



March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
Baptism of Emma James Baert

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 *Amazing Grace* arr. G. Shearing

Announcements

Centering Prayer

Introit *What Wondrous Love is This?* #215
Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship (read responsively)

One: People of God, what do you need today?

All: We need God's help.

One: Then come, let us worship God, whose hands hold us up,
who nurtures our growth,

**All: who gives us strength and courage when we
are tested.**

One: We gather in the name of our triune God, our Help,
our Rock, and our Advocate.

All: Let us worship God with thankful hearts!

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* #307

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and mercy, we confess that our thoughts are
so often not your thoughts; our ways are rarely your ways.
Our tempers are short, and we fail to act with kindness. Our
confidence is weak, and we treat others without respect. Our
faith falters, and we lose track of you. Forgive the many
ways we fail you and inspire us to follow you more faithfully.**

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Please rise in body or spirit. 3

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation— Emma James Baert

**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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism

Laying on of Hands

Welcome

Sung Response

Jesus Loves Me! (verse 1)

#188

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Psalm 63:1–8

¹O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

²So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

⁵My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Second Scripture Reading— Luke 13:1–9

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?” ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Show Me Thy Ways
Chancel Choir

Walter Pelz

***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**

Prayers of the People and 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** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* **#435**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Take, O Take Me as I Am* **#698**

Postlude

Cloches

Jean Langlais

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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; Ron and Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; Maxine Lapham; Norma Peltz; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); The family of Sally Garman (Tim Doty's sister); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister & brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); The family of Billie Ratliff; Pat Schoch (friend of Kathy Gricius); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Sandy Craig Taylor (friend of Beth & Gary Heberlein); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); 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

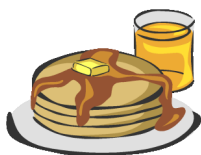
Tuesday Night Pickleball (last meeting)—This Tuesday, March 25, will be the last meeting of the season. We will meet from 5:30–7:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Join beginners for an introduction to pickleball. The cost is a suggested \$5 donation to benefit the church.

Caregivers Group: Tuesday, March 25—Being a caregiver often means taking time to care for yourself, too. Join with other caregivers for a time of sharing, listening, and leaning on one another. We will meet on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. For more information, contact Pastor Jackie.



Walking Group—As the weather warms up, consider joining the Walking Group every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Ford Field parking lot, next to Mill Race, for a lovely walk in beautiful downtown Northville. We walk until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome! Please contact Debbie Dunbar to let us know you're coming and to be added to our weekly email reminder list. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Popcorn Theology: Thursday, March 27—Join us this Thursday, March 27, for our next Popcorn Theology event. We will meet in the Gathering Room at 1:30 p.m. We will be watching *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin*. While the life and influence of Dietrich Bonhoeffer has been documented numerous times in books, movies, and documentaries, this 2024 film has proved controversial in Christian circles. Stay for the discussion afterwards to discuss why! This is a PG-13 film that runs just over two hours. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.



Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, April 13—Save the date for our annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13. Following worship, join us in the CLC for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee. All free will donations support youth mission work.

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.

EASTER

• Eggstravaganza •

Egg hunt, crafts, & games



FREE
FAMILY
EVENT



EGG HUNT



First
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Saturday, April 19th

10:00am to Noon

egg hunt every 20 minutes

200 E Main St. Northville, MI 48167

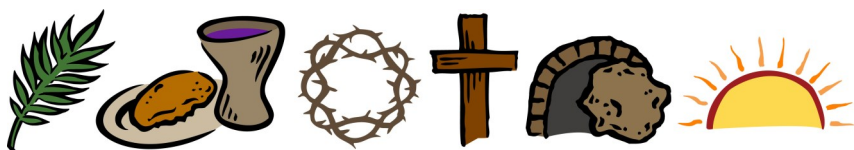
Enter from Hutton Street

Questions?

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Lent and Easter Events 2025



Weekly Worship:

Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & Facebook

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday with dinner and
communion: April 17 at 7:00 p.m., Boll Hall

Good Friday: April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Family Fun

Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, April 13,
11:15 a.m., Christian Life Center

Egg-stravaganza, Saturday, April 19,
10 a.m.-12 noon, Welcome Center

Easter Sunday, April 20

Sunrise Worship: 6:30 a.m.

Church courtyard on the corner of
Church & Cady Sts.; communion served

Traditional Worship with strings: 10:00 a.m.

Daily Devotionals:

Provided in the weekly Friday e-mail

*Watch our website and Facebook page
for additional events*

WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025 — MARCH 30, 2025

Sun. 3/23		Third Sunday of Lent & Baptism of Emma James Baert
	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
Mon. 3/24		
Tue. 3/25	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	5:30 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	7:00 pm	Caregiver Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 3/26	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. 3/27	1:30 pm	Popcorn Theology, 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. 3/28		
	10:00 am	Agape, Boll Hall
	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run
Sat. 3/29		
Sun. 3/30		Fourth Sunday of Lent
	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