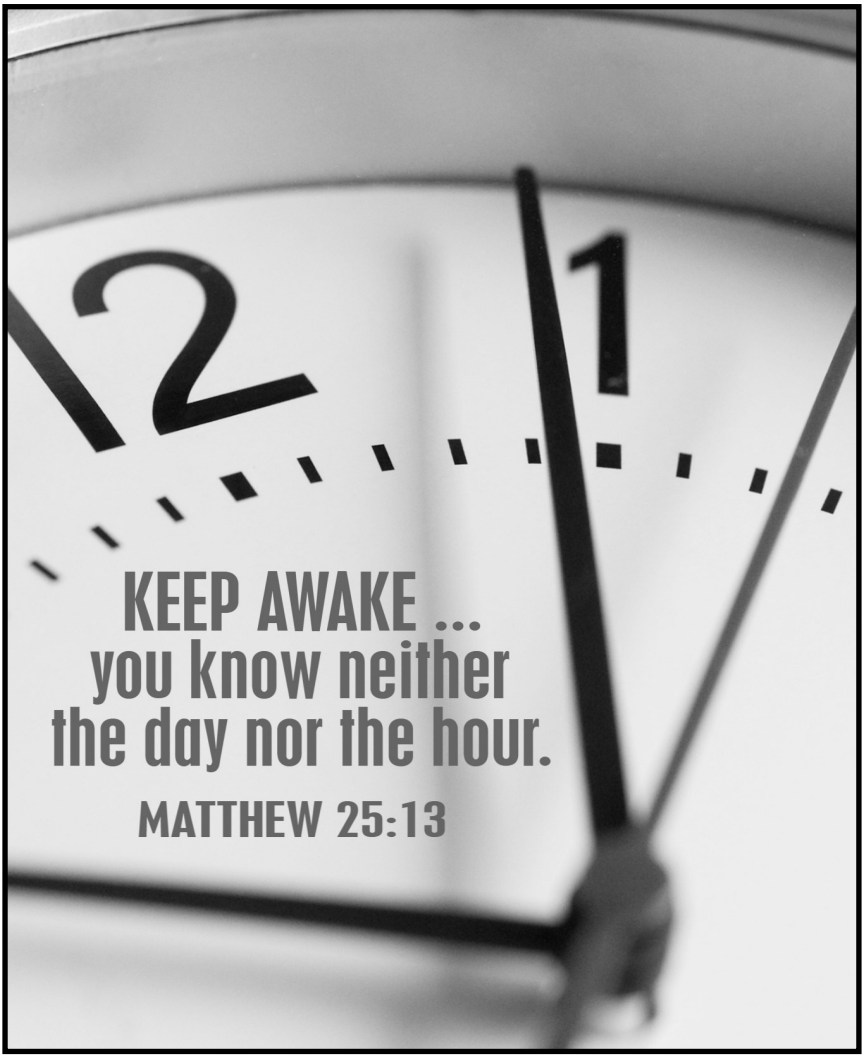

November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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, or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you.

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.

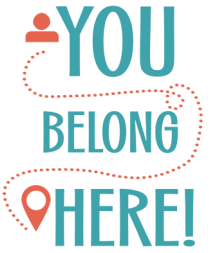
We value and are centered in scripture.

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 *Fughetta on the German Chorale "Aus Tiefer Not"* JS Bach

Announcements

Moment for Stewardship Debby DeLaby

Introit *Holy Ground* **#406**
Chancel Choir

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

One: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

All: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.

One: God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

All: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.

One: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

All: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Come, Worship God* **#386**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you call us to love our neighbors and serve your purposes. We confess that this is easier said than done. When things get complicated, we lose patience and turn away. When we are unprepared for a challenge, we excuse ourselves from taking part. Forgive us, O God. Renew our willingness to put ourselves on the line for your love.

(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.
5 He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
6 that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 25:1-13

1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them
became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all
those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' 9But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and
for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.' 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding

banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Just As I Am* arr. Gilbert Martin
Chancel Choir

*__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 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** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* **#350**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *While We Are Waiting Come* **#92**

Postlude *Allegro Scherzando* Henri Busser

***** Please rise in body or spirit.

To The Glory of God…

The flowers in the chancel are in given by Bob & Valerie Griffith to convey our respect and gratitude to all veterans and currently serving members of the Armed Services



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Friends and Family: Melissa Altomare (sister of Debby DeLaby); Steve Atallah (husband of Elaine Atallah); 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); Rick De Hart (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Linda Farber (step-mother of Ann Werther); Sarah Gilbert (friend of Pastor Jackie); Stan Gill & family (brother of Bev Hines); Susan Grant (friend of Coline Coleman); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb and Tim Gammons); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); Matthew Kajdasz (friend of John Takacs and Todd Kananen); Jaxson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Celeste Martens (sister of Tammy Fulton); David Mondro (father of Patrick Mondro); 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); Wes & Penny Norton (parents of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Kathy Schillaci (friend of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (stepdaughter of Bev Hines); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Marie Wilkie (sister-in-law of Coline Coleman); 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 <u>only</u> with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically.* ***Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***

The Bulletin Board

Celebration Coffee Hour—Join us after worship on Sunday, November 8, for a special coffee hour celebrating our Chancel Choir Director, Dr. Jerry Custer. His latest book, *A Conductor's Vade Mecum: Practical Suggestions for Better Choral Singing*, was released in October. Come honor Jerry's accomplishment and his work among us.

