

Matthew 10:29-31



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June 21, 2026
Fourth 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!

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Romans 6:1b–11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 10:24–39

²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be

members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Rain Down
Sharon York, Alto

Jaime Cortez

***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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#39

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

O Christ, Surround Me

#543

Postlude

Fugue in E Minor (The Nightwatchman) BWV 533
Johann Sebastian Bach

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; 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 & 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); 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

Summer Storytellers Needed!—Do you have a story to tell? This summer, on the final Sunday of June, July, and August, we'll invite three storytellers from the congregation to share during the sermon portion of worship. If you feel called to be one of our summer storytellers, please reach out to Pastor Jackie.

Pastor Jackie's Schedule—Pastor Jackie will be in Pittsburgh the week of June 22 for her doctoral program classwork. If you have immediate pastoral needs, please call the church office. Pastor Jackie returns July 28.

Celebration of Life—This is a reminder that a memorial service celebrating Bob Geake's life and legacy will be held on Tuesday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. The Rev. Jim Russell will officiate. A luncheon will follow in Boll Hall. All are warmly welcome to come and share in a time of worship, remembrance, and fellowship.

Blood Drive: Friday, June 26—We are hosting a blood drive in the Christian Life Center (gym) on Friday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please consider making a donation to help save lives. Appointments are needed. To schedule an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: fpcnorthville), scan the QR code, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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. Please see the flyer in the email or on a bulletin board for other performance dates.

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.



Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Presbyterian Villages of Michigan: Village Victory Cup—The Village Victory Cup is a fun-filled day of stealth wellness, socializing, and friendly competition among residents of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan senior living communities. The event takes place on Friday, June 26 at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace (46100 Grand River Avenue, Novi, MI 48374). This event is made possible by volunteers. Please scan the QR code to see the available volunteer opportunities.



Cereal and Toiletry Collection—As part of VBS, we are collecting cereal for the Presbytery of Detroit's Cereal for Summer program and toiletries for Crossroads of Michigan. The congregation is invited to join in! Please bring any donations to the table in Boll Hall from now until June 28.

Northville Fourth of July Parade—Join us as we walk in Northville's Fourth of July Parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 4. Lineup details will be provided at a later date. Please contact Pastor Jackie if you are interested in joining the fun.

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.



Ronald McDonald House—Looking for volunteer opportunities over the summer? Scan the QR codes to see what you can do at both the Ann Arbor and Detroit Ronald McDonald Houses. The Detroit house has a SignUpGenius to "make a meal" to support families who have spent a long day in hospital.



Ann Arbor



Detroit



Vacation Bible School 2026

A heartfelt thank you to all of our Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS volunteers, decorators, donors, and prayer partners. Your generosity, creativity, and servant hearts helped make this an unforgettable week of faith and fun for so many of our community's children!

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 21, 2026 — JUNE 28, 2026

Sun. 6/21		Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall
Mon. 6/22		
Tue. 6/23	11:00 am	Celebration of Life for Bob Geake, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 6/24	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
Thurs. 6/25	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 6/26	10:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive, CLC
	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run Senior Living
Sat. 6/27		
Sun. 6/28		Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:45 am	Kerygma, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Worship, Sanctuary and Facebook Live
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour, Boll Hall