

JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000



"...Taking the five loaves
and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven,
and blessed and broke
the loaves, and gave
them to the
disciples, and the
disciples gave them
to the crowds. And all
ate and were filled..."

MATTHEW 14:19-20

August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion 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

Aubade Prelude

Louis Vierne

Announcements

Introit

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Summer Choir

#353

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

One: God is faithful in words and gracious in action.

All: We look to God for nurture in every season.

One: God is near to all who call out in truth and watches over all.

All: God is great and most worthy of praise;

One: God's greatness is more that we can fathom.

All: We will praise God's holy name forever.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

God Is Here!

#409

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, in Christ you show us the way of compassion and forgiveness, yet we neglect the suffering of others and hold grudges. We blame and judge each other in the moments you call us to act with kindness and mercy. Free us from greed and from grievance. Open our hearts so that we may embody Jesus' teachings and walk in his way this day and always.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Genesis 32:22–31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 14:13–21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Lead Me, Lord
Summer Choir

Samuel Wesley

***Doxology**

#607

**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

(All are invited to take communion)

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 up 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

#506 — *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!*

#501 — *Feed Us, Lord*

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* **#546**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Soon and Very Soon* **#384**

Postlude *Tiento de quarto tono* Francisco Correa de Araujo

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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!_____

[illegible]

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

san - na in the high-est! _____ Ho - san - na in the

high - est!_____

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; the family of Maxine Lapham; Dale Robison; Karen Seaman; Sandi Smith; The Strom and Gessert Families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; 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.***

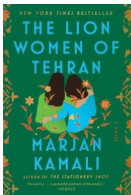
Cards are available for the congregation to sign on the **third Sunday** (or occasionally the second Sunday) of each month.

The Bulletin Board

Construction Update—Beginning on Monday, August 3, Church Street will be closed for a water main installation. Church Street is the street with angled parking that runs between our building and Starbucks. The project is expected to be completed in early September. If you are visiting the church, please utilize the dirt lot behind Long's, street parking, or any surrounding parking lots. Please be advised that, despite the construction, all timed parking zones will still be in effect on weekdays before 6 p.m.



Grief Support Group (Next meeting August 7)—The Grief Support Group meets in the Youth Room at 10 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Grief has its own timetable, and feelings of loss ebb and flow. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, feel free to join us—regularly or occasionally. Contact Wanda Moon for more information.



Women's Book Club—We are back! We will meet on Thursday, August 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Member Class—A new member class is being planned for later this summer. Membership in the church allows you to vote at congregational meetings and hold leadership roles in the church, but more, it solidifies a commitment to our church family. 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 on a Sunday after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

Declan Carter Victory Run: August 29—Join us for the second annual Declan Carter Victory Run in downtown Northville on Saturday, August 29. Choose between a 5k Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. or the Mighty Mini Mile (1 mile course) beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$40 race fee for the 5k and a \$25 race fee for the Mighty Mini Mile. Register by August 16 to avoid increased fees. Both races start and finish at Our Lady of Victory (133 Orchard Dr., Northville, MI 48167). All money raised goes toward the Declan Carter Foundation. If you would like to participate, you may scan the QR code to join the FPCN team.



Blessing of Backpacks and Beyond—Mark your calendars! All are invited to bring a backpack, purse, briefcase, sports bag, or other “holder of important things” to worship on August 30. Each of you will receive a blessing that is meant to help you keep the words and actions of Jesus with you, whether in school, at work, at an activity, or at home. Children having backpacks blessed may then go to the Narthex to pick out a new FPCN pencil and a writing pad. Thanks for considering taking part in this opportunity to carry Jesus with you wherever you may go.

Crossroads of Michigan: Children's Summer Lunch—

Throughout the summer, Crossroads of Michigan hosts a free Children's Summer Lunch program that is open to children under 18 years old and their caregivers. Each day, they rely on volunteers to help provide kid-friendly programming to build community and to make the day's hot lunch. This program runs Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., now through August 22. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a volunteer shift.



Children's Sunday School Schedule—Children's Sunday School is paused for the summer. During the summer months, your children will be able to either go back to the Toddler Room or remain in worship.

WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2026 — AUGUST 9, 2026

Sun. 8/2		Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion Sunday
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
	11:15 am	Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room
Mon. 8/3		
Tue. 8/4	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 8/5	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	1:00 pm	Property Committee, Music Center
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee, Gathering Room
Thurs. 8/6	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 8/7	10:00 am	Grief Support Group, Youth Room
Sat. 8/8		
Sun. 8/9		Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall