



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 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 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!



Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁵(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.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No 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

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

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

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Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director
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Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton
Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton





IN OUR
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 Blaszczowski (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 12th, 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

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