



God's foolishness is  
**WISER**  
than human wisdom, and  
God's weakness is  
**STRONGER**  
than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:25, NRSV

**February 1, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after 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 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** *Pastorale in E Major* C. Franck

### Announcements

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

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

One: God calls us to seek justice:

**All: Let Christ's love for the poor and hungry fill the earth.**

One: God calls us to show kindness:

**All: Let Christ's light shine in places of brokenness and despair.**

One: God calls us to walk humbly in the Spirit:

**All: Let us join the work of the kingdom in humility and hope.**

One: Called, blessed and inspired, let us worship God together.

### \*Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn** *God Is Calling through the Whisper* #410

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we confess the world's wisdom attracts us, even when its promises are hollow; and we fail to measure messages according to the wisdom in your Word. We find calls to do justice too demanding, and we look to our own interests first. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us with your mercy, so that we may walk more humbly with you and each other day by day.

(*Silent Confession*)

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, who may abide in your tent?  
    Who may dwell on your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup> Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
    and speak the truth from their heart;  
<sup>3</sup> who do not slander with their tongue,  
    and do no evil to their friends,  
    nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
    but who honor those who fear the LORD;  
    who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
<sup>5</sup> who do not lend money at interest,  
    and do not take a bribe against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

### Second Scripture Reading— 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

<sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
    and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God

chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one might boast in the presence of God.<sup>30</sup> He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption,<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## **Call for the Offering**

### **Offertory**

*Hush!*  
Chancel Choir

Spiritual, arr. B. Dennard

### **\*Doxology**

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**

*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)

...Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

## *Breaking the Bread*

## ***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.

## *Communion of the People*

### *Hymns During Communion*

## #537 — *When at This Table*

## #527 — Eat This Bread

### *Prayer After Communion*

\***Sending Hymn**      *What Is the World Like*      #771

## **\*Benediction**

## *What Is the World Like*

#771

## **\*Sung Response**

## *Soon and Very Soon*

#384

## Postlude

## *Fugue in G Minor*

## J.S. Bach

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

### 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

Tim Doty

### Technology

Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

### Preschool

Lisa Higley, Director

Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

### Office Staff

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator

Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk

Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

### Sextons

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Sexton



# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Lucia Danes; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Bob Geake; Ron & Lois Housman; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Dianne McCulloch; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; the Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Jerry & Emily Beaca (friends of Kathy Gricius); Carolyn Blaszczowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Jaean Elkins (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Stan & Jeanette Gill (brother and sister-in-law of Beverley Hines); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); The Family of Barbara Komp; 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); Penny & Wes Norton (mother and stepfather of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Joey Roberts (friend of John Takacs & Todd Kananen); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); The family of Tom Sechler; Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Jim Wilkie (son of Coline Coleman); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Cathy Yount (daughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Lynn Zelek (daughter of Charlene Frellick).

## 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!

**Clothing Drive**—Start sorting your sweaters and slacks! The Mission Committee will be holding a winter clothing drive throughout the month of February. Bring clean, new, and gently used WARM clothing of all sizes for adults (men's especially needed) and children. New underwear (including thermal) and socks are greatly appreciated. A collection location will be designated in Boll Hall. Stay after service today and help sort. Donations will benefit Crossroads of Detroit and Little Lambs of Flint.

**New Members 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.

**Coldest Night of the Year**—Crossroads of Michigan is hosting a Coldest Night of the Year event on Saturday, February 28. This is a family-friendly walk that raises money for those experiencing homelessness, poverty, and food insecurity in Detroit. The event will take place at Chandler Park in Detroit (12200 Chandler Park Drive, Detroit, MI 48213). You can register to walk, join a team, volunteer, or donate by visiting [www.cnoy.com/location/detroit](http://www.cnoy.com/location/detroit) or by scanning this QR code.



**Toilet Paper Drive**—The Mission & Outreach Committee is collecting toilet paper in support of the Presbytery of Detroit's toilet paper drive. Please bring your donations to the grocery cart in Boll Hall now through March 29. Thank you for supporting our neighbors!

**Souper Bowl of Caring**—On Sunday, February 8, bring canned goods or cash and place your donation on the table representing the team you think will win the football game. All donations will go to Northville Civic Concern.

**Pancake Breakfast**—Following worship on Sunday, February 22, join us in the CLC for a delicious breakfast. All free-will donations support youth mission work.

# Join us for *A Simple Lunch*

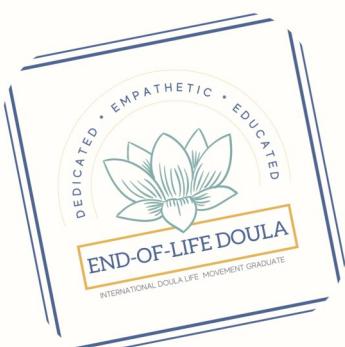
Sunday, February 15  
11:30 a.m. in Boll Hall

## ***Embracing the Journey:***

*The Role of an End-of-Life Doula in  
Spiritual and Emotional Support*

featuring guest speaker

**AnnaMaryLee Vollick, End-of-Life Doula**



## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026 — FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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Sun. 2/1	<b>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany and Communion Sunday</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 2:00 pm APEX Youth Group, Youth Room	
Mon. 2/2	7:00 pm Scout Troop 755, CLC	
Tue. 2/3	5:30 pm Pickleball, CLC 5:30 pm HR Committee, via Zoom 6:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC 8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall	
Wed. 2/4	8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom 10:00 am Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville) 1:00 pm Property Meeting, Music Center 5:30 pm Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom 6:00 pm Worship Committee, Gathering Room 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary	
Thurs. 2/5	11:00 am Prayer Group, Study 6:00 pm Citizen of the Year Award Ceremony, Sanctuary 6:15 pm Yoga, Children's Wing 7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center 7:00 pm Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room	
Fri. 2/6	9:30 am Agape, Gathering Room 10:00 am Grief Support Group, Youth Room	
Sat. 2/7		
Sun. 2/8	<b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany and Scout Sunday</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 11:15 am Stay-N-Play, Children's Wing 1:00 pm POD Youth, University Presbyterian Church (meet at 1 p.m. at FPCN to carpool)	