

**April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday
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 *Aria in Classic Style for Harp and Organ* M. Grandjany
Christa Grix, Harpist and Dr. David Wagner, Organ

Announcements

***Introit** *Rise, Heart!* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir and Dr. Jonathan Lasch, soloist

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

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death
by death.

All: Hallelujah!

One: This is the Good News—the grave is empty & Christ
is risen.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Let us worship God with Easter joy!

*Opening Prayer

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips are afraid to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past we cannot change, open us to a future in which we can be changed, and give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. In Jesus' name, we pray.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Second Scripture Reading—John 20:1–18

¹Early 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. ²So 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.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.'" ¹⁸Mary 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 *I Got Me Flowers* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir and Dr. Jonathan Lasch, soloist

***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

(All are invited to take communion)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Story of the 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)

Response: **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

Music During Communion

Solo: *The Call* R. Vaughan Williams
 Dr. Jonathan Lasch, Bass

Hymns: *Come Behold! The Feast of Heaven* **#511**
 Let Us Break Bread together **#525**

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *Christ Has Risen! Shout Hosanna!* **#248**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah* G. F. Handel

Postlude *Toccata from the Symphony No. 5 in F Major* C. Widor

Today's service music is inspired by the following
George Herbert poems

“Easter”

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayest rise.
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

“I Got Me Flowers”

I got me flowers to straw thy way:
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,
Though he give light, and the East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many suns to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we miss:
There is but one, and that one ever.

“The Call”

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

George Herbert pursued a career in politics and public service before entering the ministry, becoming rector of a small village church near Salisbury. A month before his 40th birthday, he died of tuberculosis. Unknown during his lifetime, scholars now rate him one of the most skilled poets of his day, equal to his colleague John Donne. —Dr. Jerry Custer

Worship Leaders and Staff:

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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

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Sherri Marttila, Violin 1
Valerie Palmieri, Violin 2
Cathy Franklin, Viola
Kenneth Miller, Cello
Christa Grix, Harp
Dr. Jonathan Lasch, Bass

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Zak Bugosh, Sexton

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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; 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); 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); 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.

Easter Lilies 2026

Given by...

Art & Barb Bakewell
Jim & Pam Clarkson
Karen Marold
Celestia McArthur
Alan & Linda McGlone
Martha & Jim Nield
Chris & Erin Pell

Jim & Judy Russell

Jackie Spycher
Carol M. Strom

In honor of...

Bonnie Bakewell
Our family
My family
Carol Rathburn
Our children
Our church staff
Carol & Jim Pell
Sue & Marty Pell
The staff of FPCN
The congregation of FPCN
My mom: Linda Spycher
The Strom children: Linda, Susan,
Margaret, Erik, and their families

Given by...

Art & Barb Bakewell
Phyllis & Ron Bendrey

Lynn & Rick Betker

Coline Coleman

Dan & Debby DeLaby
Sarah & Bill French, Cheyenne
Burns, and Bri Burns

Tammy Fulton
Kathy Gricius

In memory of...

Doreen Bakewell Finney
Our parents: Alda & Joseph Pulty and
Onalee & Charles Bendrey

Daniel & Joan Kosch
Alphonse & Mamie Betker

Paul & Kate Coleman
Claude & Frances Coleman
Taylor Coleman

Our parents
Rita French

Phil, Alma, & Lucille Fisher

Al Gricius
Bob & Ursula Stewart
Kazys & Juze Gricius

Jacqueline Haskin
Thomas & Pamela Haupt

Terry & Lynda Heaton

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Diane Lahiff
Dianne McCulloch and Family
Karen Seaman

Judy & Alan Somershoe
Carol M. Strom

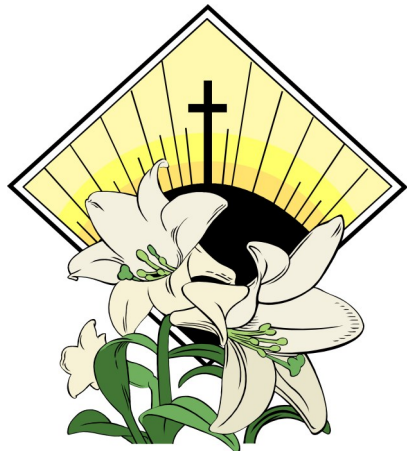
John Takacs & Todd Kananen

Marilyn Thibodeau

Chris, Laura, & Ally Zuidema

Dale Haskin
Donald G. Olds
Our parents
Charles & Wilma Heaton
Floyd & Thelma Rees
Al Henry
Joanne Kaatz
Mary Jo Gibbons
The Lahiff Family
Don McCulloch
Dan Seaman
Pat McKinney
Diego David Somershoe
Cal Strom
Ernest & Eileen Strom
George & Isabell Maurer
Karen Fink
Linda & Joey Roberts
Joseph H. & Anne I. Thibodeau
Jo Anne I. Thibodeau
Jane Morley
Caroline & Emery Klein
Gracia & Ray Wiersum
Betty & Harry Morley
Elsie & John Zuidema
Don Zuidema

Thank you to all
who purchased
lilies. Remember to
take yours home
after today's
service!





The Bulletin Board

Youth Group Schedule—APEX Youth Group will not meet today and April 12. We look forward to seeing everyone back on April 19.

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.

Women's Book Club—We will meet this coming Thursday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions.

Naomi Circle Rescheduled—Due to Carol Dickson's funeral, Naomi Circle will now meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15.

New Member Class: Sunday, April 19—A new member class will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. 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 after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

Holy Lands Dinner and Presentation—Mark your calendars! Join us in Boll Hall on Friday, May 1 for an evening featuring the presentation, "The Holy Land: In the Footsteps of Jesus." The Rev. Janice Locke will take listeners on a wonderful journey, showcasing pictures of Holy Land sites paired with insightful explanations of their rich biblical context. The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. RSVP by scanning the QR code.



Day of Service—Save the date! Please plan to join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 for our next church-wide Day of Service. We will start with breakfast and a brief worship together, then continue our worship through our acts. More details to come. If you are interested in leading an activity or have ideas for activities, please email missionfpnv@gmail.com or talk to anyone from the Mission and Outreach Committee.

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.



Join us for a workshop with

Carrie Newcomer

Saturday, April 18, 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Northville 200 E. Main St.
Downtown Northville

12–3 p.m. in Boll Hall
Tickets \$10
Snacks provided



Two-part workshop:

- “Telling Our Story with Song: A Community Songwriting Experience”
- What We Need Is Here: Conversations About Hope, Resilience & Community

Scan the QR code or visit www.fpcnorthville.org to purchase tickets!

Public and street parking available

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WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2026 — APRIL 12, 2026

Sun. 4/5		Easter Sunday and Communion Sunday
	6:45 am	Sunrise Service, 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. 4/6		Church Closed
Tue. 4/7	11:00 am	Fellowship Activities Meeting, Gathering Room
	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 4/8	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Visitation for Carol Dickson, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	11:00 am	Funeral for Carol Dickson, Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 4/9	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	10:30 am	Preschool Children's Worship, Preschool
	11:00 am	Adult Education Meeting, 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. 4/10	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 4/11		
Sun. 4/12		Second 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

To our guests this morning: We are delighted you are worshipping 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>