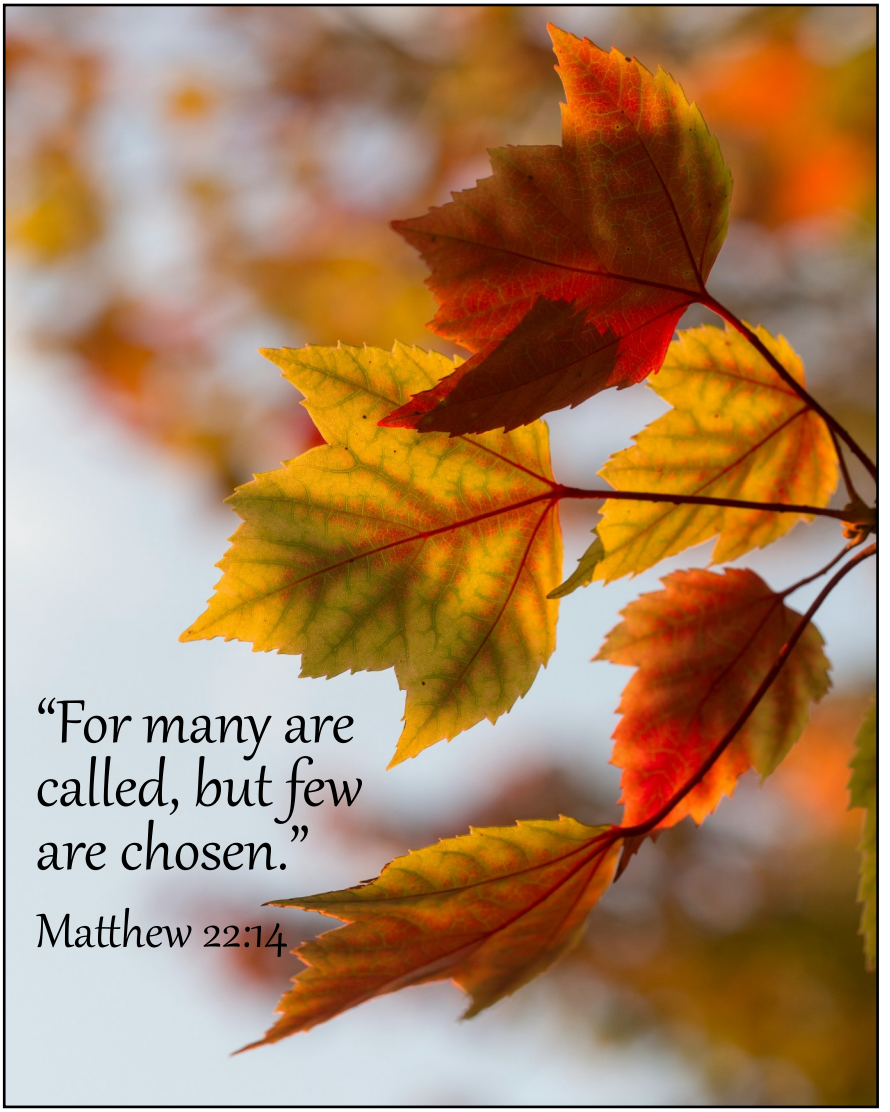


October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Reception of New Members

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.

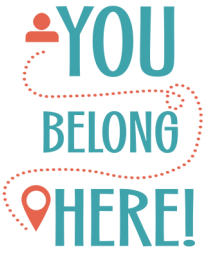
We value and are centered in scripture.

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 *Rondeau* F. Couperin

Announcements

Introit *Lord, Prepare Me* **#701**
Chancel Choir

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

One: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

All: Here God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

All: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

One: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

All: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Give Thanks, O Christian People* **#644**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all life and each life, you know all about us, our deepest concerns and our fondest hopes. We confess we are often anxious to see results. We lose patience when we cannot see progress. We blame others rather than seek solutions. Forgive us. Help us claim your peace when our hearts are anxious.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness
be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in
Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is
just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if
there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think
about these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with
you.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 22:1-14

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his
son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding
banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying,
'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my
oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready;
come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away,
one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves,
maltreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his
troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to
his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go
therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered
all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled
with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there
who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how
did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.
13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw
him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Reception of New Members

Grant Arsenault
Hannah Arsenault-Yost
Patrick Mondro
Tara Mondro
Carolyn Rathburn

Profession of Faith—Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sung Response **#644**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

(verse 1)
**Lord, we have come at your own invitation,
chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
yours is the strength that sustains dedication;
ours, a commitment we know never ends.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Hineh Mah Tov, Hebrew Folksong,* arr. Custer
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** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* **#716**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *O Christ, Surround Me* **#543**

Postlude *Total Praise* Richard Smallwood, arr. Hayes

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

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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.***

Welcome, New Members



Grant Arsenault is married to Hannah, and together they share their home with a dog and a cat. He enjoys cooking for his wife, spending time outdoors, learning new things, and traveling the world. Grant is joining the church because he has felt welcomed by the congregation and looks forward to making it his fellowship family.

Hannah Arsenault-Yost moved to Plymouth in April with her husband, Grant, and their pets. Her day job is as a change management lead; she is also a professional pianist and a recovering pastor's daughter . Hannah is excited to join a church family where she feels welcomed and can share her love of Christ.



