

*Immediately  
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nets and  
followed him.*

**MATTHEW 4:20**



**January 25, 2026  
Third 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

## Announcements

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

One: The Lord is our light and salvation.

All: We will not be afraid.

One: Behold the beauty of the Lord!

**All:** God will shelter us on any day of trouble and set us high upon a rock.

One: Let God's people shout for joy!

**All:** For Christ calls us and claims us as his own.

One: Come and worship in unity and love; let us rejoice together!

## **\*Opening Prayer**

\*Hymn                    *Will You Come and Follow Me*                    #726

## Call to Confession

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you call us to follow your way of compassion but too often we criticize each other. You call us to follow your way of peace but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen our commitment to follow your ways.**

### *(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### First Scripture Reading— Psalm 27:1, 4–9

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
    whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
    of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup> One thing I asked of the LORD,  
    that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
    all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
    and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
    in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
    he will set me high on a rock.

<sup>6</sup> Now my head is lifted up  
    above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
    sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
    be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup> “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”  
    Your face, LORD, do I seek.

<sup>9</sup> Do not hide your face from me.  
    Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
you who have been my help.  
    Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!

#### Second Scripture Reading— Matthew 4:12–23

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
    on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of  
        the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Meditation

Stephen Flavin

## Call for the Offering

### Offertory

*Gloria in Excelsis*  
Chancel Choir

Antonio Vivaldi

### \*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

*Response:* God, speak to us a word of peace.  
**Embrace us with your love.**

### *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**

*From the Nets of Our Labor*

#751

\***Benediction**

\***Sung Response**

*Soon and Very Soon*

#384

**Postlude**

*Postlude in G Major*

J.S. Bach



## **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

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

### Music Ministry

Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director

Dr. Jerry Custer, Chancel Choir Director

Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director

Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

### Liturgists

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Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

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Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator

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Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

### Sextons

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Sexton



# 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; 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 Blaszczowski (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; Stan & Jeanette Gill (brother and sister-in-law of Beverley Hines); 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); 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

**Winter Concert Thank You**—On behalf of the Chancel Choir, thank you for coming out to support our presentation of Vivaldi's *Gloria* last Sunday. It was a joy to sing for such a large and enthusiastic crowd, and we look forward to doing so again in the coming months.

Sincerely, Dr. Dave Wagner and Dr. Jerry Custer

**Clothing Drive**—Start sorting your sweaters and slacks! The Mission Committee will be holding a Winter Clothing Drive beginning Sunday, January 25 and running through 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 will be designated in Boll Hall. Stay after service on Sunday, February 1 and help sort. Donations will benefit Crossroads of Detroit and Little Lambs of Flint.

**New Members Class**—A new member class is being planned for February. If you are interested in learning more about the church and becoming a formal member of the congregation, we'd love to have you! Please contact Pastor Jackie with your interest. Our new member class is a casual meeting after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

**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.



## Mark your calendars for the following Children and Youth Events:

**Souper Bowl of Caring**—On Sunday, February 8, bring canned goods or cash and place your donation on the table representing the team you think will win the football game. All donations will go to Northville Civic Concern.

**Pancake Breakfast**—Following worship on Sunday, February 22, join us in the CLC for a delicious breakfast. All free-will donations support youth mission work.

**Vacation Bible School**—Vacation Bible School will take place June 15–19. Registration will open in the coming weeks.

# PLEASE SIGN UP BY JANUARY 30 FOR **DINE WITH NINE**

**FEBRUARY, MARCH, & APRIL 2026**

## What is Dine With Nine?

- Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends meeting 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 scanning the QR code below. The Fellowship Committee will work to assign registrants to groups (announced in January 2026).
- Direct any questions to the Fellowship Committee: Lynn Betker, Marilyn Thibodeau, Debbie Dunbar, Nancy Kaatz, & Sarah Steele.

Scan the QR  
code to be  
assigned a  
group!



# Join us for *A Simple Lunch*

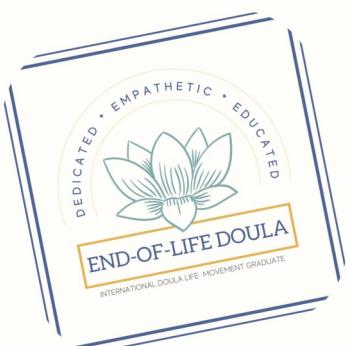
Sunday, February 15  
11:30 a.m. in Boll Hall

## ***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**



## **WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2026 — FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

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Sun. 1/25		<b>Third Sunday After Epiphany</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
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 1/26	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 1/27	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	5:30 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	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. 1/28	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 1/29	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	5:30 pm	RMC Meeting, Gathering Room
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 1/30	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
Sat. 1/31		
Sun. 2/1		<b>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany and Communion Sunday</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
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room