



**May 31, 2026**  
**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Baptism of Lena Louise Harb**

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!***

# Order of Worship

~ The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship ~

## Welcome

**Prelude** Prelude on the hymn tune *Dawson's Creek* E. L. Diemer

## Announcements

**Introit** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* **#406**  
Summer Choir

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

One: Holy are you, Source and Creator of all things.

**All: We praise you for your gift of life.**

One: Holy are you, Son and Redeemer of all things.

**All: We thank you for your gift of new life.**

One: Holy are you, Spirit and Sustainer of all things.

**All: We worship you in holiness, Ever Three and Ever One.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* **#757**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**God of mystery and mercy, you know the details of our lives. You see the sin and the sorrow we bear; you see the problems and the possibilities we face. You see how we fit into the world around us and how we rub each other the wrong way. We confess we do not always see what you see. Open our eyes to the truth of our lives and touch us with your grace.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

# The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymnal page #17

*Presentation*

Lena Louise Harb,  
daughter of Rami and Ellen Harb

**Sung Response**

*Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing*

**#475**

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**First Scripture Reading—Psalm 8:1–9**

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
<sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 28:16–20**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which

Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Day By Day*  
Summer Choir

Gerald Custer

**\*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**

*Go to the World!*

**#295**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**

*O Christ, Surround Me*

**#543**

**Postlude**

*Chaconne in C Major*

Dietrich Buxehude

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## ***To The Glory of God...***

*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Rick and Lynn Betker in loving memory  
of Joan M. Kosch.*



### **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

#### *Program Ministry*

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

#### *Music Ministry*

Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director  
Dr. Jerry Custer, Chancel Choir Director  
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director  
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

#### *Liturgist*

Beth Heberlein

#### *Technology*

Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

#### *Preschool*

Lisa Higley, Director  
Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

#### *Office Staff*

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator  
Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk  
Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

#### *Sextons*

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton  
Zak Bugosh, Sexton

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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Bev Hines; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kim; 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 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); 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 & Tim Gammons); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); 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); 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

**Oakway Children's Choir Concert: Today!**—All are warmly invited to the Oakway Children's Choir Concert this afternoon. 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!

**Baccalaureate Sunday**—Join us as we celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 14. 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 **today**: [hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org).

**Help make VBS Possible!**—Our Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. There are multiple ways to help make this a wonderful and memorable experience for our community kids. Firstly, we are still looking for volunteers to donate their time and energy each morning of VBS. VBS will run from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday, June 15 through Friday, June 19. Another way to contribute to VBS is through donations. We are in search of any winter-related items you may have that we could borrow and use as decorations for the week. Examples include sleds, skis, snowboards, hockey sticks, winter jackets, etc. Financial contributions are also accepted. If you would like to help in any of these three ways, please contact Stephen Flavin: [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org). Thank you so much for your generosity!

**Naomi Circle**—The Naomi Circle's last gathering before the summer break will be on Wednesday, June 10. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room with a luncheon to follow at George's Senate Restaurant. Please look for an email from Denise Myers with more information. If you have any questions, please reach out to Judy Russell.

**Women's Book Club**—We will meet on Thursday, June 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions. \*\*The group will not meet in July.


**Blood Drive: Friday, June 26**—We will be hosting a blood drive in the CLC on Friday, June 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please consider making a donation to help save lives. Appointments are needed. To schedule an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: fpcnorthville), scan the QR code, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).




# 2026 Day of Service




## By the Numbers


100 hygiene kits packaged 


100 lunches made for the unhoused 

38 bags of groceries for families


5  prayer blankets created


22 paper flowers made 


48 dog toys produced 


15 cards assembled 


245 food items collected & sorted for pantry


8  bags of children's clothing organized

30 pairs of shoes gathered 

25 bottles of detergent manufactured 

120 breakfasts served 

4  coloring pages completed

300 VBS decorations cut out 

**120+**  
**HOURS OF**  
**SERVICE**

*thank you!*  
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# ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

## THE ART OF STORYTELLING



Sunday, June 7 in the  
Gathering Room  
Following Coffee Hour

This summer, on the final Sunday of June, July, and August, we'll invite three storytellers from the congregation to share during the sermon portion of worship. This class is **open to everyone**, whether you're curious about storytelling or actively considering sharing yours. Attending does not obligate you to speak publicly. But if you feel called to be one of our summer storytellers, please reach out to Pastor Jackie. Come ready to listen, learn, and maybe discover a story only you can tell.



# PCUSA General Assembly

June 22–July 2, 2026



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

## Purpose

Held every two years, the General Assembly shapes the theology, governance and mission priorities of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The General Assembly’s actions shape the church’s shared theology, mission priorities, governance and public witness, touching every congregation, pastor and member. Understanding these decisions helps the church engage faithfully in its shared discernment.

## Schedule of events

- June 22-24: Online committees
- June 25-26: Prep. for plenary  
Travel to Milwaukee
- June 27: Community Day
- June 28: Local worship  
Plenary begins
- June 29-Jul 1: Worship services  
Plenaries  
Optional events
- July 2: Closing plenary  
Moderators election  
Closing worship

## Discussion Topics

- Organizational restructuring of national agencies
- Changes to global mission
- Financial policy and fossil fuel divestment
- LGBTQIA+ inclusion
- Gender-affirming healthcare
- Christian nationalism and public witness
- Israel/Palestine
- The future of denominational life and governance

## Get involved

- Attend in-person or via livestream on GA227 homepage
- Pray for attendees, leaders, and decisions being made
- Make your 2026 Per Capita contribution if you haven’t already (\$45/year)
  - The General Assembly is primarily supported by these funds



## WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026 — JUNE 7, 2026

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Sun. 5/31

### **First Sunday after Pentecost and Baptism of Lena Louise Harb**

8:00 am Crossroads Meal, Crossroads  
8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room  
9:00 am Summer Choir Begins, Sanctuary  
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing  
11:00 am Coffee Hour, Boll Hall  
11:15 am Children & Youth Meeting, Youth Room  
2:00 pm APEX Youth Group, Youth Room  
4:00 pm Children's Choir Concert, Sanctuary

Mon. 6/1

Tue. 6/2

1:00 pm Security Committee, Youth Room  
5:30 pm HR Committee, via Zoom  
8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC  
8:00 pm AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall

Wed. 6/3

8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom  
10:00 am Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)  
1:00 pm Property Meeting, Music Room  
6:00 pm Worship Committee, Gathering Room

Thurs. 6/4

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

Fri. 6/5

9:30 am Grief Support Group, Youth Room

Sat. 6/6

Sun. 6/7

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost and Communion Sunday**

8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room  
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live  
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing  
11:00 am Coffee Hour, Boll Hall  
11:15 am Adult Ed Storytelling Class, Gathering Room  
2:00 pm APEX Youth Group, Youth Room