

“For where
two or three are gathered
in my name,
I am there among them.”
Matthew 18:20



August 30, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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, 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 *Elevation from Messe Basse Op. 8* R. Vierne

Announcements

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

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

One: Sing to God a new song.

All: We will worship God, our Maker.

One: Let us praise God with song and dance,

All: for God is gracious and loving.

One: Let us bring God glory and honor,

All: praise the Lord!

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Here in This Place* **#401**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, though Christ offers us peace, we confess we are a divided people; we harbor fear and jealousy that set neighbor against neighbor, group against group, nation against nation. We pursue profit and pleasure that harm creation and the wellbeing of all. Have mercy upon us, O God. Free us from old ways to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

First Scripture Reading—Matthew 18:15–20

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Non Nobis, Domine
Chancel Choir

William Byrd

***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**

The Lord's Supper

(All are invited to take communion)

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 up 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)

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

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

Music During Communion

Panis Angelicus
Elaine Atallah, soloist

Cesar Franck

Prayer After Communion

* Please rise in body or spirit.

*Sending Hymn	<i>Together We Serve</i>	#767
*Benediction		
*Sung Response	<i>Jesus Loves Me!</i>	#188
Postlude	Variations on <i>My Country 'Tis of Thee</i>	S. Wesley



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

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

Music Ministry

Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director

Dr. Jerry Custer, Chancel Choir Director

Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

Liturgist

Beth Heberlein

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Sextons

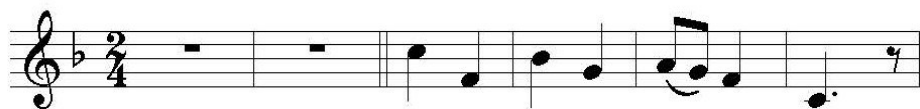
Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Sexton

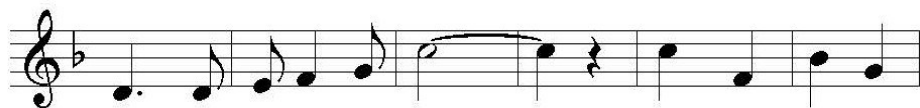
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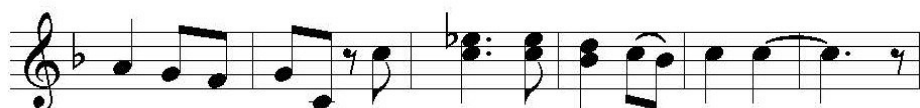
Sanctus



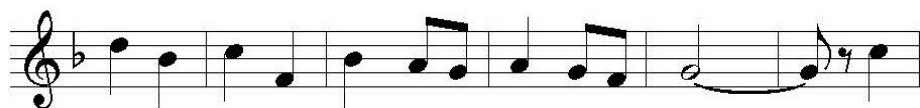
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



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!_____



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; the family of Shirley Henry; 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 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); 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.

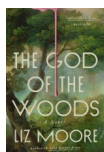
The Bulletin Board



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!

Oakway Children's Choir—Calling young voices ages 5–14: We are excited for the return of our Oakway Children's Choir! Our fall semester will run from September 8 to December 15, with weekly rehearsals in our sanctuary from 6–7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The cost for the semester is \$200. Please visit www.oakwaychoir.org for more info including scholarship applications and the registration form.

Naomi Circle Returns—Naomi Circle is back! All women are welcome to join us on Wednesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room as we begin our new study: *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month, September through June. Please contact Denise Myers for more information.



Women's Book Club—We will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLabay with any questions.

Popcorn Theology—Join us on Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room to watch the documentary *The Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend*. For more than 150 years, the women of Gee's Bend, Alabama have made quilts reflecting their history and daily lives. Over generations they worked in isolation, continuing to inhabit the remote plantation land where their parents were once enslaved. Today art critics compare them to the great creative enclaves of the Italian Renaissance. All are welcome to come watch the movie, eat popcorn, and enjoy the discussion after.



Fall 2026 Yoga—Fall 2026 Session 1 Yoga is here. The group meets on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the CLC (gym). The Session 1 dates are September 10, 17, & 24 and October 8, 15, & 29 (no class October 1 & 22). Cost is \$60 for the six-week session or a drop-in rate of \$15. Join in any time. All levels welcome. Bring a yoga mat and blanket/ large towel. Questions? Please contact Ann Werther.

Mum orders due next Sunday—We are currently taking orders for our mum fundraiser. Money raised will support the Worship Endowment. This is a reminder that the order forms and payment are due next Sunday, September 13. Orders will be available for pickup at the church on Friday, October 2. Please refer to the insert in your bulletin for specifics on available colors and prices.

Agape Women's Bible Study—Please join us for *James: Living a Life of Genuine Faith* by Jen Wilkin. The format is a downloadable workbook (which we can print out for you) along with an audio guide (tinyurl.com/2ve64an2). Please scan the QR code to access the workbook. We will meet on Fridays from 9:30–11 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Our first get together is September 11. The study starts on September 18. All are welcome, so bring a friend. For more information, please contact Gretchen Mizerowski.



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.

Adult Education Book Study—Beginning in October and running through May, Pastor Jackie will lead a monthly study on the book *Appreciate These Things*. The study will take place on the second Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Books will be available for purchase in later this month (\$10).

Simple Lunch—Mark your calendars! 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.

FPC Northville All Church

PICNIC

Sunday, September 13

Coffee hour at church: 11:00–11:15 a.m.

Picnic time: 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Food served: Starting at 11:45 a.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.

Water &
iced tea
provided



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Sun. 9/6		Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost and 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
Mon. 9/7		Labor Day Church Closed
Tue. 9/8	12:00 pm	Adult Education Meeting, Study
	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room
	4:00 pm	Nominating Committee, via Zoom
	5:00 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Oakway Children's Choir, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 9/9	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	5:30 pm	Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 9/10	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	1:00 pm	Popcorn Theology, Gathering Room
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Yoga, CLC
Fri. 9/11	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 9/12		
Sun. 9/13		Sixteenth 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	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
	11:30 am	Church Picnic, Waterford Bend Park