

**“This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom  
I am well pleased.”**



**Matthew 3:17, NRSV**

**January 11, 2026  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
Ordination and Installation of Officers**

**First  
Presbyterian  
Church** of Northville



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# ***Welcome***

## **to First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

***Thank you for worshipping 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  
He Knows  
Redeemed*

Fike, Hooper, & Ryan  
D. Edwards

*Recit de Tierce en Taille*  
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organ

Nicholas DeGrigny

### Announcements

#### Introit

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verse 1)

**#133**

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

One: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son.

**All: God calls us by name because we are beloved.**

One: God calls us to be a light to the nations.

**All: We wait for God's teaching and to learn justice.**

One: We are witnesses to God's goodness and grace who claims and loves us.

**All: God's name be praised!**

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn**

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**#757**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. We confess that we often prefer our old ways. We resist the new opportunities you set before us. We cling to harmful habits, nurse grudges, and fail to forgive one another. Have mercy upon us, O God, and guide us to live with more grace and generosity through Christ our Lord.

*(Silent Confession)*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Please rise in body or spirit.



## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Readings

#### First Scripture Reading— Isaiah 42:1–9

- <sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,
- <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.
- <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

#### Second Scripture Reading— Matthew 3:13–17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And



when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## **Ordination and Installation of Officers**

**Deacons:** Susan Bartlett, Jim Clarkson, Coline Coleman, Bette Gabrys\*\*, Lauren Giroux\*\*, Karen Marold, Wanda Moon\*\*, Kathryn Wilamowski\*\*

**Elders:** Amy Newton\*\*, Chris Pell\*\*, Marilyn Thibodeau, Mike Vetter

\*\*To be ordained as elder or deacon

### ***\*Profession of Faith***

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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**      *Standing on the Promises*      R. Kelso Carter  
Redeemed

*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.**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**      *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*      J.S. Bach  
Chancel Choir

**\*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**      *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*      #543

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**      *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* (verse 1)      #136

**Postlude**      *Postlude in G Major*      J. S. Bach



# Welcome, Officers!

## Deacons



Susan Bartlett



Jim Clarkson



Coline Coleman



Bette Gabrys



Lauren Giroux



Karen Marold



Wanda Moon



Kathryn Wilamowski

## Elders



Amy Newton



Chris Pell



Marilyn Thibodeau



Mike Vetter

**We look forward to  
working with all of you!**



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

*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Karen Seaman in loving memory of  
Patrick McKinney*



### **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

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Zak Bugosh, Sexton

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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; 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 Blaszcowski (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; 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 step father 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

**Stay-N-Play: Sunday, January 11**—Join us after today's worship for a play date and lunch in the Children's Wing. Families with children ages newborn to fifth grade are invited (older siblings are welcome).

**Session 1 of 2026 Yoga is here**—The class meets on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Children's Center. The class will meet on January 8, 15, & 29 and February 5, 19, & 26 (no class January 22 & February 12). The cost is \$60 per six-week session or a \$15 drop-in rate. Please contact Ann Werther for more info.

**Pickleball is Back**—Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Potential professional “picklers” and “pingers”: Come join BEGINNERS, including youth, for an introduction to pickleball and/or ping pong. Beginning this Tuesday, January 13, there will be six weekly sessions on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). Cost is a suggested weekly donation of \$5 to benefit the church. Paddles and balls are provided. Please wear tennis shoes. Direct any questions to Terry Heaton.



**Oakway Children's Choir Winter Session** —Our Oakway Children's Choir welcomes children ages 5–14, and rehearsals for the Winter Session begin on Tuesday, January 13. Rehearsals run from 6–7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in our sanctuary. To learn more or register, please visit [www.oakwaychoir.org](http://www.oakwaychoir.org), or reach out to our Oakway Choir Director, Tom Bowman, at [tombowman@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:tombowman@fpcnorthville.org).

**APEX Youth Group Update**—The APEX Youth Group will now have regular weekly meetings at FPCN on Sundays from 2–4 p.m. When APEX plans to host or travel to other Presbytery of Detroit youth groups, the locations and times will be announced to the group in advance.

**Dine With Nine (February–April 2026)**—Small groups of 7–9 church members and friends will gather monthly for food and fellowship. Each group chooses their own dates, times, and locations for their gatherings. These may include potlucks, restaurant visits, or catered food. If you are interested in being assigned to a group, please fill out the sign-up sheet in Boll Hall or scan the QR code to complete the digital form. The Fellowship Committee will contact all registrants with their group information in January 2026.



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





# 2026 Chancel Flowers

2026 is here! Now is a great time to sign up for a Sunday to provide chancel flowers!

Make dedications:

- In honor or memory of someone
- To commemorate a special occasion

Sign up by scanning the QR code, clicking on the link in the Friday email, or calling the church office



## WINTER CONCERT Sunday, January 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

CHANCEL CHOIR SINGS  
VIVALDI'S *GLORIA*

Free-will offering to benefit  
our Pipe Dreams Organ Fund



200 E. Main St.  
Downtown Northville

Street parking available  
Enter through Welcome Center doors on Hutton St.





## WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026 — JANUARY 18, 2026

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|             |          |   |
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| Sun. 1/11   |          | <b>First Sunday After Epiphany and Installation and Ordination of Officers</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, Children's Wing  |
|             | 1:15 pm  | POD Youth, Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church<br>(meet at FPCN @ 1:15 p.m. to carpool) |
| Mon. 1/12   | 7:00 pm  | Scout Troop 755, CLC  |
| Tue. 1/13   | 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. 1/14   | 8:00 am  | Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom   |
|             | 10:00 am | Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)  |
|             | 10:30 am | Naomi Circle, Gathering Room  |
|             | 10:30 am | Preschool Worship, Sanctuary  |
|             | 5:30 pm  | Mission Meeting, Library and via Zoom   |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  |
| Thurs. 1/15 | 10:30 am | Preschool Worship, Preschool  |
|             | 11:00 am | Prayer Group, Study   |
|             | 1:00 pm  | Finance Meeting, Music Center   |
|             | 6:15 pm  | Yoga, Children's Center   |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center   |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room  |
| Fri. 1/16   | 9:30 am  | Agape, Gathering Room   |
| Sat. 1/17   |          |   |
| Sun. 1/18   |          | <b>Second 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  |
|             | 4:00 pm  | Vivaldi Concert, Sanctuary  |