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Mark 4:26-27, NRSV

**JUNE 16, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 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 the 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**      *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor*      J.S. Bach

### Announcements

**Introit**      *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*      **#396**  
Chancel Choir

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

One: It is good to give God thanks,  
to sing praises to the Most High!

**All: We will sing for joy to God who has made us glad.**

One: Let us declare God's steadfast love in the morning,

**All: and God's faithfulness by night.**

One: So come to worship God with thankful, joyful hearts!

**All: Let us praise God's holy name together.**

### \*Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn**      *God, the Sculptor of the Mountains*      **#5**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Living and loving God, as we watch our gardens and our children grow, we confess we often resist the change growth can bring. We form opinions and cling to them. We fear new insights and new directions. Forgive us when we think already know enough. Grant us faith like the mustard seed, able to grow with your blessing to become a mighty sign of your lively kingdom among us.

*(Silent Confession)*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

#### Prayer for Illumination

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading—2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### Second Scripture Reading—Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup>He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**One:** *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Meditation**

**Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Rain Down*  
Chancel Choir

Jaime Cortez

**\*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**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**#36**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

**#737**

**Postlude**

*Recessional*

William Mathias



## ***To the Glory of God***

*The flowers in the chancel are given by the Byun family. In symbol of the love and respect for all fathers and husbands who demonstrate dedication and care for their families, as well as our Father God.*

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### **Worship Leaders and Staff:**

#### **Program Ministry**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

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

#### **Liturgist**

Deb Sopo

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#### **Sextons**

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton

Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton

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# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Jim Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Virginia Heckler; Ron and Lois Housman; Beth Jones; Cindy Larson; Donald Morgan; Charles Peltz; Jeanne Planet; Jackie Spycher and her family; June Tervo; Ann and Dick Werther; Jan Wilhelm; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Heather Belkadi, (daughter of Tammy Fulton); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); The family of Sally Garman (Tim Doty's sister); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Grandson of friend of Janet Heath-Morgan; Lori Henson (friend of Pastor Jackie); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Arden Lee (friend of Abbe MacDonald); Roger Lakin (brother of Jennie Macy); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Sheila York Marold & family; Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine; relatives of Marcia Booth); Melanie Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Pat Schoch (friend of Kathy Gricius); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Sarah Walter (niece of Tim Doty); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

## **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 re-printed periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name. Thank you.***

# The Bulletin Board



Our church will be in the Northville Fourth of July parade! The theme is "Party in the USA". If you would like to march with us and join the fun, please contact Pastor Jackie with the number of people in your party, and your contact information. Details about the time and place to gather will be confirmed closer to the 4th. Make sure to wear red, white and/or blue!



**Apex Youth Group**

First Presbyterian Church of Northville



## SUMMER SCHEDULE



**2024**

Sun June 30 4pm	<b>COOK OUT @ THE BLANCH'S</b> ▷ 22364 Carlisle Ct., Novi
Sun July 21 4pm	<b>POOL PARTY @ THE CLARKSON'S</b> ▷ 42580 Bradner, Northville
July 28 to Aug 3	<b>DETROIT 2024 YOUTH MISSION TRIP</b> ▷ Motown Mission, Detroit
Thu Aug 29 7am	<b>CEDAR POINT</b> ▷ Sandusky, OH

For more information:



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# Day of Service 2024



**WE NEED YOU**

**JUNE 24TH-28TH**



***Bring Supplies.***

We need your help creating the best campground possible. We're asking everyone to get your **Christmas trees** from the attic, garage, or basement. Bring them in and set them up between now and VBS.

If you have **tents, kayaks, firepits, camping equipment**, or anything you will help create that environment we'd love it.

***Be a Crew Leader.***

A wonderfully rewarding role that pairs you with a crew of 6-8 kids each day. Lead them around to each station helping them with crafts, science, and games. Dance with them, sing with them, eat with them, and laugh with them.

You can be the reason, years from now, they tell someone how much they loved VBS as a child.

Use the QR code to sign up, click the link below, sign up in Boll Hall, or reach out directly to Stephen.

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**Enroll for Fall 2024!**

**Parent/Child 2s Class**

**Threes, Fours,  
& Young Fives**

Unlock your child's potential at Northville Presbyterian Preschool. Our attractive curriculum awakes your child's curiosity and fosters creativity with small class sizes and educated teachers. Sign up now to start an exciting learning journey in the fall!

**More Information**

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## WEEK OF JUNE 16— JUNE 23, 2024

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Sun. 6/16

**Happy Father's Day**  
8:45 am Kerygma, Middle School Room  
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live  
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing  
11:15 am VBS Orientation, Education Wing

Mon. 6/17

Tue. 6/18  
7:30 pm Session, Library & via Zoom  
8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC  
8:00 pm AL-ANON Meeting, Boll Hall

Wed. 6/19

**Juneteenth**  
8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom  
10:00 am Living & Learning Team Visit  
6:00 pm VBS Orientation, Welcome Center  
7:00 pm Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room

Thurs. 6/20

Fri. 6/21

Sat. 6/22

Sun. 6/23

8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room  
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live  
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Education Wing  
11:15 am VBS Orientation, Education Wing

