



August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 *Diferencias sobre la Gallarda Milanesa*
Antonio de Cabazon

Announcements

Introit *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **#353**
Summer Choir

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

One: Give thanks to God!

All: We will tell the world what God has done.

One: Let us bring praise to the name of our Creator.

All: We will honor God's name with shouts of joy!

One: Recall all that God provides.

All: Let us give thanks for all the wonders God has made!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* **#463**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and patient God, we confess our fear, doubt, anger and all the ways we are less than you call us to be. You call us to live with courage and perseverance, yet we give up too easily and opt for the safer route. You encourage us to be bold in our struggles for justice, yet we remain silent in the face of unfairness. You command us to love, yet we are too often thoughtless and cruel. Forgive us our sins and renew our lives through your mercy and grace.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

¹Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 14:22–33

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord
Summer Choir

F. Mendelssohn

***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**

O God, Show Mercy to Us

#341

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

Soon and Very Soon

#384

Postlude

Fughetta on Ten Commandments Hymn

J.S. Bach

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To The Glory of God...

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Herman and Beatrice Somershoe.*



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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Neil Hollister; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; 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.

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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.***

Cards are available for the congregation to sign on the **third Sunday** (or occasionally the second Sunday) of each month.

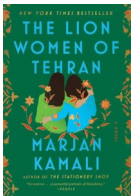
The Bulletin Board

Construction Update—Beginning on Monday, August 3, Church Street will be closed for a water main installation. Church Street is the street with angled parking that runs between our building and Starbucks. The project is expected to be completed in early September. If you are visiting the church, please utilize the dirt lot behind Long's, street parking, or any surrounding parking lots. Please be advised that, despite the construction, all timed parking zones will still be in effect on weekdays before 6 p.m.



Church Picnic—Save the date! Everyone is invited to our annual all church picnic Sunday, September 13 following worship. The picnic will be held at Waterford Bend Park (on the corner of 6 mile and Northville Roads). Wear your picnic clothes and pack your lawn chairs. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. Please contact the Fellowship Committee with any questions. RSVP opportunities will be available in the coming weeks.

Church Office Closure—The church office will be closed from 12–1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11 for a staff lunch.



Women's Book Club—We are back! We will meet on Thursday, August 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Member Class—A new member class is being planned! 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 after Sunday worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

Declan Carter Victory Run: August 29—Join us for the second annual Declan Carter Victory Run in downtown Northville on Saturday, August 29. Choose between a 5k Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. or the Mighty Mini Mile (1 mile course) beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$40 race fee for the 5k and a \$25 race fee for the Mighty Mini Mile. Register by August 16 to avoid increased fees. Both races start and finish at Our Lady of Victory (133 Orchard Dr., Northville, MI 48167). All money raised goes toward the Declan Carter Foundation. If you would like to participate, you may scan the QR code to join the FPCN team.



Blessing of Backpacks and Beyond—Mark your calendars! All are invited to bring a backpack, purse, briefcase, sports bag, or other “holder of important things” to worship on August 30. Each of you will receive a blessing that is meant to help you keep the words and actions of Jesus with you, whether in school, at work, at an activity, or at home. Children having backpacks blessed may then go to the Narthex to pick out a new FPCN pencil and a writing pad. Thanks for considering taking part in this opportunity to carry Jesus with you wherever you may go.

Crossroads of Michigan: Children's Summer Lunch—

Throughout the summer, Crossroads of Michigan hosts a free Children's Summer Lunch program that is open to children under 18 years old and their caregivers. Each day, they rely on volunteers to help provide kid-friendly programming to build community and to make the day's hot lunch. This program runs Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., now through August 22. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a volunteer shift.



Children's Sunday School Schedule—Children's Sunday School is paused for the summer. During the summer months, your children will be able to either go back to the Toddler Room or remain in worship.

Oakway Children's Choir: Fall 2026 Semester

Calling Young Voices



Children ages 5–14

Learn vocal skills, music literacy,
and performance confidence
while having fun!

Semester begins September 8

15 weeks — \$200

Weekly rehearsals
Tuesdays from 6–7 p.m.
September 8–December 15

Want to try the choir before signing up?
You are invited to drop in to any of the first
three rehearsals at no cost to you!

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(Enter the building from Hutton St.)

Register today!



www.oakwaychoir.org

WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026 — AUGUST 16, 2026

Sun. 8/9		Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
Mon. 8/10		
Tue. 8/11	12:00 pm	Staff Lunch, Office Closed
	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 8/12	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	12:00 pm	Adult Education Committee, Study
	5:30 pm	Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom
Thurs. 8/13	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 8/14	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 8/15		
Sun. 8/16		Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall