



September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Baptism of August Walter Heise
Baptismal Reaffirmation of Ron Housman

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, or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you.

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

Prelude in C, WTC I

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Introit

The Church's One Foundation
Te Deum Handbell Choir

arr. L. Larson

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

One: Give thanks to God who is good.

All: We will call on God's name and make known God's wonderful works.

One: Seek the Lord continually.

All: We will watch and listen for signs of God's grace.

One: Together let us worship God.

All: We will rejoice in God's presence and praise God's holy name.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn**

For the Fruit of All Creation

#36

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you are the giver of all good gifts, yet our generosity is often limited. **We complain about our circumstances. We compare ourselves to others and see what they have that we do not. We share some of what we have, but we worry about running short. Forgive us our jealousy and greed and give us generous hearts that trust in you day by day.**

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

The Sacrament of Baptism

Hymnal page #17

Presentation

August Walter Heise,
son of Erich and Kelly Heise

Sung Response

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing **#475**

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Romans 105:1–6, 37–45

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
- ⁵ Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- ³⁷ Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.
- ³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.
- ³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
- ⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
- ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

⁴² For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.
⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
⁴⁴ He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,
⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.
Praise the LORD!

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 20:1–16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Reaffirmation of Baptism

Ron Housman

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Near to the Heart of God
Te Deum Handbell Choir

arr. L. Larson

*Doxology

#607

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 *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* #488

*Benediction

*Sung Response

Jesus Loves Me!

#188

Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Postlude

The Unclouded Day

J.K. Alwood, arr. Raney

* Please rise in body or spirit.

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
Sharon York in loving thanksgiving for
Jerry Custer on the celebration of
his birthday.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

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Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor
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IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; the family of Barb Bakewell; Judy & Ron Blackburn; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Rev. Jamie Faile; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; the family of Shirley Henry; Neil Hollister; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; the family of Maxine Lapham; Dale Robison; Karen Seaman; Sandi Smith; The Strom and Gessert Families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: Melissa Altomare (sister of Debby DeLaby); Steve Atallah (husband of Elaine Atallah); James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Carolyn Blaszowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Rick De Hart (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Sarah Gilbert (friend of Pastor Jackie); 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); Lynne & Mark Ivankovics (sister-in-law & brother-in-law of Tim Doty); 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); Marie Wilkie (sister-in-law of Coline Coleman); 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

The Call of an Annual Meeting: Sunday, September 27, 2026

As is required by the Book of Order and our congregational bylaws, the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Northville calls for an Annual Meeting of the Congregation to be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 27 in Boll Hall; the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will immediately follow. The Annual Meeting will consider such business as electing officers, hearing reports of the Session, and approving our senior pastor's terms of call. All active members in the church are invited to attend and vote; friends of the church are welcome to attend and observe.

New Member Class—A new member class is scheduled for Sunday, October 4 at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Membership in the church allows you to vote at congregational meetings and hold leadership roles in the church, but more, it solidifies a commitment to our church family. 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; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, October 11.

Adult Education Book Study—If you are interested in joining our October–May book study on *Appreciate These Things*, books are \$10 and will be available for purchase at the Welcome Center desk today and next Sunday, September 27.

CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday, October 11—Please consider supporting our First Presbyterian Northville team and other local churches to help end hunger and poverty. The event begins at 1 p.m. and will take place at Bicentennial (Ben Celani) Park on 7 Mile Rd. in Livonia. The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to provide meals for those who need them in our local communities, and supports programs that create greater food security worldwide. Participants generate pledges from friends and family. FPC Northville has a team in the Livonia/Garden City Walk, and we need at least five people to register to receive a match donation from CWS (Church World Services). If you sign up, you don't need to walk. You may just collect donations, if you prefer! Come help kick-off the event at 1:00 p.m. by helping pack emergency cleanup buckets for flood relief victims. The park path is a paved, half-mile partially wooded loop. Sign up and join team First Presbyterian Northville by scanning the QR code. Donations can be made at that webpage or checks can be written to CWS/CROP. Questions? Contact Carol Maise.



Rise Against Hunger—The Mission & Outreach committee invites you and your family to participate in packing meals for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, October 17, from 12–4 p.m. at Faith Community Presbyterian Church (44400 W 10 Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48375). Please sign up by scanning the QR code. If you need help signing up, please reach out to someone on the Mission & Outreach Committee or call the church office. For more info about the Rise Against Hunger Program, please visit <https://riseagainsthunger.org/>. 50 volunteers are needed. Refreshments will be provided.



Simple Lunch—All are invited to join us for a Simple Lunch on Sunday, October 25 at 11:30 a.m. in Boll Hall. Carrie Moon-Dupree, president of the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, will present “Resisting Disinformation: How Not to Misinform”. This presentation will go over what disinformation and misinformation are, why people spread disinformation, how disinformation works, why disinformation sticks, and when and how to respond. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization dedicated to educating voters and defending democracy.

Streets of Treats—Northville will host this annual Halloween event on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The downtown will be flooded with children and families lined up for candy. We'll pass out treats at the corner of Hutton and Main Sts., and keep our building open for bathrooms and a rest area. If you would like to help, please contact Pastor Jackie. We could use folks to hand out treats or be a smiling face inside the church. Costumes are welcome, but not required.

Boo Bash Information/Candy and Volunteers Needed—Save the date! Our Boo Bash is quickly approaching. On Sunday, October 18 at 2 p.m., we will welcome the community into our building to enjoy a Halloween event. There will be treats, activities, and a petting zoo. To make this possible, we are looking for volunteers as well as monetary and candy donations. If you would like to help with either or both of these needs, please let Stephen know: stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.

Community Brainstorming Session—Mark your calendars! Join us at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, November 1 for a community brainstorming session. We will discuss ways in which we can welcome and serve our new neighbors who are moving into the Northville Downs development. Everyone is invited. Childcare is available, and a lunch will be provided.

Join us in the CLC at 2 p.m. today for our
the first Presbytery of Detroit Youth event
of the school year!



NERF CHALLENGE

SEP 20
2PM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**
200 E MAIN ST, NORTHVILLE
ENTER FROM HUTTON ST.

**BRING YOUR OWN
DART BLASTER**

TEAM WORK

STRATEGY

GET READY

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 — SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Sun. 9/20 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost,
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8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
11:00 am Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
11:15 am Children & Youth Committee, Youth Room
2:00 pm POD Youth Event, CLC

Mon. 9/21

Tue. 9/22 12:00 pm Rotary, Boll Hall
8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall

Wed. 9/23 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. 9/24 11:00 am Prayer Group, Study
7:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
7:00 pm Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
7:00 pm Yoga, CLC

Fri. 9/25 9:30 am Agape, Gathering Room

Sat. 9/26

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8:45 am Kerygma, Gathering Room
10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
10:15 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Wing
11:00 am Annual Meeting, Boll Hall
2:00 pm APEX Youth Group, Youth Room