

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday

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 *Adagio from the Symphony No. 5*
Charles-Marie Widor

Announcements

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

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

One: Siblings in Christ, if you lift your net and it is empty,
come here!

All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
come here!

All: We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

One: If your life is filled with mourning, come here!

All: Christ is leading a joyful dance.

One: Come here; let us worship together!

All: Let us give blessing, honor, and glory to God!

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded* **#242**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we acknowledge ways in which we fall short of your hope and purposes for us. We confess we find it difficult to forgive others and ourselves. We carry grudges about things done by others long ago, and things we have done still haunt us. Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others; amend who we are and set us free to begin again with you and one another.

(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Acts 9:1-20

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy

Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

Second Scripture Reading— John 21:1-19

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said

to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven* John Goss
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**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Sanctus (see page 8)

Breaking the Bread

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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.

Communion of the People

Hymns During Communion

#513 — This Is the Feast of Victory

#501 — Feed Us, Lord

Prayer After Communion

***Sending Hymn** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* **#721**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* **#377**
(verse 2)

Postlude *Christ lag in Todesbanden* J. S. Bach

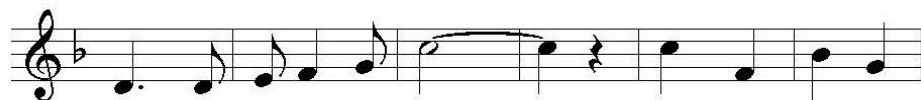
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Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



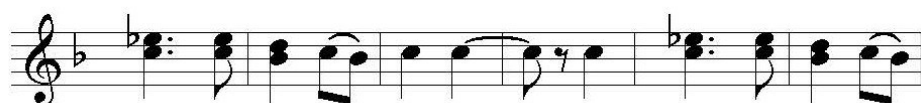
God of pow-er and might!_____ Heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry: Ho - san - na in the high-est!_____



Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!_____ Ho -



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high - est!_____

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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.

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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



This Sunday is '5 Cents a Meal' Sunday. For every meal you and your family members enjoyed over the past month, we are asking that you contribute 5 cents to help feed the hungry in our community. Thanks in advance for your gracious gifts!

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 21 and should be submitted to Stephen Flavin at stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.



Baccalaureate Sunday—Join us to celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 8. 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 June 1: hannahjohnson@fpcnorthville.org.

Women's Book Club—We will meet Thursday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. All women are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Debby DeLaby with any questions.

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.

WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025 — MAY 11, 2025

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
Mon. 5/5	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 5/6	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 5/7	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	1:00 pm	Property Meeting, Music Center
	5:30 pm	Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 5/8	9:30 am	Women's Book Club, Gathering Room
	1:00 pm	Finance Meeting, Music Center
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 5/9	10:00 am	Connections, Music Center
Sat. 5/10	11:00 am	Young Artists Fair, CLC & Boll Hall
Sun. 5/11		Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day
	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