



LESSONS & CAROLS

December 28, 2025
First Sunday After Christmas

First
Presbyterian
Church of Northville



248-349-0911 • www.fpcnorthville.org

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 *Schlafe, mein Liebster*

J. S. Bach

Announcements

***Gathering Words** based on Isaiah 52 (*read responsively*)

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

**How beautiful in the valleys
are the hearts, the minds, the voices
of all who proclaim God's love.**

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

**In silence and song,
in protest and prayer,
in love and laughter
we proclaim what we know:
God is here among us.**

Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem.

**God's comfort is among us.
God's grounding is beneath us.
God's joy surrounds us.**

All the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

**Everyone will know what God has done.
This Christmas, love is born!**

***Opening Prayer**

***Gathering Hymn** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **#133**

The First Lesson—Psalm 148
All Creation Praises God

Reflection Question:
When have you met God in the wonders of creation?

Prayer

Carol *Joy to the World* **#134**

Second Lesson—Luke 1:5-20, 24-25
An Angel of God Visits Zechariah

Reflection Question:
When has someone brought you news so good you could hardly believe it? What message have you recognized as a message from God, even if only in retrospect?

Prayer

Carol *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1-4) **#88**

Third Lesson—Luke 1:26-38
Mary Greet the Angel Gabriel

Reflection Question:
When have you surprised yourself by how quickly you answered God's call to love or serve? When has someone else surprised you?

Prayer

Carol *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **#82**

Fourth Lesson—Matthew 1:18-24
Joseph Dreams of an Angel of God

Reflection Question:
Has your commitment to God's message ever caused conflict or pain in your life? If so, how did God show up to bring you through?

***Affirmation of Faith** *(based on John 1:1-14)*

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God,

and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,

and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life,

and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone,

was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him,

yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept

him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he

gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of

blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

and we have seen his glory,

the glory as of a father's only son,

full of grace and truth.

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

#136

Postlude

Postlude on God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

John Rutter

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

Tim Doty

Technology

Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

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Lisa Higley, Director
Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

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Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk
Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

Sextons

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton
Zak Bugosh, Sexton





Free-will
offering to
benefit our
Pipe Dreams
Organ Fund

**Sunday,
January 18
4:00 p.m.**

WINTER CONCERT

**First
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**200 E. Main St.
Downtown Northville**
www.fpcnorthville.org

**JANUARY 18, 2026
CHANCEL CHOIR SINGS
VIVALDI'S *GLORIA***

*new date

Street parking available
Enter through Welcome Center doors on Hutton St.

JOIN FELLOW FPCN MEMBERS FOR

DINE WITH NINE

FEBRUARY, MARCH, & APRIL 2026

What is Dine With Nine?

- Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends meeting once a month for food, conversation, and fellowship
- Meetings are often potlucks in group members' homes, restaurant visits, or catered/delivered meals
- Groups are self-led and choose their own dates, times, and locations

How do I join?

- Sign up on the sheet in Boll Hall or by scanning the QR code below. The Fellowship Committee will work to assign registrants to groups (announced in January 2026).
- Direct any questions to the Fellowship Committee: Lynn Betker, Marilyn Thibodeau, Debbie Dunbar, Nancy Kaatz, & Sarah Flavin.

Scan the QR
code to be
assigned a
group!





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; Bob Geake; Ron & Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Dianne McCulloch; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; the Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Jerry & Emily Beaca (friends of Kathy Gricius); Ken Berkoben (friend of Bev Hines); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); 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); Penny & Wes Norton (mother and step father of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Barbara Prehn (friend of Bev Hines) Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); The family of Tom Sechler; Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Jim Wilkie (son of Coline Coleman) Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Cathy Yount (daughter of Marilyn Atkinson); 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

Christmas Joy Offering—We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering today. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please consult the insert in your bulletin for more information.

Church Office Closures—The church office will be closed on January 1 in celebration of New Year's Day.

Blood Drive: Friday, January 2—We will be hosting a blood drive in the CLC on Friday, January 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please consider making a donation to help save lives. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: fpcnorthville), scan the QR code, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Church Officer Training: Saturday, January 10—Calling all deacons and elders! All officers, current and new, will gather on Saturday, January 10 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. for training and visioning for the coming year (lunch will be provided). We will gather in Boll Hall. New officers will be ordained and installed during worship on Sunday, January 11. Contact Pastor Jackie with any questions.

Winter Concert: Sunday, January 18—Please join us for the FPCN Chancel Choir's performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* on Sunday, January 18 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A free-will offering to benefit the Pipe Dreams Organ Fund will be collected. We hope to see you there!

Dine With Nine (February–April 2026)—Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends will gather monthly for food and fellowship. Each group chooses their own dates, times, and locations for their gatherings. These may include potlucks, restaurant visits, or catered food. If you are interested in being assigned to a group, please fill out the sign-up sheet in Boll Hall or scan the QR code to complete the digital form. The Fellowship Committee will contact all registrants with their group information in January 2026.



*Please contact the church office for assistance in reaching the mentioned contacts.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025 — JANUARY 4, 2026

Sun. 12/28

8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
11:00 am Coffee Hour, Boll Hall

First Sunday of Christmas

Mon. 12/29

Tue. 12/30

7:00 pm Caregivers Group, Youth Room
8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall

Wed. 12/31

8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
10:00 am Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
12:00 pm Office closes

New Year's Eve

Thurs. 1/1

New Year's Day
Church Office Closed

Fri. 1/2

9:30 am Agape. Gathering Room
10:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive, CLC
10:00 am Grief Support Group, Youth Room

Sat. 1/3

Sun. 1/4

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
11:15 am Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room

Epiphany and Communion Sunday

