



November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

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, *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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* P. Bouman

Announcements

Invocation

Advent Candle Lighting Leslie Bazini & Karen Cornely

Sung Response *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* **#88**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

One: Draw us together as we wait for the coming of your son.

All: **We come to worship, seeking the light of Christ**
once again.

One: The light shines in the darkness,

All: **and the darkness did not overtake it.**

One: Shine into our lives and into your world this Advent.

All: **Let us worship together!**

*Opening Prayer

***Hymn** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* **#104**

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope, we confess that we often prefer to accept half-truths and pleasing ideas, rather than your challenging word. We praise our own cleverness rather than your wisdom. We have exploited others for our benefit and used the earth without a thought for its well-being. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct who we shall be through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Second Scripture Reading— John 6:25-35

²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them,

"Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* J. Brahms
Chancel Choir

***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** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* **#97**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* **#541**

Postlude *Savior of the Nations, Come* Paul Manz

* Please rise in body or spirit.

To The Glory of God...
*The flowers in the chancel are given in
honor of Carol Strom's 90th birthday
(in October) with love from the
Gessert family.*



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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IN OUR

Thoughts and Prayers



Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Tim Doty & the family of Louise Fisher; Charlene Frellick; Sarah French & family; Bob Geake; Ron & Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Mary Kirn; Maxine Lapham; Dianne McCulloch; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; the Ward Family; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: James Atkinson Jr. (son of Marilyn Atkinson); Jerry & Emily Beaca (friends of Kathy Gricius); Ken Berkoben (friend of Bev Hines); Carolyn Blaszcowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Annette Duchamp (mother of Vivienne Ward); Elisabeth Fannin (granddaughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Jackie Fisher (mother-in-law of Tim Doty); The family of Bob Frellick; Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); The family of Ginnie Heckler; The Henderson Family (relatives of Tammy Fulton); Sher and Bill Hunt (friends of Deb and Tim Gammons); 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); Penny & Wes Norton (mother and step father of Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); Barbara Prehn (friend of Bev Hines) Marshall Riggs (nephew of Sean & Stephanie Smith); The family of Tom Sechler; Tony and Kathy Schillaci (friends of Kathy Gricius); Alicia Sims (mother of Lexanna Sims); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney); Cathy Yount (daughter of Marilyn Atkinson); Lynn Zelek (daughter of Charlene Frellick).

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

One big “Thank You”—As the calendar turns to December, we wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your incredible spirit and tireless efforts over the past couple of weeks. Your hard work has truly ushered in the holiday season. Thank you to everyone who: put together the beautiful outdoor Christmas pots, decorated our spaces, contributed time and generous donations to make the Westminster Thanksgiving Dinner possible for those in need, served pie and provided friendly faces welcoming everyone at our Community Thanksgiving Worship service, marched and cheered for us with enthusiasm in the recent parade, and shared the joy of the season while caroling on the porch.

A Very Merry Storytime— All are invited to join us for a festive afternoon of fun for kids of all ages. This free, indoor event will include stories with Santa, Christmas carols, cookies, and cocoa. We hope to see everyone there on Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m.

Looking Ahead—The church will be closed on December 25 and 26 in observation of Christmas. As a result, any announcements to go in the bulletins for December 21, Christmas Eve, and December 28 as well as those to go in the Friday newsletters on December 19 and 26 must be turned in by Wednesday, December 17.

Oakway Children’s Choir Christmas Concert—All are warmly invited to the Oakway Children’s Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 21. Please join us for an evening filled with joyful music and the spirit of the season. The concert begins at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary. Our talented young singers are hope to see everyone there!

Youth and College Student Progressive Dinner—Save the date! Youth and college students are invited to the APEX Christmas Progressive Dinner on Sunday, December 22. Beginning at 5 p.m., join us as we visit gracious hosts throughout the community for food and fun. Please send an email to stephenflavin@fpcnorthville.org to receive event details.

*Please contact the church office for assistance in reaching the mentioned contacts.



Free will
offering to
benefit our
Pipe Dreams
Organ Fund

**Sundays
4:00 p.m.**

ADVENT CONCERT SERIES

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**NOVEMBER 30, 2025
HANDBELLS & ORGAN**

**DECEMBER 7, 2025
ORGAN & CAROL
SING-ALONG**

**DECEMBER 14, 2025
CHANCEL CHOIR SINGS
VIVALDI'S *GLORIA***

Street parking available
Enter through Welcome Center doors on Hutton St.



CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

We will have the following
collections at FPCN:



GIVING TREE



Collecting new items: toys, games, sports balls, gifts, & blankets. Also collecting kid's books, cash/checks, and gift cards (\$10 on each card). Take a tag with a gift idea from the tree or bring a gift of your choosing! All toys should be unwrapped.


MITTEN TREE

Collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, diapers, diaper wipes, socks (new), and underwear (new).

SNOW PANTS & BOOTS

Collecting snow pants and boots of all sizes (with a focus on children's sizes).

Please bring items to their
respective stations in Boll Hall by
Sunday, December 21.



Donations will go to
Neinas Elementary in
Detroit, Crossroads of
Michigan, Northville Civic
Concern, Welcome Inn,
Whitmore Lake Schools,
and Little Lambs in Flint.
Thank you so much!



ADDITIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to our collections due on December 21, the following mission opportunities are available:



ANGEL TREE COLLECTION

Please help make this season a little brighter for local children by purchasing and donating gifts to be delivered with messages on behalf of their incarcerated parents. Please choose a tag with gift ideas from the tree in Boll Hall, purchase and wrap the gift, and return it to the tree by Sunday, December 14. Please contact Earl Eiben with any questions you may have.

NEINAS ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday, December 15, we will be hosting a pre-K classroom during Bridgepointe's Christmas party from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to lead fun games and crafts for this event, which will take place at Neinas Elementary School in southwest Detroit. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting day, please reach out to Carol Maise!

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE AND BELL RINGING

Find our Salvation Army Red Kettle in Boll Hall & make a donation! You can also sign up to ring the bell at a location of your choice (i.e. Kroger downtown, Kroger 6 Mile, Northville Post Office, etc). You're helping raise hope and support for our neighbors. Visit registertoring.com (or scan the QR code below) and sign up to ring as an individual. For more info, contact Carol Maise.



Register for
bell ringing



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2025 — DECEMBER 7, 2025

Sun. 11/30		First Sunday of Advent
	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
	4:00 pm	Advent Concert, Sanctuary
Mon. 12/1	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 12/2	5:30 pm	HR Committee, via Zoom
	6:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 12/3	8:00 am	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
	10:00 am	Walking Group, Ford Field (Northville)
	1:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 12/4	11:00 am	Prayer Group, Study
	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 12/5	9:30 am	Agape, Gathering Room
Sat. 12/6		
Sun. 12/7		Second Sunday of Advent and Communion Sunday
	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
	4:00 pm	Advent Concert, Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room



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