

October 18, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of Juniper Mae Hames

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, or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you.

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.

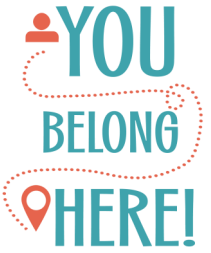
We value and are centered in scripture.

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 *The Kyrie from the Claverubung III* J.S. Bach

Announcements

Moment for Mission The Downs Brainstorm Dick Werther

Introit *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Ron Mallory
Te Deum Handbell Choir

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

One: Let us sing to the LORD a new song!
All: We will bless God's name from day to day.
One: Let us declare God's marvelous deeds among all the people.
All: For God is great and greatly to be praised.
One: Let us praise God for God's strength and beauty.
All: We will bring God honor and glory as we worship God's holy name.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy* **#305**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we confess we need your mercy. We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance, but we follow our own ways. Forgive us, O God, amend who we are and direct who you would have us be for the sake of Christ, our Savior and Friend.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

***** Please rise in body or spirit.

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation Juniper Mae Hames
Daughter of Ryan and Alexis Hames

Profession of Faith—Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

Sung Response *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **#475**

Verse 1

**Come, thou fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[1]Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and
peace.

[2]We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in
our prayers, constantly [3]remembering before our God and Father
your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in
our Lord Jesus Christ. [4]For we know, brothers and sisters beloved
by God, that he has chosen you, [5]because our message of the
gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the
Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of
persons we proved to be among you for your sake. [6]And you
became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution
you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, [7]so that
you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia. [8]For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not
only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God
has become known, so that we have no need to speak about
it. [9]For the people of those regions report about us what kind of
welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from
idols, to serve a living and true God, [10]and to wait for his Son from
heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us
from the wrath that is coming.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 22:15-22

[15]Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he
said. [16]So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians,
saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way
of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for
you do not regard people with partiality. [17]Tell us, then, what you
think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” [18]But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you
hypocrites? [19]Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought
him a denarius. [20]Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and
whose title?” [21]They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to
them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the
emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” [22]When they
heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Open My Eyes That I May See* arr. Sandra Eithun
Te Deum Handbell Choir

***Doxology** **#607**

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**

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** *What is the World Like* **#771**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *O Christ, Surround Me* **#543**

Verse 1

God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Postlude *Allegro* Joao De Sousa Carvalho

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***** Please rise in body or spirit.

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Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; the family of Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Kent Clise; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; the family of Shirley Henry; Neil Hollister; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Esther Keegan; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; the family of Maxine Lapham; Dale Robison; Karen Seaman; Sandi Smith; The Strom and Gessert Families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

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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.***


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FAMILY-FRIENDLY
• TREATS • ACTIVITIES •
• PETTING ZOO •
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.
First Presbyterian Church of Northville
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
200 E MAIN ST, NORTHVILLE
ENTER FROM HUTTON ST ..... IF YOU DARE

The Bulletin Board

Float Planning—The Connections Committee is looking ahead to Northville's bicentennial celebration. We're looking for design and construction-minded folks to help plan our float for the September 2027 parade. Join us today at 11:15 a.m. in the library to sketch out options.

Streets of Treats—Northville will host this annual Halloween event on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The downtown will be flooded with children and families lined up for candy. We'll pass out treats at the corner of Hutton and Main Sts., and keep our building open for bathrooms and a rest area. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Jackie. We could use folks to hand out treats or be a smiling face inside the church. Costumes are welcome, but not required.



