



**March 15, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**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**            *Air from the Orchestral Suite No. 3*            J.S. Bach

## Announcements

**Introit**            *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*            arr. D. Wagner  
Te Deum Handbell Choir

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

One: The Lord is our Shepherd.

**All: God leads us by still waters.**

One: Christ restores our souls.

**All: The Spirit leads us in right paths.**

One: Let us worship God who is always with us.

**All: We will praise our God, trusting in God's goodness and mercy!**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**            *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*            #39

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts, and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, pain, or distress. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, and to build up. May we love you and our neighbor, and follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

## Prayer for Illumination

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— Ephesians 5:8–14

<sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

### Second Scripture Reading— John 9:1–41

<sup>1</sup>As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## Call for the Offering

### Offertory

*Near to the Heart of God*  
Te Deum Handbell Choir

arr. L. Larson

### \*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 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* #314

### \*Benediction

### \*Sung Response

*Steal Away* (verse 1)

#358

#### Refrain:

Steal away, steal away,  
steal away to Jesus!  
Steal away, steal away home;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

1 My Lord, he calls me;  
he calls me by the thunder.  
The trumpet sounds within my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

### Postlude

*Minuet* from the *Gothic Suite*

J.S. Bach

## **To The Glory of God...**

*The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Karen Seaman with the message "Happy  
St. Patrick's Day, Patrick McKinney!"*



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

#### Program Ministry

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

#### Music Ministry

Tom Bowman, Children's Choir Director  
Dr. Jerry Custer, Chancel Choir Director  
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director  
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Nicole Andreolli, Sunday Sexton  
Zak Bugosh, Sexton



IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Lucia Danes; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Carol Geake and the family of Bob Geake; Neyssa Gill; Ron & Lois Housman; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Karen Seaman; the Strom and Gessert families; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Linda Todd; The Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

**Friends and Family:** James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Jerry & Emily Beaca (friends of Kathy Gricius); Carolyn Blaszcowski (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); 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); Dick Grignon (relative of Deb & Tim Gammons); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Scott Hines (step grandson of Bev Hines); 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); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); Carol Sarver (friend of Bev Hines); Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Mary Spranger (step daughter of Bev Hines); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); 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.

# EASTER

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painting

Egg  
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Crafts  
& games

FREE  
FAMILY  
EVENT

EGG HUNT

First  
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Saturday, March 21

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

egg hunt every 20 minutes

200 E Main St. Northville, MI 48167

Enter from Hutton Street

Questions?

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If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Stephen Flavin: [stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org)



# The Bulletin Board

**Adult Ed**—Join others from the Presbytery of Detroit for a five-week Lenten study. Carol Hylkema from Geneva in Canton, and Mary Mobley from Grosse Pointe Memorial Church are leading a study of the Kairos Palestine II document. The five-week study will start on Wednesday evening, March 18, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Those interested in social justice or learning about Palestinian Christian liberation theology may find this interesting. Contact Carol Hylkema to sign up or for more information: [carol.hylkema@gmail.com](mailto:carol.hylkema@gmail.com).

**Oakway Children's Choir Concert**—All are warmly invited to the Oakway Children's Choir Concert on Sunday, March 22. Please join us for an evening filled with wonderful music. The concert begins at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary, and our talented young singers hope to see everyone there!

**Oakway Children's Choir Spring Session**—Our Oakway Children's Choir welcomes children ages 5–14, and rehearsals for the Spring Session begin on Tuesday, April 7. Rehearsals run from 6–7 p.m. on Tuesday evenings in our sanctuary. To learn more or register, please visit [www.oakwaychoir.org](http://www.oakwaychoir.org), or reach out to our Oakway Children's Choir Director, Tom Bowman, at [tombowman@fpcnorthville.org](mailto:tombowman@fpcnorthville.org).

**Book Drive**—Help support community literacy by donating new or gently used children's book (grades K–12) throughout March. Collection boxes are in Boll Hall. The collected books will benefit Whitmore Lake Elementary (K–5) and Birdie's Bookmobile (an organization that distributes books to K–12 Metro Detroit students).

**Confirmation Class**—A monthly confirmation class will run from March until May. The meeting dates are March 22, April 26, and May 17. Please contact Pastor Jackie if you are interested in attending.

**Carrie Newcomer Concert Tickets** —FPC Northville will be hosting a concert with singer/songwriter Carrie Newcomer on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Ticket sales and donations benefit the Pipe Dreams Organ Fund. To purchase tickets, visit [fpcnorthville.org](http://fpcnorthville.org) and click the ticket button in the header or scan the QR code. Please contact the church office if you are unable to purchase tickets electronically.



**Carrie Newcomer Workshop**—Come for a three-hour workshop with Carrie Newcomer, songwriter, educator, writer, and podcaster on Saturday, April 18 from 1–4 p.m. in Boll Hall. It's a two-part workshop: Telling Our Story with Song and What We Need Is Here—Conversations About Hope, Resilience & Community. Cost is \$10; all money collected will benefit the Pipe Dreams Organ Fund. Limited to 40 people; register early, as we'll open up remaining spots to the public on April 1. Use this link to register: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/carrie-newcomer-workshop> or scan the QR code. Contact Pastor Jackie with questions.



**Maundy Thursday Worship**—Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus' final night with his disciples. They gathered around the table, celebrated the Passover holiday, and received Christ's gifts of foot washing and communion. To honor that night, we will worship around the dinner table, enjoying conversation among friends and sharing in communion. All are welcome. We will worship and dine in Boll Hall on Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor Jackie or the church office if you have any dietary restrictions.



*Maundy Thursday*

# COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3  
7:00 P.M.**

All are welcome to join area congregants for a Good Friday service

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## WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026 — MARCH 22, 2026

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Sun. 3/15	8:45 am	<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 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
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 3/16	10:00 am	Visitation for Cal Strom, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Funeral for Cal Strom, Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Luncheon, Boll Hall
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 3/17	1:00 pm	Security Task Force, Youth Room
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Session, Library & via Zoom
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	AI-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 3/18	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	5:30 pm	Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 3/19	10:30 am	Children's Worship, Preschool
	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
Fri. 3/20	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
	10:00 am	Design Task Force, Study
Sat. 3/21	10:00 am	Eggstravaganza, Welcome Center
Sun. 3/22		<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
	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
	11:30 am	Confirmation Class, Library
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
4:00 pm	Children's Choir Concert, Sanctuary	