



Joy Comes in the Morning:  
*Easter Sunday*

**April 20, 2025**  
**Easter 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!***



## Order of Worship

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

### Welcome

**Prelude**                      *Church Sonata No. 9 in F Major, K. 244*  
Organ and String Ensemble                      W.A. Mozart

### Announcements

**Introit**                                      *The Strife is O'er*                                      **#236**  
Chancel Choir

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

One: Hallelujah! O Day of Resurrection, let us shine with joy!

**All: Christ has led us from death to life.**

One: O Day of Resurrection, let us live with hope!

**All: Christ has led us from earth to heaven.**

One: Christ has risen from the dead. Hallelujah!

**All: He has risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

### \*Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn**                                      *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*                                      **#232**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Loving and life-giving God, you raised Jesus from the grave and shattered the powers of sin and death. But we confess that we remain captive to fear, resisting the hope that new life is possible for us. We hide in tombs of indifference, seeking comfort rather than justice in this world. We cling to resentment and disappointment, refusing the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Forgive us, O God, and restore us to joy and wholeness through your great mercy.

*(Silent Confession)*

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

### Anthem

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Te Deum Handbell Choir

arr. L. Larson

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### First Scripture Reading— 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

#### Second Scripture Reading— John 20:1–18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## **Call for the Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Alleluia*  
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more  
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**                      *Thine Is the Glory*                      **#238**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**    *Hallelujah! (from Messiah)*    G. F. Handel

**Postlude**            *Church Sonata No. 13 in G Major, K. 274*  
Organ and String Ensemble            W.A. Mozart

*To our guests this morning: We are delighted you are  
worshiping here at FPC Northville on this Easter Day! We invite  
you to join us each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for worship, or from  
your home by viewing the service live on our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/FPCNorthville>*

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## **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
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### Liturgist

Marilyn Thibodeau

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Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director  
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director  
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

### Guest Musicians

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Sander Kostallari, Violin 2  
Cathy Franklin, Viola  
Chaewon Park, Cello

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IN OUR



# Thoughts and Prayers

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Doris Edwards; Charlene Frellick; Zachary Fuller; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; Maxine Lapham; Norma Peltz; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Anita Bradshaw (sister of Kathy Gricius); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); The family of Sally Garman (sister of Tim Doty); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith) Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Sandy Craig Taylor (friend of Beth & Gary Heberlein); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Lynn Zelek (daughter of Charlene Frellick).

## 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

**Hospitality House Volunteer Opportunity**—FPC is working with our mission co-op group at the Hospitality House on Saturday, April 26. Hospitality House is a food pantry in Commerce. If interested in joining us, please register for an account at <https://www.hhfp.org/volunteer/> or scan the QR code. Then, click on the orange sign-up button and sign-up for the Saturday, April 26 date reserved for “Crossroads Presbyterian Church Day of Service”. The shift runs from 9:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this event, please email [missionfpnv@gmail.com](mailto:missionfpnv@gmail.com) or talk to anyone from the Mission and Outreach Committee.



**Wonders of the Night Sky: Friday, May 2**—Save the date and join us for our Wonders of the Night Sky event, a photographic journey of the night sky. On Friday, May 2, attendees will enjoy a dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a presentation at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up by filling out the form in the pews, scanning the QR code, or using this link: <https://forms.gle/r375oMWMmGAAda6g6>



**Extended Communion**—If you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, May 4, please let your deacon know or email [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org).

**Chancel Flowers Sign-up**—Please review the dates and sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers during the worship service. This is a lovely way to make a special dedication in honor or memory of someone and enhance our worship. Sign up through this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084FA8AA2FA5FE3-53410225-chancel> or using the QR code. If you aren't able to use the online sign-up, please call the office to reserve an open date.



**Civic Concern**—Currently, the most needed items are tuna, canned fruit, packaged pasta and rice, cereal, and toilet tissue. Thank you so much for your generosity.



***Given by...***

Marilyn Atkinson

The Chancel Choir

Tom & Pam Haupt

Terry & Lynda Heaton

Celestia McArthur

Don & Dianne McCulloch

Martha & Jim Nield

Chris & Erin Pell

Larry & Barbara Ross

Jim & Judy Russell

Calvin & Carol Strom

***Given by...***

Marilyn Atkinson

The Baack Family

Edward & Karen (Obsniuk)  
Balian

Phyllis & Ron Bendrey

Lynn & Rick Betker

The Chancel Choir

Coline Coleman

***In honor of...***

Pastor Jackie

Our daughter & son-in-law, Cathy &  
Jim Yount

Our son & daughter-in-law, Jim &  
Kim Atkinson

Dr. Dave Wagner, Dr. Jerry Custer

Our granddaughters

Our grandchildren

Carol Rathburn

Our loved ones

Our six grandchildren

Connor Pell, Molly Pell

Ann Werner

The staff of FPCN  
The congregation of FPCN

Our children, Linda, Susan, Margaret,  
Erik, and their families

***In memory of...***

My husband, Jim Atkinson

Our parents, Ruth & Ed Mogge

Our parents, Ivan & Delores Atkinson

Our son, Stephen Atkinson

Our grandson, Trey Atkinson

Joyce Baack, Pat Keys,  
Clyde & Ruth Williams

Bill D. Taylor, George & Ralda Obsniuk,  
Edward & Sarah Balian

Our parents, Alda & Joseph Pulty and  
Onalee & Chris Bendrey

Daniel & Joan Kosch  
Alphonse & Mamie Betker

Dr. Jay Moon, Louise Fisher

Loved ones

Dan & Debby DeLaby	Our parents
The Feller Family	Roger Feller, Bob Blumenstein, Charlotte Blumenstein
Ed & Elizabeth Gabrys	Our beloved family members who have departed before us
Mary Ann Gingrich	David M. Gingrich
Kathy Gricius	Algis Gricius, Kazys & Juze Gricius, Bob & Ursula Stewart
Terry & Lynda Heaton	Louise Fisher
Henry, Maise, & Jugan Families	Alan Henry
Beverley Hines	Stanley & Lillian Gill, Edward Hines, Jack Bower
Diane Lahiff	Thomas Lahiff
Karen Marold	My parents and grandparents
Don & Dianne McCulloch	Our loved ones who have gone before us
Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study	Louise Fisher
Wanda Moon	Jay Moon
Karen Seaman	Shirley, Patrick, and Dan
Bob & Joan Sellen	Our parents
Jacqueline Spycher	My dad and grandparents
Georgeann Stringer	Lynn Stringer
Calvin & Carol Strom	Our parents, Ernest & Eileen Strom and George & Isabell Maurer Our good friend Margaret Collinge
John Takacs, Todd Kananen, & Joseph Takacs	Karen Fink
Bettie Telepo	My husband, John My sister, Emily
Marilyn Thibodeau	Joseph H. & Anne I. Thibodeau JoAnne I. Thibodeau
Chris, Laura, & Ally Zuidema	Jane Morley Betty & Harry Morley Caroline & Emery Klein Ray & Gracia Wiersum John & Elsie Zuidema



## WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025 — APRIL 27, 2025

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Sun. 4/20		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	6:30 am	Sunrise Worship, Church Courtyard
	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
Mon. 4/21	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 4/22	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 4/23	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:00 am	Louise Fisher Visitation, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Louise Fisher Memorial, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 4/24	11:00 am	Stewardship Meeting, Study
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 4/25	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run
Sat. 4/26	9:45 am	Hospitality House Work Day, Hospitality House
Sun. 4/27		<b>Baptism of Mariella Mortimer</b>
	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
	11:00 am	Children and Youth Meeting, Youth Room
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room