JOIN US FOR

A Simple Lunch

"Resisting Disinformation: How Not to Misinform"

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League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER
Carrie Moon-Dupree, President

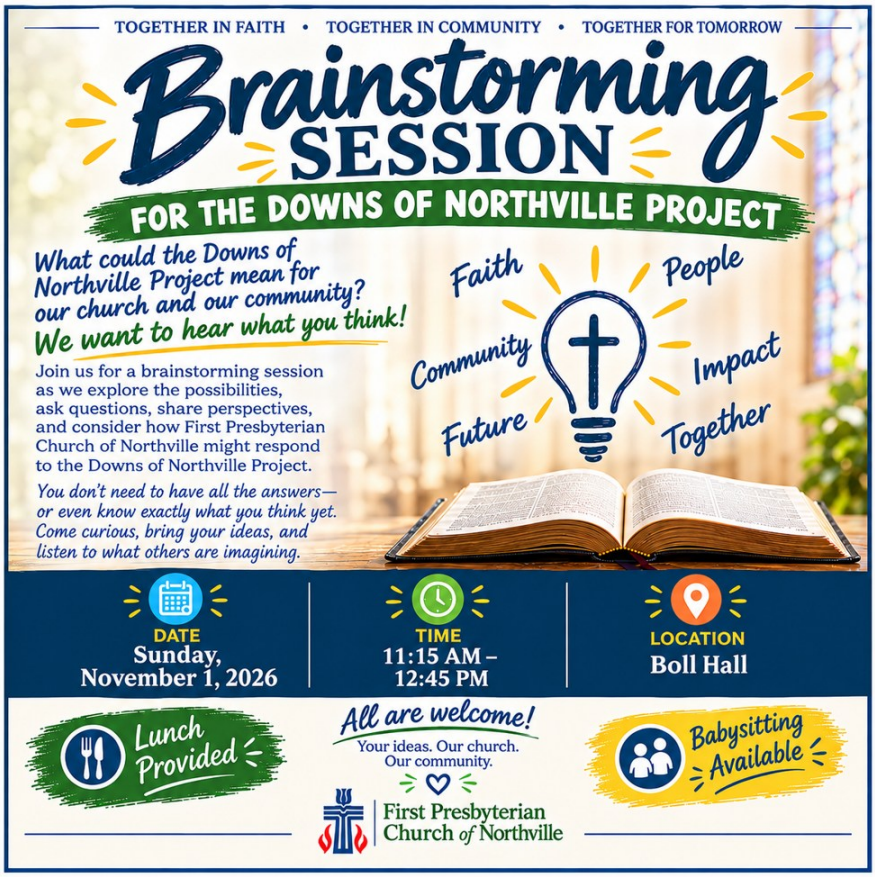
Lunch provided!

Sunday, October 25
11:30 a.m. | Boll Hall

LWV

Pickleball & Ping Pong for Beginners: Come Learn and Play! Tuesdays, October 6 – November 17, 4–6 pm (no session 11/3, Election Day). This six-week session introduces the sport to players of all ages. Youth and parents are encouraged to join together. Come every week if you can, but it's not required. Paddles and balls are provided. Please bring gym shoes, a signed liability waiver, and a $5 weekly donation. Questions? Contact Coach "Tee" Heaton.

All Saints Sunday Remembrances. On the first Sunday of November, we remember those who have died during the past year. As in years past, we will read aloud the names of church members who have passed away. This year, we invite you to include your immediate family members as well. If you have lost a parent, spouse, or child and would like their name read during worship, please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 27.



WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026 — OCTOBER 25, 2026

Sun. 10/18		**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost and Baptism of Juniper Hames**
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
	11:15 am	Float Planning, Library
	2:00 pm	Boo Bash, Welcome Center/Churchwide
Mon. 10/19	6:00 pm	Adventure Crew Troop 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 10/20	4:00 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Activities, Library
	7:30 pm	Session, Library
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 10/21	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	10:30 am	Preschool Worship, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 10/22	10:30 am	Preschool Worship, Preschool
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Library
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Yoga, CLC
Fri. 10/23	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run
Sat. 10/24	10:00 am	Streets of Treats, Welcome Center & Main St.
Sun. 10/25	8:45 am	**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**
	10:00 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:15 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
	11:30 am	Simple Lunch, Boll Hall
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room