

God sent me before
you to preserve for
you a remnant on
earth, and to keep
alive for you many
survivors.



Genesis 45:7, NRSV

August 16, 2026
Twelfth 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 *Prelude on a Dutch Hymn Tune* W. T. Best

Announcements

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

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

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make God's face to shine upon us,

All: that your saving power among all nations may be known on earth.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

All: let all the peoples praise you!

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us, that all the ends of the earth may revere God.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* **#317**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as you have taught us. Forgive us those times we have not welcomed others into our community; and those times we have avoided others because of our fear and prejudices. Forgive us the ways we have judged people unfairly. Reveal to us your ways, and show us how to see your goodness in those who seem different from us.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Psalm 133:1–3

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Second Scripture Reading—Genesis 45:1–15

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there: since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹²And

now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

From All That Dwell below the Skies
Summer Choir

G. Young

***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**

The Church’s One Foundation

#321

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

Soon and Very Soon

#384

Postlude

Fugue in D Major

D. Buxtehude

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Jason Vannette and Jackie Spycher to
honor the birthday celebrations of our
mothers, Becky Vannette and
Linda Spycher.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

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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.

Friends and Family: Melissa Altomare (sister of Debby DeLaby); Steve Atallah (husband of Elaine Atallah); James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Carolyn Blaszcowski (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); 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

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 tonight 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—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.

Summer Choir—Anyone and everyone is cordially invited to drop in on Sundays to rehearse at 9 a.m. and sing at 10 a.m. No robes. No formality. No long-term commitment. Families are encouraged to take part. The last day of Summer Choir will be August 30.

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.

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.

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!

**For questions or scholarship applications, please contact
Tom Bowman, Oakway Children's Choir Director, at
tombowman@fpcnorthville.org**

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Rehearsals held at FPC Northville
200 E. Main St., Northville, MI 48167
(Enter the building from Hutton St.)

Register today!



www.oakwaychoir.org

FPC Northville All Church

PICNIC

Sunday, September 13

Fellowship time at church: 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Picnic time: 11:45 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Food served: Starting at 12:00 p.m.

Location: Waterford Bend Park
(on the corner of 6 Mile & Northville Rds.)

Wear your picnic clothes and pack your lawn chairs!

FAMILY FUN | GAMES | FOOD

RSVP by using the Google Forms link
(included in the Friday email) or by
filling out the sheet in the pews.

Donations & help wanted! Let us know
when you RSVP if you can help (setup,
clean up, serving) and/or donate
individual bags of chips or money.

Questions? Contact
Lynn Betker or Debbie
Dunbar.



Are You Feeling Called to Lead?

One of the distinctive attributes of the Presbyterian Church is its governance. Our structures and leadership embody our theology — that everyone is called to serve the gospel in different ways, whether through public acts like preaching or quieter gifts like caregiving or administration. With this core belief, we trust that the Holy Spirit is at work, guiding those in our faith family with specific gifts to prepare them for leadership.

Would you offer your gifts to serve the church?

What's needed:

- ♦ **Elders:** Members of the Session and liaisons to committees who meet monthly to discuss and discern leadership decisions of the church; 3-year term
- ♦ **Deacons:** Our caregivers provide encouraging words and support through calls, cards, prayers, flowers, and acts of service; 3-year term
- ♦ **Endowment Committee, at-large member:** Meet at least quarterly to oversee our endowed funds and approve disbursements for committees; 3-year term
- ♦ **Congregational Nominating Committee:** Prayerfully seeks new leaders for 2028; 1-year term

If you feel called to any of these roles or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the Congregational Nominating Committee: Pam Clarkson, Adam Danes, Laurie Doner, Gretchen Mizerowski, Jim Ward, and Pastor Jackie. The slate of nominees will be voted on by the congregation at our Annual Meeting on September 27, 2026.



WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026 — AUGUST 23, 2026

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
Mon. 8/17		
Tue. 8/18	6:00 pm	Fellowship Committee Meeting, Library
	7:30 pm	Session, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 8/19	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
Thurs. 8/20	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 8/21		
Sat. 8/22		
Sun. 8/23		Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Baptism of Louise Carol Gessert
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall