

**Luke  
24: 51**

**While he was blessing them, he  
withdrew from them and was  
carried up into heaven.**

**June 1, 2025  
Ascension Sunday  
Communion 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, *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

*Ricercare*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

## Announcements

### Introit

*How Lovely, Lord*  
Summer Choir

#402

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

One: Let every creature in heaven and on earth shout to God  
and sing with joy!

**All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be to our God  
for ever and ever!**

One: Let us raise our prayers and praises to God in worship  
this day!

**All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be to our God  
for ever and ever! Amen.**

### \*Opening Prayer

### \*Hymn

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

#263

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Loving God—Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer—you desire us to share in unity and be one as you are, Three-in-One. We confess that such unity often eludes us. We dwell on our differences and find reasons to criticize each other. Forgive us for making our opinions and preferences into dividing lines within your body, the Church. Call us again to honor the unity and love you cherish in your followers so we may give it witness in this divided world.

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

# Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— Acts 1:1–11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

### Second Scripture Reading— Luke 24:44–53

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## **Call for the Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Holy Is The Lord*  
Summer Choir

Franz Schubert

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow**  
**Praise Christ, all people here below**  
**Praise Holy Spirit ever more**  
**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **The Lord's Supper**

*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 to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*Sanctus* (see page 7)

...Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

## Communion of the People

### #498 — Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

### #510 — *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name*

### *Prayer After Communion*

**\*Sending Hymn**      *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*      **#260**

### \*Benediction

**\*Sung Response**      *At the Name of Jesus*      **#264**  
(verse 1 and 4)

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| <b>Postlude</b> | <i>Fugue in C Major</i> | Dietrich Buxtehude |
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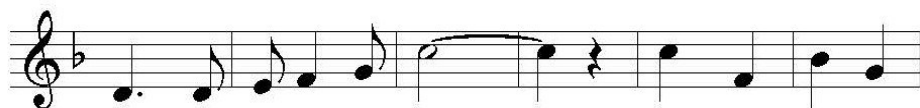
\* Please rise in body or spirit.

*for First Presbyterian Church, Northville, Michigan*

# Sanctus



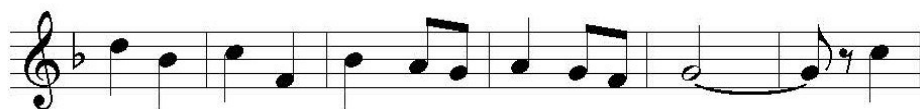
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



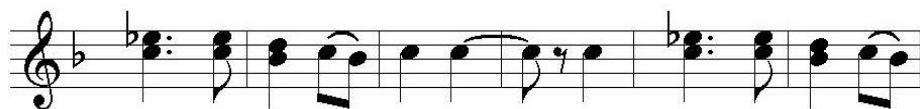
God of pow-er and might!\_\_\_\_\_ Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry: Ho - san - na in the high-est!\_\_\_\_\_



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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## ***To The Glory of God...***

*The flowers in the chancel are given in gratitude to the Chancel Choir for their dedication to worship and praise through music! We are so blessed because of you.*



### **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

#### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

#### Liturgist

Marilyn Thibodeau

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Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

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Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton





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# Thoughts and Prayers



**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Zachary Fuller; Donna Kennedy; Maxine Lapham; Norma Peltz; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Anita Bradshaw (sister of Kathy Gricius); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); Debra Gulinello (friend of Beth Heberlein); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Lori Henson (friend of Pastor Jackie); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); the family of Lucille Kimpel; Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith) Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); 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



**This Sunday is '5 Cents a Meal' Sunday.** For every meal you and your family members enjoyed over the past month, we are asking that you contribute 5 cents to help feed the hungry in our community. Thanks in advance for your gracious gifts!

**APEX Youth Group**—Tonight will be the last meeting of APEX Youth Group for the semester. Thank you everyone for a great school year!

**Baccalaureate Sunday**—Join us to celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 8. If you know of recent graduates from high school, college, graduate school, trade school, or job training, we'd love to include them in our bulletin insert. Please email the office with a short bio and photograph by today:  
[hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org).

**Stay-N-Play, Sunday, June 8, 11:15 a.m.** —Join us for an after church play date and lunch in the Children's Wing. Families with children between newborn – 5th grade are invited (older siblings are welcome).

**Job Opening**—We will be saying farewell to Jonathan Toth as he moves back to Oregon to be closer to family. His final Sunday will be June 8. With his departure, we need to hire a new Audio Visual Technology Associate. This is a contracted, part-time position. On Sunday mornings, the employee will set up and take down microphones and recording equipment, as well as livestream worship. Please share this opportunity with anyone who may be interested in the position. Candidates should have experience with audio visual equipment and recording. Interested applicants may apply by visiting the Employment Opportunities page on [www.fpcnorthville.org](http://www.fpcnorthville.org), clicking the link on our Facebook hiring post, or using the following Indeed link: <https://tinyurl.com/2d9jbxr9>

**Civic Concern**—Currently, the most needed items are canned tuna, canned fruit, canned soups, canned stews, packaged pasta and rice, cereal, laundry soap, and diapers. Thank you so much for your generosity.





VBS 2025

June  
16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

# ROAD TRIP

ON THE GO WITH GOD

## It's not too late to volunteer

With more volunteers we can host more children.

Consider giving any amount of time and energy to make this a wonderful and memorable experience for our community kids.

## Another way to help

If you have any Road Trip related items we can borrow to decorate please bring them in by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Roof top cargo box, teardrop or small pop up camper, old road maps, coolers, gas station or rest stop items, picnic table, anything road trip or travel related.

## More info

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## WEEK OF JUNE 1, 2025 — JUNE 8, 2025

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| Sun. 6/1   |          | <b>Ascension Sunday and<br/>Communion Sunday</b>     |
|            | 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                               |
|            | 6:00 pm  | APEX Youth Group, Youth Room                         |
| Mon. 6/2   | 6:00 pm  | Crew 755, CLC  |
|            | 7:00 pm  | Scout Troop 755, CLC                                 |
| Tue. 6/3   | 5:30 pm  | HR Committee, via Zoom                               |
|            | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting, CLC                                      |
|            | 8:00 pm  | Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall                           |
| Wed. 6/4   | 8:00 am  | Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom                  |
|            | 10:00 am | Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)               |
|            | 5:30 pm  | Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom                  |
|            | 6:00 pm  | Worship Committee, Gathering Room                    |
| Thurs. 6/5 | 7:00 pm  | Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room               |
| Fri. 6/6   |          |  |
| Sat. 6/7   |          |  |
| Sun. 6/8   |          | <b>Pentecost Sunday and<br/>Baccalaureate Sunday</b> |
|            | 8:45 am  | Kerygma, Gathering Room                              |
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