

# I'D LOVE TO TELL THE STORY



SUMMERTIME STORYTELLING SERIES

**June's Theme - Welcome**

June 28, 2026  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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!***



# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### **First Scripture Reading—Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26**

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> O give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>3</sup> O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>4</sup> who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>5</sup> who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth on the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>7</sup> who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>8</sup> the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>23</sup> It is he who remembered us in our low estate,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>24</sup> and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- <sup>25</sup> who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- <sup>26</sup> O give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:40–42

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple — truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Introductory Music

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
(verse 1 and refrain)

**#462**

**1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else could do.**

**Refrain:  
I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.**

### Telling Our Stories

*Welcome*

1. Jackie Spycher
2. Jason Vannette
3. Tom Bowman

### Call for the Offering

#### Offertory

“The Innocence”  
(from *Considering Matthew Shepherd*)  
Tom Bowman, Tenor

C. Hella Johnson

#### \*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**                      *Fairest Lord Jesus*                      **#630**

#### **\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**      *O Christ, Surround Me* (verse 1)      **#543**

**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**                              *Sortie*                              Maurice Blazy

## **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

### Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor  
Stephen Flavin, Director of Congregational Care, Youth, & Children

### Storytellers

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher  
Jason Vannette  
Tom Bowman

### 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

### Liturgist

Deb Gammons

### Technology

Lexanna Sims, AV Tech Associate

### Preschool

Lisa Higley, Director  
Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

### Office Staff

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator  
Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk  
Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

### Sextons

Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton  
Zak Bugosh, Sexton

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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Marcia Booth; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Bev Hines; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; the family of Maxine Lapham; Karen Seaman; Alan & Judy Somershoe; The Strom and Gessert Families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** Steve Atallah (husband of Elaine Atallah); James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Carolyn Blaszczowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Ron Chandler (brother-in-law of Nancy Plumley); Rick De Hart (friend of Georgeann Stringer); the family of Carol Dickson; Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); the Family of Jackie Fisher (family of Tim Doty); Stan Gill & family (brother of Bev Hines); Susan Grant (friend of Coline Coleman); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb and Tim Gammons); Andy Gutman (friend of Kathy Gricius); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); the Family of Rosa Lee Herman; 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); Wes & Penny Norton (parents of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Kathy Schillaci (friend of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (stepdaughter of Bev Hines); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Amy Svendsen (niece of Barbara Gough); Lita Thomas (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Cathy Yount (daughter of Marilyn Atkinson).

### **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



**Fourth of July Office Closure and Parade**—The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. We invite everyone to march with us or cheer us on in Northville's Fourth of July Parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4. Please contact Pastor Jackie if you are interested in joining the fun.

**Grief Support Group**—The monthly Grief Support Group will not be meeting on July 3 since the church office will be closed. The July meeting will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 10.

**Plan on joining us Sunday, July 19**—Our deacons will be leading worship. At the conclusion of the worship service, we will hold a safety drill. Plan on returning to Boll Hall to come and meet your deacon and enjoy a fun-filled, delicious coffee hour. The Fellowship Committee will be hosting an ice cream social. Additionally, the Mission and Outreach Committee invites everyone to come and fill backpacks for local foster children beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

**Declan Carter Victory Run: August 29**—Join us for the second annual Declan Carter Victory Run in downtown Northville on Saturday, August 29. Choose between a 5k Run/Walk starting at 9 a.m. or the Mighty Mini Mile (1 mile course) beginning at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$40 race fee for the 5k and a \$25 race fee for the Mighty Mini Mile. Register by August 16 to avoid increased fees. Both races start and finish at Our Lady of Victory (133 Orchard Dr., Northville, MI 48167). All money raised goes toward the Declan Carter Foundation and its efforts to support youth athletics and academics in our community and the surrounding area. If you would like to participate, you may scan the QR code to join the FPCN team.



**Crossroads of Michigan: Children's Summer Lunch**—Throughout the summer, Crossroads of Michigan hosts a free Children's Summer Lunch program that is open to children under 18 years old and their caregivers. Each day, they rely on volunteers to help provide kid-friendly programming to build community and to make the day's hot lunch. This program runs Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., now through August 22. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a volunteer shift.



**Children's Sunday School Schedule**—Children's Sunday School is paused for the summer. During the summer months, your children will be able to either go back to the Toddler Room or remain in worship.

**Detroit Handbell Ensemble Concert Series**—The Detroit Handbell Ensemble is putting on concerts throughout July. They are playing at First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Sunday, July 12. The concert begins at 4 p.m. and takes place in our sanctuary. A light reception in Boll Hall will be held after the performance. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there.

# SEASONS OF LOVE



DETROIT  
HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

## SPRING CONCERTS

**May 3, 2026 at 4:00 PM**

Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church  
629 East Jefferson Ave. • Detroit, MI

**May 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Celebration Lutheran Church  
39375 Joy Rd • Westland, MI

**May 8, 2026 at 7:30 PM**

Clarkston United Methodist Church  
6600 Waldon Rd. • Clarkston, MI

**July 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM**

Zion Lutheran Church  
1501 W Liberty St • Ann Arbor, MI

**July 12, 2026 at 4:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church of Northville  
200 E Main St • Northville, MI

**July 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar  
Sharonville Convention Center  
11355 Chester Rd. • Cincinnati, OH

#RingDetroit  
in Concert

# PCUSA General Assembly

June 22–July 2, 2026



## Purpose

Held every two years, the General Assembly shapes the theology, governance and mission priorities of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The General Assembly’s actions shape the church’s shared theology, mission priorities, governance and public witness, touching every congregation, pastor and member. Understanding these decisions helps the church engage faithfully in its shared discernment.

## Schedule of events

- June 22-24: Online committees
- June 25-26: Prep. for plenary  
Travel to Milwaukee
- June 27: Community Day
- June 28: Local worship  
Plenary begins
- June 29-Jul 1: Worship services  
Plenaries  
Optional events
- July 2: Closing plenary  
Moderators election  
Closing worship

## Discussion Topics

- Organizational restructuring of national agencies
- Changes to global mission
- Financial policy and fossil fuel divestment
- LGBTQIA+ inclusion
- Gender-affirming healthcare
- Christian nationalism and public witness
- Israel/Palestine
- The future of denominational life and governance

## Get involved

- Attend in-person or via livestream on GA227 homepage
- Pray for attendees, leaders, and decisions being made
- Make your 2026 Per Capita contribution if you haven’t already (\$45/year)
  - The General Assembly is primarily supported by these funds



## WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2026 — JULY 5, 2026

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Sun. 6/28		<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
Mon. 6/29		
Tue. 6/30	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 7/1	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	1:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting, Music Center
	6:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting, Gathering Room
Thurs. 7/2	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 7/3		<b>Church office closed</b>
Sat. 7/4		<b>Independence Day</b>
	10:00 am	Fourth of July Parade, Downtown Northville
Sun. 7/5		<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion Sunday</b>
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall