



April 27, 2025
Baptism of Mariella Renee Mortimer
Second Sunday of Easter

First
Presbyterian
— Church of Northville



248-349-0911 • www.fpcnorthville.org

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 *Prelude on O sons and Daughters,
Let Us Sing* Robert J. Hughes

Announcements

Introit *Christ The Lord is Ris'n Today* **#245**
Chancel Choir

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

One: In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

All: the Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

All: the Risen Christ is Lord.

One: Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the
sinned against,

All: the Risen Christ is Lord.

One: In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

**All: the Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship
in his name.**

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* **#485**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God of might and mercy, in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives. In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives. Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace. Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness and your steadfast love for us.

(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation—Mariella Renee Mortimer,
daughter of Nicholas and Gabrielle Mortimer

**Profession of Faith*

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Welcome

Sung Response

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

#188

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Second Scripture Reading— John 20:19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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* arr. John Carter
Chancel Choir

***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**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.**

***Sending Hymn** *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* #817

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* #377
(verse 1)

Postlude *Postlude on "Easter Hymn"* Edward Broughton

All hymns reprinted with permission: CCLI License #2509486

* Please rise in body or spirit. 7

Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor
Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

Liturgist

Beth Heberlein

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



IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Doris Edwards; Charlene Frellick; Zachary Fuller; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; Maxine Lapham; Norma Peltz; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Anita Bradshaw (sister of Kathy Gricius); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); The family of Sally Garman (sister of Tim Doty); Debra Gulinello (friend of Beth Heberlein); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of 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); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith) Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Sandy Craig Taylor (friend of Beth & Gary Heberlein); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); 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

Caregivers Group: Tuesday, April 29—Being a caregiver often means taking time to care for yourself, too. Join with other caregivers for a time of sharing, listening, and leaning on one another. We will meet on Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. For more information, contact Pastor Jackie.



Extended Communion—If you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, May 4, please let your deacon know or email stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.

Mom 2 Mom Sale: Saturday, May 17—Please join us here at FPCN from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Saturday, May 17. Everyone is welcome to come browse gently used children's items. Register to sell at www.fpcnorthville.org. Email stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org with any questions.

Day of Service: Sunday, May 18—Please plan to join us at 10:00 a.m. on May 18 for our next church-wide Day of Service. We will start with breakfast and a brief worship time together, then continue our worship through our acts. More details to come. If you are interested in leading an activity or have ideas for activities, please email missionfpnv@gmail.com or talk to anyone from the Mission & Outreach Committee.

Day of Service Clothing Collection—As part of our Day of Service, we will be collecting clothing for children ages newborn thru 18 years as well as maternity clothing. Donations will go to Little Lamb's Compassionate Ministry Center in Flint. The youth worked with this program during the mission trip in 2022 and 2023. Please bring gently used clothing to church from now until May 18. Donations can be placed on the Mission table. For info about the organization go to <https://www.littlelambscmc.org/>. If you have any questions, please email missionfpnv@gmail.com or talk to a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.



Civic Concern—Currently, the most needed items are tuna, canned fruit, packaged pasta and rice, cereal, and toilet tissue. Thank you so much for your generosity.

JOIN US FOR
**WONDERS OF
THE NIGHT SKY**

Friday, May 2 in Boll Hall
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Presentation

Join us for a photographic journey of the night sky

Speaker: Glenn Kaatz

RSVP on the form in the pews, scan the
QR code, or use the link below



<https://forms.gle/qQFZ3uq7Lv2bZ5NeA>

WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025 — MAY 4, 2025

Sun. 4/27		Second Sunday of Easter and Baptism of Mariella Mortimer
	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
	11:00 am	Children and Youth Meeting, Youth Room
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 4/28	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 4/29	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 4/30	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 5/1	1:00 pm	Misson Meeting, Living & Learning
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/2	6:00 pm	Wonders of the Night Sky 2.0, Boll Hall
Sat. 5/3		
Sun. 5/4		Third Sunday of Easter and Communion Sunday
	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