dianne McCulloch; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; the Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

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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

Christmas Giving Recap—Thank you! Because of your generous donations of items and funds, First Presbyterian Church of Northville has supported Northville Civic Concern, Crossroads of Michigan in Detroit, Neinas Elementary School in Detroit, Little Lambs Compassionate Ministry in Flint, The Welcome Inn in Royal Oak, students of Whitmore Lake Public Schools, and others. Thank you for your continued support and for making Christmas brighter for many people in our community!

Pickleball is Back—Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Potential professional “picklers” and “pingers”: Come join BEGINNERS, including youth, for an intro to pickleball and/or ping pong. Beginning Tuesday, January 13, there will be six weekly sessions on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). Cost is a suggested weekly donation of \$5 to benefit the church. Paddles and balls are provided. Please wear tennis shoes. Direct any questions to Terry Heaton.

Clothing Drive—Start sorting your sweaters and slacks. The Mission Committee will be holding a clothing drive from Sunday, January 25 through the month of February. Bring warm clothing of all sizes for adults and children. A collection location will be designated in Boll Hall. Donations will benefit Crossroads of Detroit and Little Lambs of Flint.

Dine With Nine (February–April 2026)—Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends will gather monthly for food and fellowship. Each group chooses their own dates, times, and locations for their gatherings. These may include potlucks, restaurant visits, or catered food. If you are interested in being assigned to a group, please fill out the sign-up sheet in Boll Hall or scan the QR code to complete the digital form. The Fellowship Committee will contact all registrants with their group information this month.



New Members Class—A new member class is being planned for February. 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 after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

Men's Morning Small Group Bible Study—All men are welcome to join the Men's Morning Small Group Bible Study. The group meets every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom. Please contact Bill Poulos or the church office to receive the Zoom link.

*Please contact the church office for assistance in reaching the mentioned contacts.



2026 Chancel Flowers

2026 is here! Now is a great time to sign up for a Sunday to provide chancel flowers!

Make dedications:

- In honor or memory of someone
- To commemorate a special occasion

Sign up by scanning the QR code, clicking on the link in the Friday email, or calling the church office



WINTER CONCERT Today @ 4:00 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR SINGS
VIVALDI'S *GLORIA*

Free-will offering to benefit
our Pipe Dreams Organ Fund



200 E. Main St.
Downtown Northville

Street parking available
Enter through Welcome Center doors on Hutton St.



WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026 — JANUARY 25, 2026

Sun. 1/18

Second Sunday After Epiphany

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
4:00 pm Vivaldi Concert, Sanctuary

Mon. 1/19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Church closed

Tue. 1/20

5:30 pm Pickleball, CLC
6:00 pm Fellowship Activities Meeting, via Zoom
6:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 pm Session, via Zoom
8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
8:00 pm AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall

Wed. 1/21

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. 1/22

11:00 am Prayer Group, Study
7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
7:00 pm Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room

Fri. 1/23

9:30 am Agape, Gathering Room
1:30 pm Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run

Sat. 1/24

Sun. 1/25

Third Sunday After Epiphany

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