



God

... is not far from each one of us.

Acts 17:27, NRSV

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Acts 17:22–31

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Second Scripture Reading—John 14:15–21

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments

and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

God So Loved the World
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

***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

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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#366

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

Spirit of the Living God

#288

Postlude *Postlude on the tune "Hyfrydol"* R. Vaughan-Williams

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Alan and Judy Somershoe in loving
memory of Judy's parents,
Fred and Bertha Dierauer.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

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

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Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director
Dr. Jerry Custer, Chancel Choir Director
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director
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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Rev. Jamie Faile; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Bev Hines; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Karen Seaman; Alan & Judy Somershoe; the Strom and Gessert families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: 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); Ron Chandler (brother-in-law of Nancy Plumley); Rick De Hart (friend of Georgeann Stringer); the family of Carol Dickson; Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); the family of Jackie Fisher (family of Tim Doty); Stan Gill & family (brother of Bev Hines); Susan Grant (friend of Coline Coleman); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb & Tim Gammons); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Scott Hines (step grandson of Bev Hines); 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); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (step daughter of Bev Hines); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Amy Svendsen (niece of Barbara Gough); Lita Thomas (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); 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

FPCN Scholarships—Applications for the Marlow Van Soest and the Educational Endowment scholarships are now available. To apply, please see the Friday email. Applications must be received no later than May 29 and should be submitted to Stephen Flavin at stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.



Women's Book Club—We will meet this coming Thursday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions.

Oakway Children's Choir Concert: Sunday, May 31—All are warmly invited to the Oakway Children's Choir Concert on Sunday, May 31. Please join us for an evening filled with wonderful music. The concert begins at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary, and our talented young singers hope to see everyone there!

Crossroads Meal: Sunday, May 31—Our church is sponsoring the Crossroads of Michigan Sunday soup kitchen meal on May 31. We invite you to join us in preparing or serving the meal, or both! Please scan the QR code or see the link in the Friday email to sign up to volunteer. Both morning and afternoon slots are available. To help us plan, please sign up by May 24. This meal is made possible by our 5 Cents a Meal donations. Your generosity and service are greatly appreciated! Contact the Mission Committee with any questions.



Baccalaureate Sunday—Join us as we celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 14. If you know of recent graduates from high school, college, graduate school, trade school, or job training, we'd love to include them in our bulletin insert. Please email the office with a short bio and photograph by May 31: hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org.

Supplemental Church Directory—We are working on creating a supplemental church directory to be released this summer. If you are not included in our 2024 directory and you would like to be included in the supplemental directory, please send your name, address, phone number, email, and a photo (optional) to Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate, at hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org. If you are in the previous directory and your information has changed, or if you would like to submit a photo for the first time, please contact Hannah Johnson with those submissions as well. The deadline for all submissions is June 1.

DINE WITH NINE

Summer edition:
June & August

What is Dine With Nine?

- Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends meet once a month for food, conversation, and fellowship
- Meetings are often potlucks in group members' homes, restaurant visits, or catered/delivered meals
- Groups are self-led and choose their own dates, times, and locations

How do I join?

- Sign up on the sheet in Boll Hall or by clicking the button below. When signing up, please be sure to indicate if you are able to host dinner at your place! The Fellowship Committee works to assign registrants to groups (announced early June).
- Groups will be different from those assigned in the in the January–March Dine With Nine session
- Direct any questions to the Fellowship Committee: Lynn Betker, Marilyn Thibodeau, Debbie Dunbar, Nancy Kaatz, or Leslie Bazini.

To sign up, scan the QR code, fill out the sheet in Boll Hall, or complete the Google Form in the Friday email



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DAY OF SERVICE

BRING
food and
hygiene items

Sunday
May 17

Free
breakfast

Beginning at 10 a.m.
Seated and active
activities available for all ages



Service activities to participate in

- Make laundry detergent
 - Sort donated food
 - Sort hygiene items
- Make prayer blankets
 - Sort clothes
 - VBS preparation
 - Pack hygiene kits
 - Make lunches
- Pack blessings bags
 - Make crafts
- Tie prayer blankets
 - and more!



We are also collecting gently used shoes (all sizes), children's clothing, new socks, and new underwear!

Childcare will be provided!

For questions, contact Jennie Macy
at MissionFPNV@gmail.com or the Church Office at 248-349-0911.



DAY OF SERVICE

Collection

Following today's service, grab a bag to fill with hygiene items, canned goods, and boxed foods. Then, bring it with you next Sunday, May 17, to our Day of Service!

If you cannot bring it that day, feel free to fill this bag and put it in the grocery cart anytime!



Suggested Items

Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Soap, shampoo, and deodorant
Diapers and baby wipes
Toilet paper and paper towels
Razors and period products



Canned vegetables, fruit, meat, soup and spaghetti sauce
Cereal, mac & cheese, and pasta
Baby formula

Children's clothing, shoes, new underwear, and new socks



Prefer Amazon?

Use this QR code to *purchase online* from the Crossroads wish list!



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WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026 — MAY 17, 2026

Sun. 5/10		Sixth Sunday of Easter
	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
Mon. 5/11	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, Off-site
Tue. 5/12	12:00 pm	Rotary Club, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation, Gathering Room
	1:00 pm	Security Committee, Youth Room
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Deacons, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
Wed. 5/13	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Noami Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:30 am	Preschool Worship, Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Adult Education Committee, Study
	5:30 pm	RMC Meeting, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 5/14	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	10:30 am	Preschool Worship, Preschool
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee, Music Center
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/15	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
Sat. 5/16		
Sun. 5/17		Seventh Sunday of Easter/Day of Service
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, CLC
	10:15 am	Day of Service, Throughout the Church
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class, Library