

Day of Service



**May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Day of Service**

**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

Welcome

Announcements

Sung Grace *Johnny Appleseed*

Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord,
For giving me the things I need,
The sun and the rain and the apple seed,
The Lord is good to me.

Call to Worship (read responsively)

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

All: to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One: So, with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

All: Let us worship with voice and song and with hands and feet!

Opening Prayer

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Romans 12:1–21

The New Life in Christ

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members

have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Second Scripture Reading— Matthew 25:31–40

The Judgment of the Nations

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to

drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Arnold Sherman
Te Deum Handbell Choir

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

Call to Discipleship

One: We are called by God
to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind

All: **The great ends of the Church are** *Book of Order, F-1.0304*
the proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.

One: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter
through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a
commitment, an offering and a responsibility. This morning

**HELP with
more than one
ACTIVITY!**



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Sunday,

Activities to follow 10:00 a

Service Activity	L
Clean up from meal	CLC
Pack hygiene kits for street outreach teams	CLC
Pack lunches for street outreach teams	CLC
Pack Neinas food bags	CLC
Tie prayer blankets	Boll Hall
Happy Mail	Boll Hall
Sign cards	Boll Hall
Color pages	Boll Hall
Make paper napkin flowers	Boll Hall
Make blankets for Humane Society	Boll Hall
VBS prep	Boll Hall
Remove fabric strips from the prayer wall	Outside, Starbucks
Sort donated food and hygiene items	Gathering Room
Sort children's clothes	Library
Make laundry detergent	Mission Room
Weeding	At Living and Learn
Prepare flower pots around church	Outside church



Church of Northville

SERVICE

May 18

.m. breakfast and worship

*Free breakfast
for all in CLC!*



Location	Activity Leaders
	Carolyn Rathburn, Alan Somershoe
	Diane Lahiff
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	Carol Maise
	Karen Marold & Deacons
	Paige Poinsett
	Neyssa Gill (self-led)
	Self-led
	Self-led
	Debbie Dunbar
	Stephen Flavin
s side	Wanda Moon
	Pam Clarkson
	Sarah French
	Eric Walford, Amelia Walford
ning Enrichment Center	Mark Hartigan, Laurie Doner
	Tim Blanch



let us commission ourselves to this time of service,
putting our faith into action as a form of worship.

Friends, the grace bestowed on you in baptism
is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace.
By God's grace we are saved,
and enabled to grow in the faith
and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.
God has called you to particular service.

Commissioning Prayer

One: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us;
and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives,
empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.
We thank you for leading this congregation to this time
and place.

Establish us in your truth,
and guide us by your Holy Spirit,
that in your service we may grow
in faith, hope, and love,
and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever.

All: **Almighty God,**
in Jesus Christ you called disciples
and, by the Holy Spirit,
made them one church to serve you.
Let your Spirit rule your church,
so that we may be joined
in love and service to Jesus Christ,
who, having gone before us,
is coming to meet us
in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Charge

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Lynn and Rick Betker in loving memory
of Joan Kosch.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor
Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

Liturgist

Art Bakewell

Music Ministry

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

Technology

Jonathan Toth, A/V Tech

Preschool

Lisa Higley, Director
Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

Office Staff

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator
Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk
Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

Sextons

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton
Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton



IN OUR

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); The family of Sally Garman (sister of Tim Doty); 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

FPCN Scholarships—Applications for the Marlow Van Soest and the Educational Endowment scholarships are now available. To apply, please see the Friday email. Applications must be received no later than May 21 and should be submitted to Stephen Flavin at stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.



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 June 1: hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org.

VBS Volunteers—Volunteers are needed to make this year's "Road Trip" VBS possible. VBS will run from Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 20. Please consider donating your time and energy each morning to make this a wonderful and memorable experience for our community kids. Contact Stephen Flavin if you are able to volunteer or have any questions: stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.

Summer Choir is Back: Anyone and everyone is cordially invited to drop in, beginning June 1, to rehearse at 9 a.m., sing at 10 a.m., and head out to brunch (or whatever pursuit) around 11 a.m. No robes. No formality. Families are invited and encouraged to take part. No long term commitment. Come join us when and as your schedule permits. All are welcome: come one, come all!



Popcorn Theology: Thursday, May 29—Save the date and join us on Thursday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room to watch *The Minimalists*. This is a short documentary that addresses the rampant consumerism that is a part of the American psyche. Discussion will consider the response of people of faith in the face of tariffs, rising prices, and shortages. All are welcome to come watch the movie, eat popcorn, and enjoy the discussion after.

Civic Concern—Currently, the most needed items are tuna, canned fruit, packaged pasta and rice, cereal, and toilet tissue. Thank you so much for your generosity.

WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025 — MAY 25, 2025

Sun. 5/18		Fifth Sunday of Easter and Day of Service
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	2:30 pm	APEX Youth Group at Tree Runners, meet at FPCN
Mon. 5/19	9:30 am	Preschool Graduation, CLC & Boll Hall
	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 5/20	6:00 pm	Fellowship Activities, Gathering Room
	7:30 pm	Session, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 5/21	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	9:15 am	Preschool Graduation, CLC & Boll Hall
	10:30 am	Preschool Graduation, CLC & Boll Hall
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 5/22	9:15 am	Preschool Graduation, CLC & Boll Hall
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/23	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run
Sat. 5/24		
Sun. 5/25		Sixth Sunday of Easter and
	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