

Let Your



Light

Shine

Matthew 5:16

February 8, 2026  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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**                      *We Believe*                      Fike, Hooper, & Ryan  
   *He Knows*                                      D. Edwards  
   *Redeemed*

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      W. L. Wold  
   Dr. Dave Wagner, Organ

## Announcements

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

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

One: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

**All: God's grace, mercy, and justice shine forth.**

One: We gather, with devotion and doubt, with weariness  
and wonder,

**All: trusting that God's peace and love are present here.**

One: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

**All: We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*                      **#667**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess we have taken your creation for granted, we squander its resources, and we consume selfishly and carelessly. In your mercy, forgive us, we pray, and make us more and more a people of your purposes.**

*(Silent Confession)*

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## Music

*Standing on the Promises*  
Redeemed

#838

*Please join in singing the refrain:*

**Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— Isaiah 58:6–12

- <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?
- <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
- <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
- <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
- <sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,

like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

- <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

### **Second Scripture Reading— Matthew 5:13–20**

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Brother James' Air*  
Chancel Choir

J.M. Bain

**\*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**     *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*     **#377**

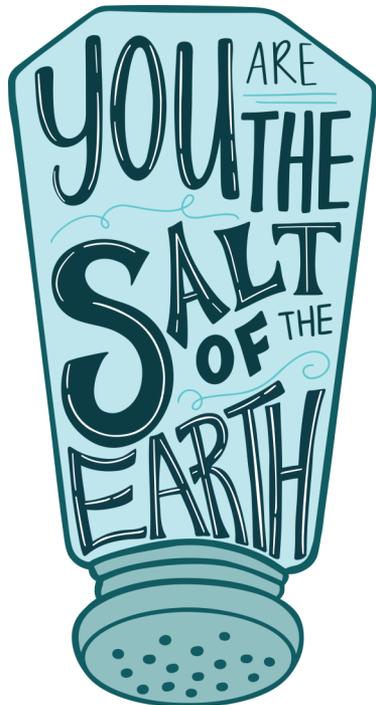
**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**                     *Soon and Very Soon*                     **#384**

**Postlude**     *These are the Holy Ten Commandments*     J.S. Bach



**SHINE YOUR  
LIGHT.  
SHARE GOD'S  
LOVE!**



## **To The Glory of God...**

*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Marilyn Atkinson in loving memory of  
her husband, Jim Atkinson.*



### **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

#### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
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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; Neyssa Gill; 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 Blaszowski (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 Gill (brother of Beverley Hines) and the friends and family of Jeanette Gill; 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); Lita Thomas (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); 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

**Stay-N-Play: Today**—Join us after today’s worship for a playdate and lunch in the CLC (gym). Families with children ages newborn to fifth grade are invited (older siblings are welcome).

**Women’s Book Club**—We will meet this coming Thursday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions.

**Fill the Pantry Sunday**—The Fellowship Committee is collecting cookies and snacks to be used for future coffee hours. Please bring one box of your favorite cookies or snack on Sunday, February 22. Thank you!

**Clothing Drive**—The Mission Committee is 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 is designated in Boll Hall. Donations benefit Crossroads of Detroit and Little Lambs of Flint.

**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.



**Hospitality Week**—Our friends at First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Northville will once again be hosting Cass Community Social Services Rotating Shelter for those experience homelessness. On Sunday, March 1, with help from our APEX Youth Group, we will be preparing and serving a delicious meal to the guests. If you’re interested in helping with the meal, please contact Carol Maise. We will also be collecting sheets, blankets, and bathrobes for the guests. Please scan this QR code (Amazon link) to purchase needed items that will be delivered directly to FUMC. Please make all purchases by February 23. Thank you for your continued support of our partnership with FUMC.



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

# Join us for



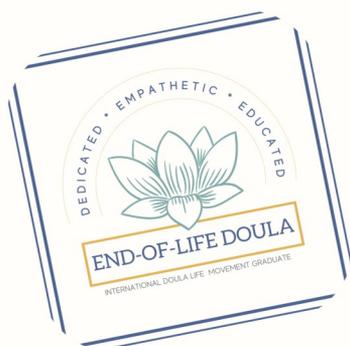
Sunday, February 15  
11:30 a.m. in Boll Hall

## ***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**



# Pancake Breakfast

**You're  
Invited!**



**Sunday, February 22**

Join us in the CLC  
after worship for a  
pancake breakfast.  
All free-will  
donations support  
youth mission work



## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026 — FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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Sun. 2/8		<b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany &amp; Souper Bowl of Caring</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, CLC
	1:00 pm	POD Youth, University Presbyterian Church (meet at 1 p.m. at FPCN to carpool)
Mon. 2/9	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 2/10	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Rotary Foundation Meeting, Gathering Room
	5:30 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting, Library
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 2/11	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Naomi Circle, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 2/12	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	1:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
Fri. 2/13	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 2/14		
Sun. 2/15		<b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany and Transfiguration of the Lord</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
	11:30 am	Simple Lunch, Boll Hall