

Jesus said to him, "I am the WAY, and the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me."



May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday
Scout Sunday

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!



Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—1 Peter 2:2–10 Scout Katya Malinky

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation — ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Second Scripture Reading—John 14:1–14

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me,

you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Reception of New Members

Beena Easow

Varughese Easow

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Easter Carol
Chancel Choir

M. Williamson

***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**

The Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (sung, see page 7)

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking the Bread

Communion of the People

Hymns During Communion

#497 — Bread of Life from Heaven

#520 — Taste and See

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *To God Be the Glory* **#634**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Spirit of the Living God* **#288**

Postlude *Postlude in A Major* T. Welsey

for First Presbyterian Church, Northville, Michigan

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



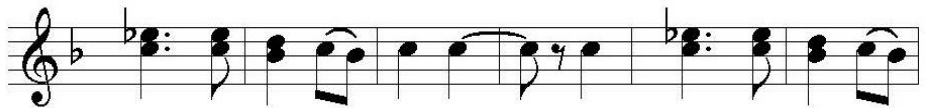
God of pow-er and might! Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry: Ho - san - na in the high-est!



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -



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high - est!

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To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given
with the dedication: Happy anniversary
Meghan & Shawn Miller, grandchildren
of Tom & Lois Curl and children of
Jeff & Deborah Fidge.*



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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; 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 Kirn; 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: 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); 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 Has saballa (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



This Sunday is '5 Cents a Meal' Sunday. For every meal you and your family members enjoyed over the past month, we are asking that you contribute 5 cents to help feed the hungry in our community. Thanks in advance for your gracious gifts!

FPCN Scholarships—Applications for the Marlow Van Soest and the Educational Endowment scholarships are now available. To apply, please see the Friday email. Applications must be received no later than May 29 and should be submitted to Stephen Flavin at stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.



Crossroads Meal: Sunday, May 31—Our church is sponsoring the Crossroads of Michigan Sunday soup kitchen meal on May 31. We invite you to join us in preparing or serving the meal, or both! Please scan the QR code or see the link in the Friday email to sign up to volunteer. Both morning and afternoon slots are available. Please sign up by May 24. This meal is made possible by our 5 Cents a Meal donations. Your generosity and service are greatly appreciated! Contact the Mission Committee with any questions.



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 May 31: hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org.

Women's Walking Group—FPC Northville's Women's Walking Group meets every Wednesday from 10–11 a.m. Weather permitting, we meet at Ford Field and alternate our routes throughout downtown Northville and local neighborhoods. If weather is too cold or wet, we will walk indoors at Laurel Park Place (Livonia) or Twelve Oaks Mall (Novi). Please see Debbie Dunbar or contact the church office (248-349-0911 or fpcnorthville@fpcnorthville.org) to be placed on our email list and receive our weekly notification as to where we will meet and walk. If you will be joining the group any given week, please respond to the weekly email to let us know to expect you.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers—We are still looking for volunteers to make our Vacation Bible School possible. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephen Flavin: stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.



SCOUT SUNDAY

Troop 755

Scout Troop 755, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Northville since 1947, is celebrating Scout Sunday and the Troop's 79th anniversary. The Scout units sponsored by the church are:

- Pack 755 Cub Scouts (boys and girls)
- Troop 755 (boys)
- Troop 755 (girls)
- Crew 755 Ventures (boys and girls ages 14–21)

The Scouting program at FPCN includes 155 boys and girls supported by 83 dedicated adult leaders. Troop 755 is very active with camping and other outdoor activities scheduled every month throughout the year. The troop also attends Summer Camp each summer.

Over its 79 years, 373 Scouts of Troop 755, including 13 boys and 2 girls in the past year, have earned the Eagle Scout award (the highest ranking in Scouting).

The Scouts and adult leaders of Troop 755 are extremely appreciative of the sponsorship and continuous support of the First Presbyterian Church over these 79 years of Scouting in Northville.

WEEK OF MAY 3, 2026 — MAY 10, 2026

Sun. 5/3		Fifth Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday, & Scout Sunday
	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
Mon. 5/4	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, Off-site
Tue. 5/5	1:00 pm	Security Committee, Youth Room
	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
Wed. 5/6	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	5:30 pm	Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 5/7	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/8	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 5/9	11:00 am	Young Artist Fair, Boll Hall
Sun. 5/10		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