

*“Put your finger here;  
see my hands.  
Reach out your hand  
and put it into my side.  
Stop doubting and believe.”*

*John 20:27, NIV*

**APRIL 7, 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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.

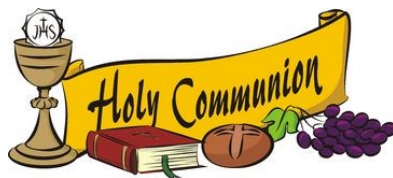
We value and are centered in scripture.

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!***



## Order of Worship

~ The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship ~

### Welcome

**Prelude** *Chorale Prelude on "Christ ist Erstanden"* J.S. Bach

### Announcements

**Minute for Mission** **Jenny Macy**

**Introit** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* **#591**  
Chancel Choir

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

One: We gather with joy for Easter continues.

**All: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.**

One: We celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ among us.

**All: Doubts can be erased and uncertainty turned to faith.**

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

**All: We offer our prayers and praise with humble, hopeful hearts.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn** *Thine Is the Glory* **#238**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess our trust in you can weaken, and we become anxious about things. We talk about love, but we fear those who differ from us. We cling to our personal agendas and neglect your call to serve others, especially when that service costs us something. Forgive us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, rekindle our passion for you so we can witness to your love in all we do. Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Michael Kim

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— 1 John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1:1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — <sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### Second Scripture Reading—John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy

Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*One: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## **Meditation**

**Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

## **Call for the Offering**

**Offertory** *Now the Green Blade Riseth* French Carol, arr. Carter

## **\*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*

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

*The Great Prayer of 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 God thanks and praise.**

*Sanctus*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Breaking of the Bread*

**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.**

*Communion of the People*

*Hymns During Communion*

**# 497—Bread of Life from Heaven**

**# 501—Feed Us, Lord**

*Prayer After Communion*

**\*Sending Hymn**     *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight*     **#817**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**     *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*     **#250**

**Postlude**             *Voluntary in A Major*             William Selby

## **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
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# The Bulletin Board

Today is the annual **Pancake Breakfast** after worship in the CLC. For a free will donation, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee served by the youth group. The funds will help their mission work this summer.



Applications for the Marlow Van Soest and the Educational Endowment scholarships are now available. To apply please see Friday email. Applications must be received no later than April 30th and should be submitted to Stephen Flavin at [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org).



**Women's Golf** – The First Presbyterian Church Women's Golf group will swing into action on Tuesdays starting April 30<sup>th</sup>. We play at Riverbank Golf Course on Ten Mile Road in South Lyon. Tee times are 4:15 - 5:00 pm. Our schedule is flexible and you can play the weeks you want. Contact Carol Maise at [Maise729@yahoo.com](mailto:Maise729@yahoo.com) if you are interested.



**Youth can and bottle collection is back**—Each week, bring your returnable cans and bottles and place them in the designated bins in Boll Hall. Your ongoing contributions will help fund youth mission and activities.

**THANK YOU**—A heartfelt thank you to everyone who stepped up to make Holy Week and Easter a special celebration. Thank you to the singers, musicians, readers, ushers, greeters, planners, volunteers, and staff who offered their time and talents. They were appreciated. YOU are appreciated!





IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Jim Atkinson; Grant Beringer; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Louise Fisher; Virginia Heckler; Ron and Lois Housman; Beth Jones; Sandy Lyon; Donald Morgan; Charles Peltz; Jeanne Planet; Dale Robison; Judy Russell; June Tervo; Ann and Dick Werther; Jan Wilhelm; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Heather Belkadi, (daughter of Tammy Fulton); Esme Clise and family (NEW grandchild of Kent and Paula Clise); Rick Custer (brother of Jerry Custer); Verne Dalum (cousin of Bev Hines); Vera Davey (grandma of Pastor Jackie); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); the family of Tom Ernst; Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Grandson of friend of Janet Heath-Morgan; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Arden Lee (friend of Abbe MacDonald); Roger Lakin (brother of Jennie Macy); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Sheila York Marold & family; Roxanne McLaughlin (friend of Anne Haritgan); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Melanie Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Kimmy Odtohan; Pat Schoch (friend of Katherine Gricius); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Sarah Walter (niece of Tim Doty); Kelly Williams and family (former member and friend of FPCN); 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.***

*You're Invited!*

# *Wonders of the Night Sky*



**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in Boll Hall**

6:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 pm - Presentation Begins

Join us for a photographic journey of the night sky, including images of near-earth and deep space objects captured using simple as well as advanced techniques.

*Speaker: Glenn Kaatz*

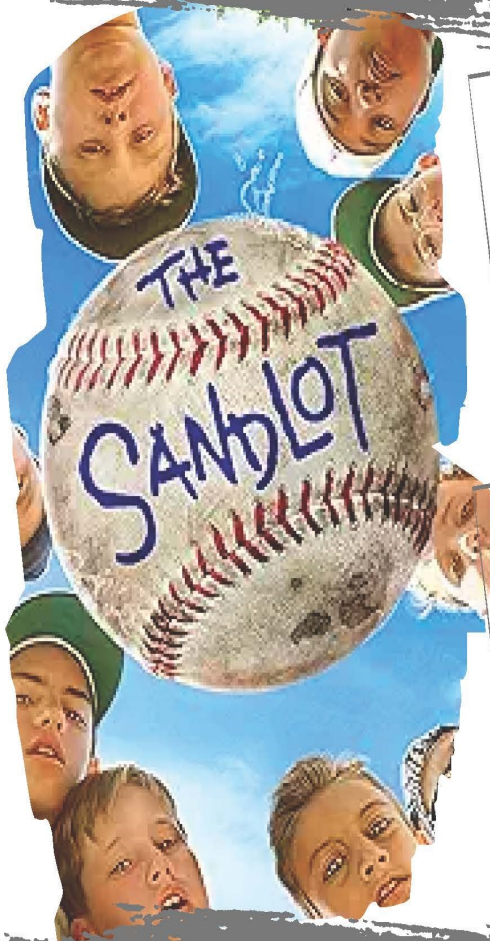
**RSVP** by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> on the clipboard in your pew or on the Sign-Up Genius link by scanning this QR Code or in the Friday Email.

A freewill offering will be collected for the dinner.

For questions contact Vivienne Ward 248-767-9146  
or Nancy Kaatz 734-718-1179.



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SHARE THE NOSTALGIA  
BRING A BLANKET &  
CUDDLE UP TO  
A CLASSIC

ENJOY HOTDOGS  
& SMORES  
& GAMES FOR  
THE LITTLE ONES

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH @ 4:00PM  
IN BOLL HALL

## WEEK OF APRIL 7— APRIL 14, 2024

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Sun. 4/7		<b>Communion Sunday</b>
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Middle School Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
	11:15 am	Pancake Breakfast, CLC
Mon. 4/8	6:00 pm	Venture Crew Scouts, CLC
	7:30 pm	Scouts, CLC
Tue. 4/9	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	5:00 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	AL-ANON Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 4/10	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Living & Learning Team Visit
	10:30 am	Preschool Children's Worship, Sanctuary
	5:30 pm	Pickleball (Private Event)
	6:00 pm	Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Thurs. 4/11	9:30 am	Women of Faith & Fellowship, Gathering Room
	10:30 am	Preschool Children's Worship, Preschool
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Music Center
	6:15 pm	Yoga, CLC
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
Fri. 4/12	9:15 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 4/13		
Sun. 4/14	8:45 am	Kerygma, Middle School Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Education Wing
	11:30am	Children & Youth Committee Meeting, Youth Room
	6:30 pm	GAP & APEX Young Group, Youth Room