Patrick Mondro has been married to Tara since 2009. He has spent 39 years in banking and currently works at PNC Bank. Patrick enjoys traveling, running with small groups of friends, and learning about 20th-century history. He and Tara love to travel and have visited 48 states and 39 National Parks.

Tara Mondro lives in Novi with her husband, Patrick, and their dog, Charlie. She enjoys traveling the U.S., music, and reading. Tara is looking forward to meeting and connecting with her fellow church members.



Carolyn Rathburn has called Northville home for 60 years and has been attending First Presbyterian Church for a long time. Having enjoyed being part of the congregation for so many years, she feels it's time to become a member! Her granddaughter, Celestia, often joins her at worship. Carol treasures the church and everyone in it.

The Bulletin Board

Adult Education Book Study—A new adult education book study will begin after coffee hour TODAY, Sunday, October 11. The group will meet on the second Sunday of the month, October-May. *Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion* is available for purchase on online (Amazon, PCUSA bookstore). Contact Pastor Jackie with questions.

CROP Hunger Walk—TODAY, Sunday, October 11, 1 p.m., Bicentennial (Ben Celani) Park, 7 Mile Rd., Livonia: Join our team in the Livonia/Garden City CROP Hunger Walk! Funds raised provide meals in our local communities and support food-security programs worldwide. If at least five people register, our team receives a matching donation from Church World Service (CWS). You don't have to walk; you can simply collect pledges from friends and family. You can also help kick off the event at 1 pm by packing hygiene kits. Scan the QR code to join the team or donate online. Checks may be made out to CWS/CROP. Questions? Contact Carol Maise.

Popcorn Theology—Join us on Thursday, October 15, 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room to watch Coco, an animated film from 2017. It's rated PG and runs 105 Minutes. In Disney/Pixar's vibrant tale of family, fun and adventure, an aspiring young musician named Miguel embarks on an extraordinary journey to the magical land of his ancestors. Set in Mexico during the Day of the Dead celebration. The movie and discussion are sponsored by the Grief and Loss Group.

Rise Against Hunger—The Mission & Outreach committee invites you and your family to participate in packing meals for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, October 17, from 12–4 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church (44400 W 10 Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48375). Please sign up by scanning the QR code. . For more info about the Rise Against Hunger Program, please visit https://riseagainsthunger.org/. 50 volunteers are needed. Refreshments will be provided.

Float Planning—The Connections Committee is looking ahead to Northville's bicentennial celebration. We're looking for design and construction-minded folks to help plan our float for the September 2027 parade. Join us Sunday, October 18 at 11:15 a.m. in the library to sketch out options.

Boo Bash Information/Candy and Volunteers Needed—Save the date! Our Boo Bash is quickly approaching. On Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m., we will welcome the community into our building to enjoy a Halloween event. There will be treats, activities, and a petting zoo. To make this possible, we are looking for volunteers as well as monetary and candy donations. If you would like to help with either or both of these needs, please let Stephen know.



Streets of Treats—Northville will host this annual Halloween event on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The downtown will be flooded with children and families lined up for candy. We'll pass out treats at the corner of Hutton and Main Sts., and keep our building open for bathrooms and a rest area. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Jackie. We could use folks to hand out treats or be a smiling face inside the church. Costumes are welcome, but not required.

Simple Lunch—All are invited to join us for a Simple Lunch on Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Boll Hall. Carrie Moon-Dupree, president of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, will present “Resisting Disinformation: How Not to Misinform”. This presentation will go over what disinformation and misinformation are, why people spread disinformation, how disinformation works, why disinformation sticks, and when and how to respond. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization dedicated to educating voters and defending democracy.

Community Brainstorming Session—Mark your calendars! Join us at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 1 for a community brainstorming session. We will discuss ways in which we can welcome and serve our new neighbors who are moving into the Northville Downs development. Everyone is invited. Childcare is available, and a lunch will be provided.

Pickleball & Ping Pong for Beginners: Come Learn and Play! Tuesdays, October 6 – November 17, 4–6 pm (no session 11/3, Election Day). This six-week session introduces the sport to players of all ages. Youth and parents are encouraged to join together. Come every week if you can, but it's not required. Paddles and balls are provided. Please bring gym shoes, a signed liability waiver, and a $5 weekly donation. Questions? Contact Coach "Tee" Heaton.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026 — OCTOBER 18, 2026

Sun. 10/11		**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost and Reception of New Members**
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	9:30 am	Special Meeting of the Session, Gathering Rm.
	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
	11:15 am	Stay-n-Play, CLC/Gym
	11:15 am	Adult Sunday School Book Study, Gathering Rm
	1:00 pm	CROP Walk, Bicentennial Park, Livonia
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 10/12		
Tue. 10/13	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation, Boll Hall
	4:00 pm	Pickleball, CLC/Gym
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 10/14	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	5:30 pm	Mission & Outreach Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 10/15	10:00 am	Kurt Borseth Visitation, Boll Hall
	11:00 am	Kurt Borseth Funeral, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Yoga, CLC
Fri. 10/16	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
Sat. 10/17	12:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger, Faith Presbyterian, Novi
Sun. 10/18		**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Baptism of Juniper Hames**
	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
	11:15 am	Float Planning, Library
	2:00 pm	Boo Bash, Welcome Center/Churchwide