



PALM SUNDAY

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

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 *Aria from Cantata No. 95* Johann Sebastian Bach
(hymn tune: *Winchester New*)

Announcements

***Processional Hymn** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* **#196**
Chancel Choir

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

One: People of God, what do you need today?

All: To be part of God's plan.

One: Then come, let us worship God,

All: who calls the faithful to holy work and who works in every offering.

One: We worship in the name of our triune God,

All: our generous host, our leader, our teacher and friend.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* **#197**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd than follow Christ; we prefer to avoid conflict rather than stand up for your mercy and understanding. We allow strident voices in our times to drown out your wisdom and truth. Forgive us, O God. Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus, even when the cost to follow is high, for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading—Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 21:1–11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Go to Dark Gethsemane
Chancel Choir

Gordon Young

***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** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* **#265**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Jesus, Remember Me* **#227**

Postlude Toccata on *Lift High the Cross* Gordon Young

Worship Leaders and Staff:

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Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor

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

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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; Bev Hines; Ron & Lois Housman; Barb Johnson; Glenn & Nancy Kaatz; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; 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: James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); 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); 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

Join us for Easter! All are invited to join us next Sunday for our two Easter services. We will have a sunrise service at 6:45 a.m. in our church courtyard (on the corner of Cady and Church Streets). We will also have a traditional worship service at 10 a.m. in our sanctuary. This service will include strings and special choral music. Join us for one or both services. Communion will be served at both services.

Youth Group Schedule—Youth Group is canceled on March 29, April 5, and April 12. We look forward to seeing everyone back on April 19.

Miscellaneous Preschool Donations—Our preschool is collecting the following items: plastic vases (not glass), greeting cards or stationery, manilla envelopes (can be gently used), birthday gift bags (can be gently used), and small pads of paper. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please bring them to the office (T–F from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or to the box in Boll Hall on Sundays. Thank you for your support!

New Member Class: Sunday, April 19—A new member class will be held on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Gathering Room. 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 after worship; it usually lasts 45–60 minutes.

Holy Lands Dinner and Presentation—Mark your calendars! Join us in Boll Hall on Friday, May 1 for an evening featuring the presentation, “The Holy Land: In the Footsteps of Jesus.” The Rev. Janice Locke will take listeners on a wonderful journey, showcasing pictures of Holy Land sites paired with insightful explanations of their rich biblical context. The evening begins with dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the program at 7 p.m. RSVP by scanning the QR code.



Day of Service—Save the date! Please plan to join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 17 for our next church-wide Day of Service. We will start with breakfast and a brief worship together, then continue our worship through our acts. More details to come. If you are interested in leading an activity or have ideas for activities, please email missionfpnv@gmail.com or talk to anyone from the Mission and Outreach Committee.

Vacation Bible School Volunteers—We are still looking for volunteers to make our Vacation Bible School possible. If you are interested in helping, please contact Stephen Flavin: stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org.

MAUNDY THURSDAY Dinner

Thursday, April 2
7 p.m. in Boll Hall

To honor Jesus' final night with his disciples, we will worship around the dinner table, enjoying conversation among friends and sharing in communion. All are welcome.



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
7:00 P.M.

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

First United
Methodist Church
777 W. Eight Mile
Northville, MI 48167
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A collaboration with



Adult Education—Come for a 3-hour workshop with Carrie Newcomer, songwriter, educator, writer, and podcaster on Saturday, April 18 from 12:00–3:00 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. Register online. Contact Pastor Jackie with questions.



The Boston Globe described her as a "prairie mystic."
Rolling Stone Magazine said she "asks all the right questions."

Carrie Newcomer

songwriter, recording artist, performer, educator, activist

Saturday, April 18, 2026

7:00 p.m. | Tickets \$10

First Presbyterian
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200 E. Main St.
Downtown Northville

Use the QR code to purchase tickets online

Public and street parking available

Enter through the Welcome Center entrance
on Hutton St.

Sanctuary doors open at 6:15 p.m.

All seating is general admission in pews

Sales benefit Pipe Dreams Organ Fund



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WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026 — APRIL 5, 2026

Sun. 3/29

**Palm Sunday and
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**
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

Mon. 3/30

Tue. 3/31

1:00 pm Security Task Force, Youth Room
7:00 pm Caregivers Group, Youth Room
8:00 pm AA Meeting, CLC
8:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall

Wed. 4/1

8:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
10:00 am Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
1:00 pm Property Meeting, Music Center
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thurs. 4/2

Maundy Thursday
11:00 am Prayer Group, Study
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship, Boll Hall

Fri. 4/3

Good Friday
9:30 am Agape, Gathering Room
10:00 am Grief Support Group, Youth Room
7:00 pm Community Good Friday Service,
First United Methodist Church of Northville

Sat. 4/4

Sun. 4/5

Easter Sunday and Communion Sunday
6:45 am Sunrise Service, Church Courtyard
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