

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22: 39b



October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation 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, 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.

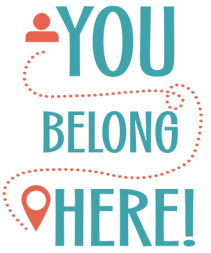
We value and are centered in scripture.

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 *Andante from the Concerto in F Major* F. Handel

Announcements

Moment for Mission Community Brainstorming Bill Poulos

Introit *Sanctuary* **#701**
Chancel Choir

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

One: The Lord has been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God; and so we come to worship.

One: God satisfies us every morning with steadfast love;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad all our days.

One: Tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name.

All: We will offer God the work of our hands and praise from the depths of our hearts.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **#275**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you know our hearts, the times we truly loved one another and the times we merely tolerated each other. You know our minds, the times we focused on you and the times we pursued our own purposes. You know our bodies, the times we have served you and the times we have served only ourselves. Forgive us those times we went our own way, and renew our commitment to live lives marked by your grace.
(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

[1]You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you
was not in vain, [2]but though we had already suffered and been
shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in
our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great
opposition. [3]For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure
motives or trickery, [4]but just as we have been approved by God to
be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak,
not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. [5]As
you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of
flattery or with a pretext for greed; [6]nor did we seek praise from
mortals, whether from you or from others, [7]though we might have
made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among
you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. [8]So deeply
do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not
only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have
become very dear to us.

Second Scripture Reading—Matthew 22:34-46

[34]When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, [35]and one of them, a lawyer,
asked him a question to test him. [36]"Teacher, which commandment
in the law is the greatest?" [37]He said to him, "You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with
all your mind.' [38]This is the greatest and first commandment. [39]and
a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' [40]On
these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
[41]Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked
them this question: [42]"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose
son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." [43]He said to
them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord,
saying, [44] 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I
put your enemies under your feet"'? [45]If David thus calls him Lord,
how can he be his son?" [46]No one was able to give him an answer,
nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Custer
Chancel Choir

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**

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** *Take My Life* **#697**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *O Christ, Surround Me* **#543**

Postlude *Alla Marcia* Maurice Blazy

***** Please rise in body or spirit.

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To The Glory of God…

The flowers in the chancel are in given by Debby and Dan DeLaby in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary



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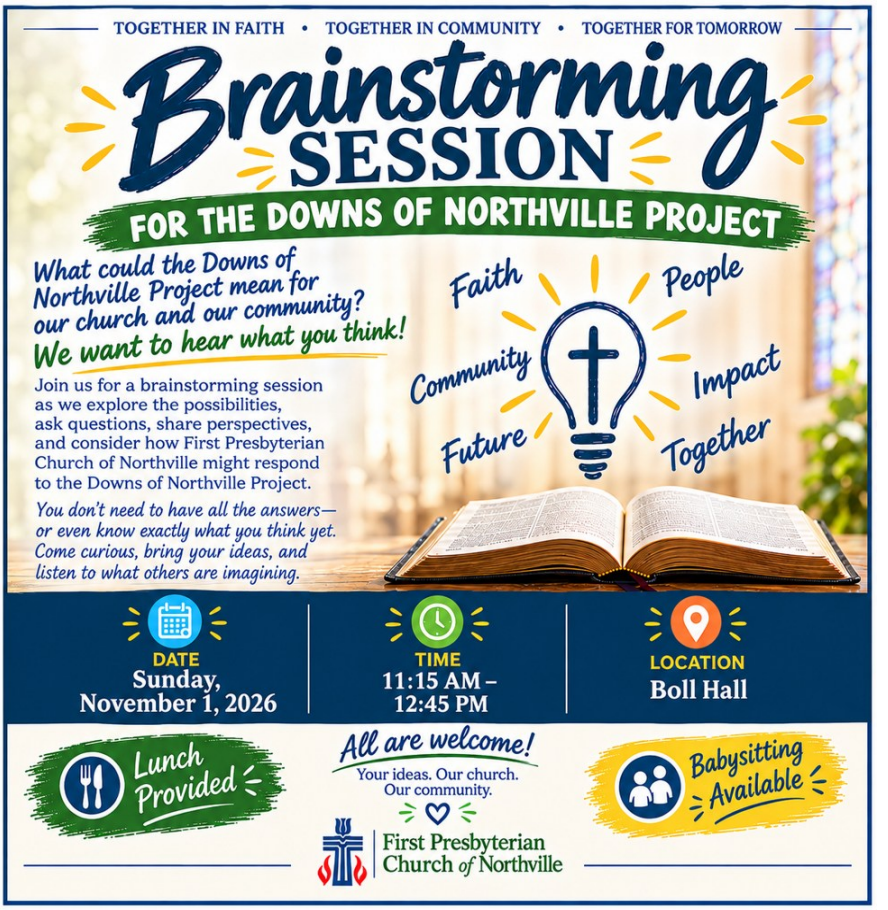
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The Bulletin Board



All Saints Sunday Remembrances. On the first Sunday of November, we remember those who have died during the past year. As in years past, we will read aloud the names of church members who have passed away. This year, we invite you to include your immediate family members as well. If you have lost a parent, spouse, or child and would like their name read during worship, please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 27

Pickleball & Ping Pong for Beginners: Come Learn and Play! Tuesdays, October 6 – November 17, 4–6 pm (no session 11/3, Election Day). This six-week session introduces the sport to players of all ages. Youth and parents are encouraged to join together. Come every week if you can, but it's not required. Paddles and balls are provided. Please bring gym shoes, a signed liability waiver, and a $5 weekly donation. Questions? Contact Coach "Tee" Heaton.



Red Cross Blood Drive—Color your fall with kindness. Give blood November 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: fpcnorthville) Or use the QR code.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's Boo Bash such a success! Our wonderful volunteers welcomed 120-150 children and their families, roughly double last year's turnout, and helped make the afternoon fun and welcoming for everyone who came through our doors. We did run out of pumpkins, but thankfully we didn't run out of candy! Thank you to all who gave their time, energy, and creativity to make the day so special. It was a wonderful reminder of what we can do together and the warm welcome our church offers to our community.

Sweet Memories

BOO BASH













MARK YOUR Calendar

Sunday, November 1	All Saints' Sunday Community Brainstorming Extended Communion
Sunday, November 8	Celebration Coffee Hour
Sunday, November 15	Consecration Sunday
Friday, November 20	Red Cross Blood Drive Caroling on the Porch Lighted Parade
Sunday, November 22	Community Thanksgiving Worship at FUMC
Tuesday, November 24	Hanging of the Greens
Thursday, November 26	Westminster Thanksgiving Community Thanksgiving Dinner at FUMC
Sunday, November 29	Advent Begins

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026 — NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sun. 10/25		**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost and Reformation Sunday**
	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
	11:30 am	Simple Lunch, Boll Hall
	2:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room
Mon. 10/26	6:00 pm	Adventure Crew Troop 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 10/27	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	4:00 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	7:00 pm	Caregivers Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 10/28	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. 10/29	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Yoga, CLC
Fri. 10/30	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
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Sat. 10/31		
Sun. 11/1		**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Communion Sunday and All Saints Day**
	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
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