Halloween Candy Collection—Have extra Halloween candy? We'll gladly take it for the Christmas gift bags at Neinas Elementary. Drop it in the basket in Boll Hall. The Neinas Christmas party is Monday, December 14. If you'd like to help, or have any questions, contact Carol Maise.



Popcorn Theology —Join us on Thursday, November 19, at 1 p.m. in the Gathering Room for *Eye in the Sky* (2015, thriller, rated R, 1 hr. 42 min.). A secret drone mission in Kenya turns into an agonizing decision when a young girl wanders into the strike zone, sparking a crisis of conscience and a international dispute. Stay afterward for a conversation about the film and the moral questions it raises. Popcorn provided!

Red Cross Blood Drive—Color your fall with kindness. Give blood November 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: fpcnorthville). Or use the QR code.

Greens for the Pots — As we prepare for the holiday season, we decorate the church inside and out. If you'd like to help fill the outdoor pots around the porch and Welcome Center doors, please contact Marilyn Thibodeau. We need willing hands, and we also need greens. If you have evergreens to share, contact Marilyn or the church office.

Caroling on the Porch — Join us for this annual tradition on Friday, November 20, at 6 p.m. Carolers of every age will gather on the porch before the Lighted Parade to sing traditional Christmas carols. Friends and newcomers are welcome!



Lighted Parade — We're looking for a few good marchers! On Friday, November 20, we'll once again march in the Lighted Parade. Come wave to the crowd or help carry the church banner. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m., and we'll line up beforehand. Contact Pastor Jackie for details.



Consecration Sunday — Stewardship isn't just a season. It's how we care for and support our church all year long. Throughout November, we'll share this year's stewardship campaign. Watch your mail for a letter and pledge card. We'll receive pledge cards in worship on Consecration Sunday, November 22. To learn more about the campaign or other ways to support the church, reach out to Pastor Jackie or any member of the Stewardship Committee.

Community Thanksgiving Worship — Last year we revived a cherished tradition by co-hosting a community Thanksgiving worship service. This year the Methodists are hosting. Join us as we head down Eight Mile Road to First United Methodist Church of Northville on Sunday, November 22, at 7 p.m. Pie will follow!



Community Thanksgiving Dinner — Looking for a warm welcome this Thanksgiving? Join neighbors from around Northville for a community dinner at First United Methodist Church of Northville on Thursday, November 26, from noon to 2 p.m. Come with friends or make new ones. RSVP at https://www.fumcnorthville.org/community-thanksgiving-dinner/

Hanging of the Greens—All ages are invited to join us at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24. We will decorate the church, then have pizza. Please come and lend a hand to help prepare our church for Advent and Christmas





Thanksgiving volunteers needed — For the 44th Annual Westminster Thanksgiving Dinner starting the week before Thanksgiving. To volunteer or for more information call 313-341-2697 or email at Thanksgiving@wcodetroit.org.

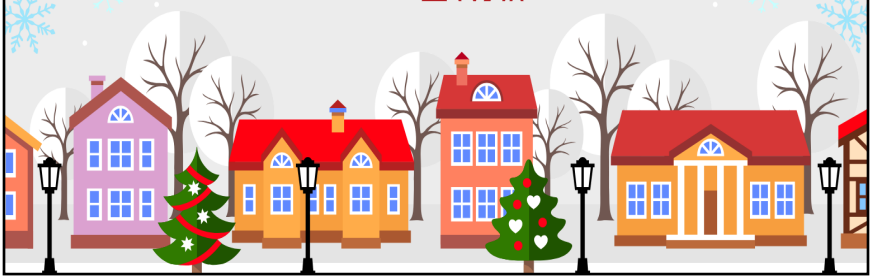
Join us for a

Progressive Dinner

All will gather for appetizers.
Smaller groups will then travel
to a home for dinner & dessert.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

December 6, 5:00 p.m.

Sign Up Here



Soup Swap & Game Night





Sunday November 15th

2:00 - 6:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church of Northville -
Please use Welcome Center Enterance on Hutton St.

BYO soup to swap and share!

This is event is hosted by your local finch compassion captain!

Never heard of Finch? Check it out in the app store!

RSVP Here:

For those who are able, please consider bringing a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food pantry

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2026 — NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Sun. 11/8		**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	11:00 am	Celebration Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
	11:15 am	Book Study, Gathering Room
	11:15 am	Stay-N-Play, CLC
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 11/9	6:00 pm	Adventure Crew Troop 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 11/10	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room
	1:00 pm	Adult Education Committee, Study
	4:00 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	7:00 pm	Deacons, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 11/11	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:30 pm	Preschool Children's Worship, Sanctuary
	5:30 pm	Mission, Library & via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 11/12	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	10:30 am	Preschool Children's Worship, Preschool
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Yoga, CLC
Fri. 11/13	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 11/14		
		Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sun. 11/15	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and 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
	2:00 pm	Soup Swap & Game Night, Boll Hall