



August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of James David Schickler
Storytelling Sunday

First
Presbyterian
Church of Northville



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Welcome

to First Presbyterian Church of Northville

Thank you for worshipping 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 *Dawn from Pride and Prejudice* D. Marianelli

Announcements

Introit *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **#353**
Summer Choir

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

One: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.

All: We will sing praises for all that God has done.

One: Let your hearts be joyful!

All: We will seek God's presence continually.

One: Call to mind God's wonderful works.

All: We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* **#450**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Faithful and forgiving God, we confess we do not fully live out your love and mercy. We cling to old hurts and familiar habits. We nurse anger and envy. We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your generous grace.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message Stephen Flavin
Blessing of the Backpacks

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymnal page #17

Presentation

James David Schickler,
son of Michael and Madie Schickler

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading—Exodus 3:1–15

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry

of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

¹³But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Storytelling—Calling

1. Camden Blanch, Elodie Blanch, and Amelia Walford
2. Bonnie Bakewell
3. Cindy Larson
4. Jerry Custer

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Come, Labor On
Summer Choir

T. Tertius Noble

***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**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

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**

I Love to Tell the Story

#462

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

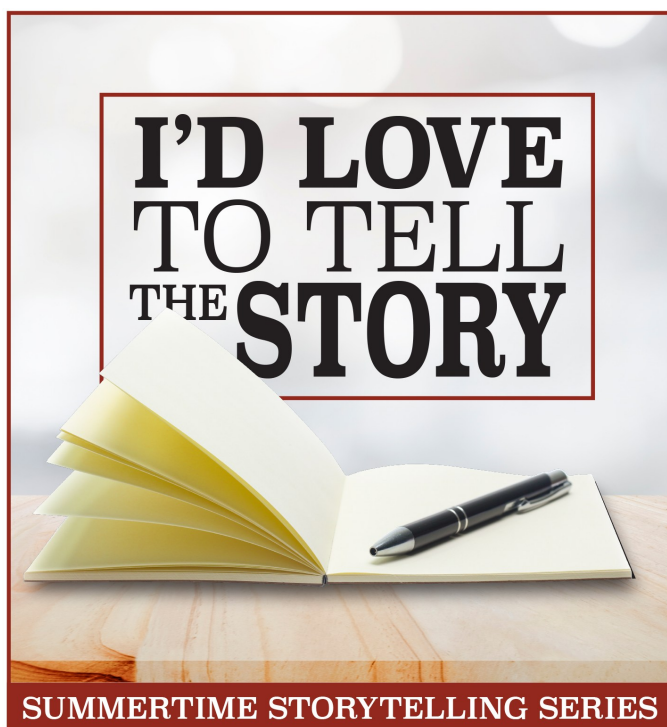
Soon and Very Soon

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Postlude

The Carillons of Paris

L. Couperin



August's Theme - Calling

* Please rise in body or spirit.

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given in
honor of our 55th wedding anniversary,
with love from Martha and Jim Nield.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

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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; Neil Hollister; 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.

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); 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); 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); 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 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

Blessing of the Backpacks is today—During the children's message, all are invited to come forward with a backpack or any "carrying container" to receive a blessing that is meant to help us keep the words and actions of Jesus with us.

Children's Sunday School Schedule—Children's Sunday School will resume next Sunday, September 6, and run weekly throughout the school year.

APEX Youth Group Schedule—APEX Youth Group resumes today! Meet us at Guernsey Farms Dairy at 2 p.m. where we will enjoy a meal and ice cream until about 3:30 p.m. The address is 21300 Novi Road, Northville, MI 48167. After today, the next APEX Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, September 20 from 2–4 p.m. at the church.

Oakway Children's Choir—Calling young voices ages 5–14: We are excited for the return of our Oakway Children's Choir! Our fall semester will run from September 8 to December 15, with weekly rehearsals in our sanctuary from 6–7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The cost for the semester is \$200. Please visit www.oakwaychoir.org for more info including scholarship applications and the registration form.

Naomi Circle Returns—Naomi Circle is back! All women are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room as we begin our new study: *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. Please contact Denise Myers for more information.

Fall 2026 Yoga—Fall 2026 Session 1 Yoga is approaching. The group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the CLC (gym). The Session 1 dates are September 10, 17, & 24 and October 8, 15, & 29 (no class October 1 & 22). Cost is \$60 for the six-week session or a drop-in rate of \$15. Join in any time. All levels welcome. Bring a yoga mat and blanket/large towel. Questions? Please contact Ann Werther.

Agape Women's Bible Study. Please join us for *James: Living a Life of Genuine Faith* by Jen Wilkin. The format is a downloadable workbook (which we can print out for you) along with an audio guide (tinyurl.com/2ve64an2). Please scan the QR code to access the workbook. We will meet on Fridays from 9:30–11 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Our first get together is Friday, September 11. The study starts on September 18. All are welcome, so bring a friend. For more information contact Carol Maise or Gretchen Mizerowski.



Crossroads Gala—Crossroads of Michigan, our ministry partner, is hosting its signature annual fundraising event, "Modern Love: A Mid-Century Gala," at the Roostertail in Detroit beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 17. Celebrating mid-century style and community compassion, the retro-themed evening features live entertainment and aims to raise funds for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and poverty. Ticket sales directly support essential services including nutritious meals, emergency food, clothing, hygiene supplies, ID assistance, transportation, and housing navigation. Please scan the QR code for more information and to purchase tickets.



Adult Education Book Study—Beginning in October and running through May, Pastor Jackie will lead a monthly study on the book *Appreciate These Things*. The study will take place on the second Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Books will be available for purchase in September (\$10).

A decorative banner at the top of the calendar section featuring a string of colorful autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, with some leaves falling from the string.

Fall at a Glance

September 13	All Church Picnic @ Waterford Bend Park
September 20	First Regular Youth Group Sunday Gathering
September 27	Annual Meeting
October 4	New Member Class (received Oct. 11)
October 18	Boo Bash
October 25	Simple Lunch
November 1	All Saints Day & Community Brainstorming
November 15	Organ Dedication Concert
November 22	Thanksgiving Service, Location TBA
November 24	Hanging of the Greens

FPC Northville All Church

PICNIC

Sunday, September 13

Coffee hour at church: 11:00–11:15 a.m.

Picnic time: 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Food served: Starting at 11:45 a.m.

Location: Waterford Bend Park
(on the corner of 6 Mile & Northville Rds.)

Wear your picnic clothes and pack your lawn chairs!

FAMILY FUN | GAMES | FOOD

RSVP by using the Google Forms link
(included in the Friday email) or by
filling out the sheet in the pews.

Donations & help wanted! Let us know
when you RSVP if you can help (setup,
clean up, serving) and/or donate
individual bags of chips or money.

Questions? Contact
Lynn Betker or
Debbie Dunbar.

Water &
iced tea
provided



WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Sun. 8/30		Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Baptism of James David Schickler, and Storytelling Sunday
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
Mon. 8/31		
Tue. 9/1	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 9/2	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
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 9/3	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 9/4	10:00 am	Grief Group, Youth Room
Sat. 9/5		
Sun. 9/6		Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion Sunday
	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