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SUNDAY

November 23, 2025
Christ the King 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, *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 Chorale and Variations from Cantata no. 4
Christ lag in Todesbanden J.S. Bach

Announcements

Moment for Mission Mission Christmas Giving Anne Vetter

Introit *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #837
Chancel Choir

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

One: Say among the nations, the Lord reigns.

All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

One: God comes to judge the earth.

All: God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with truth.

One: Come, let us worship God in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

**All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be to our God
now and always.**

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* #265

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom and warning, we confess that we often prefer our own plans to your purposes. We shrink from acts of service that seem too demanding. Forgive us when our commitment wavers and we think someone else will take up the challenges we face. Inspire us with the example of Jesus, and energize us with your Spirit to follow him as our Shepherd, wherever he leads. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Colossians 1:11–20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Second Scripture Reading— Luke 23:33–43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

He, Watching Over Israel

F. Mendelssohn

Chancel Choir

***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**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Join us in the following refrain:

One: Jesus, Prince of Peace

All: reign in us and among us.

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**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

#363

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

#541

Postlude

Emperor's Fanfare from the Sixth Double Concerto

P.A. Soler

To The Glory of God...

The flowers in the chancel are given in celebration of Sandy and Dale Robison's 65th wedding anniversary with love from their children, Kelly & Guy Sartorius and Pam & Ray Welch.



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

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

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IN OUR



Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Bob Geake; Ron & Lois Housman; 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); Ken Berkoben (friend of Bev Hines); Carolyn Blaszcowski (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); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Lori Henson (friend of Pastor Jackie); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); 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 Norton (mother of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Barbara Prehn (friend of Bev Hines) Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); 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); 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

Community Thanksgiving Worship: Tonight—All are welcome to join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. for our Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. We will meet in our sanctuary and join area congregations from First United Methodist Church of Northville, Geneva Presbyterian Church of Canton, and Orchard United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills. Stay after the service to enjoy pie! We hope to see you there.

Westminster Thanksgiving—Thanksgiving opportunities at Westminster Church of Detroit are here. There are multiple ways to get involved! Please consider purchasing a “turkey” to help provide a Thanksgiving dinner for those in need. Checks in any amount made out to “Westminster Church of Detroit” can be put in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Donations may also be made on our website by clicking on the “Donate & Serve” page, clicking on the green donate button, and selecting “Westminster Turkey Donations” from the drop-down menu. Also, you can sign up to help Monday–Thursday (November 24–27) with food prep and/or serving/delivering on Thanksgiving Day (November 27) by scanning the QR code or clicking the link in the Friday email. Questions? See Carol Maise.



November Food Collection—Anticipating the increased need for food assistance, we are collecting non-perishable food during November to benefit Northville Civic Concern, Crossroads of Michigan, and our Blessings Box across from Starbucks. If you would like to contribute, please bring food to the church office Tuesday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (across from Starbucks) and to our Welcome Center on Sunday mornings (Hutton St.). Thank you for supporting our neighbors.

Hanging of the Greens—All ages are invited to join us at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25. There will be pizza and decorations. Come and lend a hand to help the church get ready for Advent and Christmas.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner—All are invited to a Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the First United Methodist Church Northville (777 W. 8 Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48167). The dinner is from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 27. The Lions game will be played starting at kick-off! Please RSVP by scanning the QR code or clicking the link in the Friday email. Contact FUMCN with any questions: fumc777@fumcnorthville.org or 248-349-1144.



Thanksgiving Office Closure—We will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 in observation of Thanksgiving. We will reopen with regular office hours on Tuesday, December 2.

November 30 Concert Update—We've had a change in our concert lineup for November 30. While the originally announced performers are no longer available due to scheduling conflicts, we are delighted to share an exciting new program. Nancy Plumley will lead an engaging bell ensemble, featuring music for Advent and Christmas. The audience will even have an opportunity to participate in the bell ringing! Also joining us is Dr. Dave Wagner, who will perform a selection of historic pieces on the organ. He will close out the event by sharing insights about our organ and the mission of the Pipe Dreams Organ Fund. The concert begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there.

Christmas collections taking place from now until Sunday, December 21:

Christmas Giving Tree—We are collecting UNWRAPPED toys, gifts, gifts, and gift cards (McDonalds, Starbucks, Meijer, etc. for \$10 or less) November 23 through December 21. A “Giving Tree” with gift ideas is in Boll Hall. Feel free to take a tag from the tree and return it to the Giving Tree box with the listed gift, or, bring a gift of your choosing!

Mitten Tree—We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, underwear, diapers, and diaper wipes. Please leave them on or under the Mitten Tree in Boll Hall starting Sunday, November 30.

Snow Pants and Boots Collection—We are collecting snow pants and boots for children who do not have them. A collection box will be in Boll Hall beginning Sunday, November 30.

Please see the flyer on the next page for more details. Thank you for your generosity and for helping our neighbors have a brighter Christmas!



Season of giving

*Please contact the church office for assistance in reaching the mentioned contacts.




CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We will have the following
collections at FPCN:



GIVING TREE



Collecting toys (new), games (new), sports balls (new), gifts (new), blankets (new), kids books, cash/checks, & gift cards (\$10 on each card). All toys should be unwrapped.


MITTEN TREE

Collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, diapers, diaper wipes, socks (new), and underwear (new).

SNOW PANTS & BOOTS

Collecting snow pants and boots of all sizes (with a focus on children's sizes).

Please bring items to their
respective stations in Boll Hall by
Sunday, December 21.



Donations will go to
Neinas Elementary in
Detroit, Crossroads of
Michigan, Northville Civic
Concern, Welcome Inn,
Whitmore Lake Schools,
and Little Lambs in Flint.
Thank you so much!



ADDITIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to our collections due on December 21, the following mission opportunities are available:



ANGEL TREE COLLECTION

Please help make this season a little brighter for local children by purchasing and donating gifts to be delivered with messages on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Please choose a tag with gift ideas from the tree in Boll Hall, purchase and wrap the gift, and return it to the tree by Sunday, December 14. Please contact Earl Eiben with any questions you may have.

NEINAS ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday, December 15, we will be hosting a pre-K classroom during Bridgepointe's Christmas party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to lead fun games and crafts for this event, which will take place at Neinas Elementary School in southwest Detroit. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting day, please reach out to Carol Maise!

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE AND BELL RINGING

Find our Salvation Army Red Kettle in Boll Hall and make a donation! You can also sign up to ring the bell at a location of your choice (i.e. Kroger downtown, Kroger 6 Mile, Northville Post Office, etc). You're helping raise hope and support for our neighbors. Visit registertoring.com (or scan the QR code below) and sign up to ring as an individual. For additional information, contact Carol Maise.



Register for bell ringing



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025 — NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Sun. 11/23		Christ the King 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
	7:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Worship, Sanctuary
Mon. 11/24	5:30 pm	Troop 755 Safety Video Viewing, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 11/25	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	4:00 pm	Hanging of the Greens, Boll Hall/Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 11/26	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
Thurs. 11/27		Thanksgiving Day
		Church Closed
Fri. 11/28		Church Closed
Sat. 11/29		
Sun. 11/30		First Sunday of Advent
	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
	4:00 pm	Advent Concert, Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room