



March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

First
Presbyterian
Church of Northville



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Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Thank you for worshiping 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!

Music*Just a Closer Walk with Thee***#835***Join with the refrain:*

**Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Prayer for Illumination**Scripture Readings****First Scripture Reading— Exodus 17:1–7**

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Second Scripture Reading— John 4:5–42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask

a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know

about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Chancel Choir

arr. W. L. Dawson

***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 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #817

*Benediction

*Sung Response *Steal Away* #358

Postlude *Fugue in G Major* BWV 576
J.S. Bach



**COMMUNITY
GOOD FRIDAY
WORSHIP**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3
7:00 P.M.**

All are welcome to join
area congregants for a
Good Friday service

First United
Methodist Church
777 W. Eight Mile
Northville, MI 48167
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* Please rise in body or spirit.

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Chris Pell in memory of Bob Geake,
honoring his many years of dedication to
teaching the youth of FPCN.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

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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; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Ron & Lois Housman; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Karen Seaman; Cal Strom; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Jerry & Emily Beaca (friends of Kathy Gricius); Carolyn Blaszcowski (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); 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); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb & Tim Gammons); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Scott Hines (step grandson of Bev Hines); 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); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (step daughter of Bev Hines); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Lita Thomas (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Jim Wilkie (son of Coline Coleman); 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



Stay-N-Play: Today—Following today's worship service, join us for a playdate and lunch in the CLC (gym). Families with children ages newborn to fifth grade are invited (older siblings are welcome).

Women's Book Club—We will meet this coming Thursday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. The book for this month is *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLabay with any questions.

Adult Ed—Join others from the Presbytery of Detroit for a five-week Lenten study. Carol Hylkema from Geneva in Canton, and Mary Mobley from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church are leading a study of the Kairos Palestine II document. The five-week study will start on Wednesday evening, March 18, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Those interested in social justice or learning about Palestinian Christian liberation theology may find this interesting. Contact Carol Hylkema to sign up or for more information: carol.hylkema@gmail.com.

Easter Eggstravaganza—If you are interested in volunteering for our Easter Eggstravaganza, please contact Stephen Flavin: stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org

Oakway Children's Choir Concert—All are warmly invited to the Oakway Children's Choir Concert on Sunday, March 22. Please join us for an evening filled with wonderful music. The concert begins at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary, and our talented young singers hope to see everyone there!

Oakway Children's Choir Spring Session—Our Oakway Children's Choir welcomes children ages 5–14, and rehearsals for the Spring Session begin on Tuesday, April 7. Rehearsals run from 6–7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in our sanctuary. To learn more or register, please visit www.oakwaychoir.org, or reach out to our Oakway Children's Choir Director, Tom Bowman, at tombowman@fpcnorthville.org.

Book Drive—Help support community literacy by donating new or gently used children's book (grades K–12) throughout March. Collection boxes are in Boll Hall. The collected books will benefit Whitmore Lake Elementary (K–5) and Birdie's Bookmobile (an organization that distributes books to K–12 Metro Detroit students).

Confirmation Class—A monthly confirmation class will begin in March. Please contact Pastor Jackie if you are interested in attending.

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• Eggstravaganza •

Face
painting

Egg
hunts

Crafts
& games

FREE
FAMILY
EVENT

EGG HUNT

First
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Saturday, March 21

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

egg hunt every 20 minutes

200 E Main St. Northville, MI 48167

Enter from Hutton Street

Questions?

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WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026 — MARCH 15, 2026

Sun. 3/8		Third Sunday in Lent
	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
	11:15 am	Stay-N-Play, CLC
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 3/9	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 3/10	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room
	3:00 pm	Adult Education Committee, Study
	5:30 pm	HR Committee Meeting, via Zoom
	5:30 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 3/11	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:30 am	Preschool Children's Worship, Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Property Meeting, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 3/12	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Youth Room
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
Fri. 3/13	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
	11:00 am	Finance Committee Meeting, Music Center
Sat. 3/14		
Sun. 3/15		Fourth Sunday in Lent
	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