

*“Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus...”*

Philippians 2:5



September 27, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**First
Presbyterian
Church** of Northville



248-349-0911 • www.fpcnorthville.org

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 *Rondo Expressivo* C.P.E. Bach

Announcements

Minute for Mission Boo Bash Stephen Flavin

Introit *Brethen, We Have Met to Worship* **#396**
Chancel Choir

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

One: We come to worship because we love God.

All: All creation praises God's goodness and love.

One: We come to worship seeking healing and wholeness.

All: Through God's son, compassion, love, and grace flow in abundance.

One: We come to worship, yearning to be transformed:

All: Guided by the Spirit of God, we work to build a more peaceful and just world. Let us worship God together!

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* **#761**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-embracing God, as we remember all that you are and all that you have done, we are reminded of who we are, and of what we have done and left undone. We confess that we have not always comforted those in pain, that we have overlooked the needs of others, and that we have failed to stand with our neighbors in their struggle for dignity and respect. We turn from our sins and ask for the wisdom to walk in a new way, with you and with one another.

(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:23–32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Lamb of God Most Holy
Chancel Choir

arr. L.M. Christiansen

***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**

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** *We Are One in the Spirit* **#300**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Jesus Loves Me!* **#188**

Postlude *Lord, Make Me An*

* Please rise in body or spirit. *Instrument of Thy Peace* J. Rutter

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Lynn & Rick Betker in loving memory of
Daniel W. Kosch.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

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

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Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director
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Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton
Zak Bugosh, Sexton



IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; the family of Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; the family of Shirley Henry; Neil Hollister; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Esther Keegan; 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 Blaszowski (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); Linda Farber (step-mother of Ann Werther); 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

The Annual Meeting—TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in Boll Hall

All active members in the church are invited to attend and vote; friends of the church are welcome to attend and observe. The Annual Meeting will consider such business as electing officers, hearing reports of the Session, and approving our senior pastor's terms of call. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will immediately follow.

Office Hours—Because of staffing transitions and vacation schedules, the church office hours will be impacted Tuesday, September 29-October 2 and October 6-9. The amended hours will be 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Volunteers will assist at times. Please call ahead before stopping by the office to insure someone is present.

Adult Education Book Study—If you are interested in joining our October–May book study on *Appreciate These Things*, books are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the Welcome Center desk today. Contact Pastor Jackie with questions.

New Member Class—A new member class is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Membership in the church allows you to vote at congregational meetings and hold leadership roles in the church, but more, it solidifies a commitment to our church family. If you are interested in learning more about the church and becoming a formal member of the congregation, we'd love to have you! Please contact Pastor Jackie with your interest. Our new member class is a casual meeting; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, October 11.

CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 11—Please consider supporting our First Presbyterian Northville team to help end hunger and poverty. The event begins at 1 pm and will take place at Bicentennial (Ben Celani) Park on 7 Mile Rd. in Livonia. The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to provide meals for those who need them in our local communities, and supports programs that create greater food security worldwide. Participants generate pledges from friends and family. FPC Northville has a team in the Livonia/Garden City Walk, and we need at least five people to register to receive a match donation from CWS (Church World Services). If you sign up, you don't need to walk. You may just collect donations! Help kick-off the event at 1 pm by helping pack hygiene kits. Sign up and join team First Presbyterian Northville by scanning the QR code. Donations can be made at that webpage or checks can be written to CWS/CROP. Questions? Contact Carol Maise.



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. If you need help signing up, please reach out to someone on the Mission & Outreach Committee or call the church office. For more info about the Rise Against Hunger Program, please visit <https://riseagainsthunger.org/>. 50 volunteers are needed. Refreshments will be provided.



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.



FAMILY-FRIENDLY

- TREATS • ACTIVITIES •
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 — OCTOBER 4, 2026

Sun. 9/27		Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
	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	Annual Meeting, Boll Hall
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 9/28		
Tue. 9/29	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 9/30	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:30 am	Preschool Worship, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 10/1	10:30 am	Preschool Worship, Preschool
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	6:00 pm	Timar/Krieg Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 10/2	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Grief Support Group, Study
	4:30 pm	Timar/Krieg Wedding, Sanctuary
Sat. 10/3		
Sun. 10/4		Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
		World 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
	11:15 am	New Member Class, Boll Hall
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
	3:00 pm	Visitation for Shirley Henry
	4:00 pm	Funeral for Shirley Henry