



**January 5, 2025**  
**Epiphany**  
**Communion Sunday**

**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 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**                      *Introit on the Epiphany Chant*                      Maurice Durufle

### Announcements

**Introit**                      *Angels We Have Heard on High*                      **#113**  
Chancel Choir

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

One: Wise men came from the East to worship one they had never seen.

**All: They were outsiders, yet their offerings were accepted.**

One: A king had come that would not be a tyrant.

**All: The little child was the focus of all meaning, making all things new.**

One: They were dreamers following a star. Come, come everyone, from the East and from everywhere.

**All: Let us come and worship Christ, the new-born king.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                      *What Child Is This*                      **#145**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of goodness and guidance, in Christ you sent us light to live by, yet we seek shadows in which to hide. In him, you promise new life, but we prefer old habits, nursing grievances, and clinging to familiar opinions. You are generous with your love, but we reject neighbors and fear strangers who differ from us. Remake us in the image of your Son and teach us how to follow him in the year ahead.

*(Silent Confession)*

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— John 1:1-18

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

### Second Scripture Reading— Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "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." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘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.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.” <sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>And 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**

*Epiphany: Carol of the Drum*  
Chancel Choir

Katherine Davis

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below  
Praise Holy Spirit ever more  
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)

**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*

**# 525** — *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Prayer After Communion*

**\*Sending Hymn**      *We Three Kings of Orient Are*      **#151**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**      *Go Tell It on the Mountain*      **#136**

**Postlude**

*Epiphany Medley*  
Dr. Elaine Atallah, Piano  
Dr. David Wagner, Organ

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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

*for First Presbyterian Church, Northville, Michigan*

# Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow-er and might! \_\_\_\_\_ Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry: Ho - san - na in the high-est! \_\_\_\_\_



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! \_\_\_\_\_ Ho -



san - na in the high-est! \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the



high - est! \_\_\_\_\_

## **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

### *Program Ministry*

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

### *Liturgist*

Elaine Atallah

### *Music Ministry*

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director

Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

### *Technology*

Jonathan Toth, A/V Tech

### *Preschool*

Lisa Higley, Director

Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

### *Office Staff*

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator

Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk

Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

### *Sextons*

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton







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# Thoughts and Prayers



**Congregation:** Jim & Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Doris Edwards; Louise Fisher; Kathy Gricius; Virginia Heckler; Ron and Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; Patrick McKinney; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); family of Jim Dettman (cousin of Jennie Macy); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); The family of Sally Garman (Tim Doty's sister); Jeanette Gill (sister-in-law of Bev Hines); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family, (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); The Rakotz Family (friends of Pastor Jackie); Pat Schoch (friend of Kathy Gricius); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Sandy Craig Taylor (friend of Beth & Gary Heberlein); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Sarah Walter (niece of Tim Doty); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

## 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.***

# 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** 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. On Monday, the Scouts will carry them back into the attic for safekeeping until next year.



**Yoga resumes on January 9.** The class meets on Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Children's Center. The cost is \$60 /six week session or \$15 drop in. Contact Ann Werther for more information.

**Church Officer Training** Calling all deacons and elders! All officers, current and new, will gather on Saturday, January 11 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 12. Contact Pastor Jackie with any questions.

**Stay and Play**—January 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 a.m. Join us for an after church play date and lunch, in the Children's Wing. Families with children between age 0 – 5th grade are invited (older siblings are welcome).

**New Member Class** A new member class is being planned for February. 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 worship; it usually lasts 45-60 minutes.



**Civic Concern**—HELLO TO ALL! Please keep Civic Concern in mind as you shop. Most needed items are paper towel, tissues, and small laundry soaps. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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

## Celebrating Epiphany (January 6)

*Embracing a tradition anew*

While Christmas marks the coming of God to us, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. It not only discloses the Savior to the world, but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation — God in flesh — leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all people. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

An old Epiphany tradition involves using chalk to write the letters CMB and the numbers of the current year, separated by crosses (+), over the doors of congregations and Christian homes:

**20 + C + M + B + 25 or CMB + 2025.**

The letters CMB are said to stand for the names of the magi  
(Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar) or  
the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*  
(Christ bless this house).

Mark the day by chalking your own door. After chalking the door, light a candle and invite those gathered at your home to pray together:

*God of doors and homes, bless this home this year and every year.  
Bless all who come and go through this door, both those who live here  
and those who visit. May all who enter through this door come in  
peace and bring joy. May all who come to this door find welcome and  
love. May the love and joy in this home overflow and spread into the  
community and the world. And may Jesus the Christ watch over us all.  
Amen.*



To try this tradition yourself, grab a piece a chalk from the basket near the communion table.

## WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2025 — JANUARY 12, 2025

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Sun. 1/5	8:45 am	<b>Communion Sunday &amp; Epiphany</b>
	10:00 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:15 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
Mon. 1/6	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Parent Meeting, Boll Hall
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 1/7	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 1/8	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Living & Learning Team Visit
	10:00 am	Walking Group
	1:00 pm	Property Meeting, Music Center
	6:00 pm	Mission Meeting, Library
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 1/9	9:30 am	Women of Faith & Fellowship, Gathering Rm
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Study
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Education Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 1/10	9:30 am	Connections, Music Center
	9:30 am	Agape, Boll Hall
Sat. 1/11	9:00 am	Officer Training, Boll Hall
Sun. 1/12		<b>Second Sunday After Epiphany &amp; Installation of Officers</b>
	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
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room