



The wise still
Seek Him

**January 4, 2026
Epiphany Sunday
Communion Sunday**

**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, *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 *Prelude on a Russian Christmas Carol*
Dave Wagner and Elaine Atallah

Announcements

Introit *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verse 1) **#133**

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

One: Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

All: Praise the Creator of the sun and moon and shining stars!

One: Give praise, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

All: Give praise, hills and mountains.

One: All people together, let us praise the name of the Lord and declare God's glory in heaven and on earth.

All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *The First Nowell* **#147**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of light and life, you have come to us in Christ Jesus to open a path to new life, but we fall back on what is familiar. We confess that we are in love with our old ways and our resolutions for change fall short. Forgive us who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Isaiah 60:1–6

- ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Second Scripture Reading— Matthew 2:1–12

- ¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
- ⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter
Chancel Choir

Gustav Holst

***Doxology**

**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 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 (sung, see page 7)

...Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread

Communion of the People

Hymns During Communion

#515 — I Come with Joy

#137 — He Came Down

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *As with Gladness Men of Old* **#150**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* (verse 1) **#136**

Postlude *Postlude on "Noel, Nouvelet"* Dave Wagner and
Elaine Atallah

Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

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

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IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Lucia Danes; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Bob Geake; Ron & Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Dianne McCulloch; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; the Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Jerry & Emily Beaca (friends of Kathy Gricius); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); The Family of Barbara Komp; 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); Penny & Wes Norton (mother and step father of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); The family of Tom Sechler; Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Jim Wilkie (son of Coline Coleman); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Cathy Yount (daughter of Marilyn Atkinson); 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!

Christmas Clean-Up, Today—Many hands make light work! Please plan on staying after worship TODAY for a few minutes to help take down the Christmas decorations. Labeled storage bins and boxes will be around to make for an easy take.

Women's Book Club—We will meet next Thursday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions.

Yoga resumes on January 8. The class meets on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Children's Center. The cost is \$60 per six-week session or a \$15 drop-in rate. Contact Ann Werther for more info.

Church Officer Training: Saturday, January 10—Calling all deacons and elders! All officers, current and new, will gather on Saturday, January 10 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. for training and visioning for the coming year (lunch will be provided). We will gather in Boll Hall. New officers will be ordained and installed during worship on Sunday, January 11. Contact Pastor Jackie with any questions.



Stay-N-Play: Sunday, January 11—Join us after worship next Sunday, January 11, for a play date and lunch in the Children's Wing. Families with children ages newborn to fifth grade are invited (older siblings are welcome).

Dine With Nine (February–April 2026)—Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends will gather monthly for food and fellowship. Each group chooses their own dates, times, and locations for their gatherings. These may include potlucks, restaurant visits, or catered food. If you are interested in being assigned to a group, please fill out the sign-up sheet in Boll Hall or scan the QR code to complete the digital form. The Fellowship Committee will contact all registrants with their group information in January 2026.



*Please contact the church office for assistance in reaching the mentioned contacts.



2026 Chancel Flowers

2026 is here! Now is a great time to sign up for a Sunday to provide chancel flowers!

Make dedications:

- In honor or memory of someone
- To commemorate a special occasion

Sign up by scanning the QR code, clicking on the link in the Friday email, or calling the church office



WINTER CONCERT Sunday, January 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR SINGS
VIVALDI'S GLORIA

Free-will offering to benefit
our Pipe Dreams Organ Fund



200 E. Main St.
Downtown Northville

Street parking available
Enter through Welcome Center doors on Hutton St.



WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026 — JANUARY 11, 2026

Sun. 1/4		Epiphany and Communion Sunday
	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
	11:15 am	Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room
	11:15 am	Taking Down the Greens, Sanctuary & Boll Hall
Mon. 1/5	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Parent Meeting, Boll Hall
Tue. 1/6	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 1/7	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	1:00 pm	Property Meeting, Music Center
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts, Boll Hall
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 1/8	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 1/9	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 1/10	9:00 am	Officer Training, Boll Hall
Sun. 1/11		First Sunday After Epiphany and Installation of Officers
	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
	11:15 am	Stay-N-Play, Children's Wing
	3:00 pm	POD, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church