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LUKE 6:20

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Scout 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 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 *Cloches* A. Charpentier

Announcements

Moment for Mission Scouts from Troop #755

Introit *Deep Deep*
Scouts from Troop #755

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

One: Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: Let us make melody before our God!

One: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Let us praise God's holy name together.

One: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

All: For God is gracious and steadfast in mercy.

One: A song of praise is always fitting,

All: For God heals the broken hearted and binds up our wounds.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Here in This Place* #401

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of life and love, at this season of the year our hearts are grateful for all the love that touches our lives. Still, we confess that we are not always shining examples of the love we long for. Forgive us for those times when we failed to keep our word and disappointed those who love us. Forgive us when we gave into our tempers and temptations and disappointed your hopes for us. Renew and remake us through the grace of your Son, Jesus, your love made flesh.

(Silent Confession)

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Second Scripture Reading— Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Call for the Offering

Offertory

I've Got Peace Like a River
Te Deum Handball Choir

arr. S. Eithun

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People and 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**

Kum ba Yah

#472

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* **#737**
(verses 1 and 2)

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

Postlude

Postlude on *St. Anne*

Gordon Young

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* Please rise in body or spirit.

Scout Sunday

Scout Troop 755, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Northville since 1947, is celebrating Scout Sunday and it's 78th anniversary. The Scout units sponsored by the church are:

- Pack 755 Cub Scouts (boys & girls)
- Troop 755 Scouts (boys)
- Troop 755 Scouts (girls)
- Crew 755 Ventures (boys & girls ages 14-21)

The scouting program at FPC includes 168 boys and girls supported by dedicated adult leaders. Troop 755 is very active outdoors with camping or other outdoor activities scheduled most every month.

Activities planned for 2025 include:

- Summer Camp at Beaumont Scout Reservation, Ohio
- Camping at Red River Gorge, Kentucky
- Live Aboard Sailing at Florida Sea Base

Over its 78 years, 360 Scouts of Troop 755, including four in the past year, have earned the Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank in Scouting.

The Scouts and adult leaders of Troop 755 are extremely appreciative of the sponsorship and continuous support of First Presbyterian Church over these 78 years of Scouting in Northville.

Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

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

Liturgist

Deb Gammons

Music Ministry

Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director
Nancy Plumley, Te Deum Handbell Director
Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist/Accompanist

Technology

Jonathan Toth, A/V Tech

Preschool

Lisa Higley, Director
Cynthia Korpela, Assistant Director

Office Staff

Kelly Sartorius, Church Administrator
Kelly Clarke, Accounting Clerk
Hannah Johnson, Communications Associate

Sextons

Paige Poinsett, Daytime Sexton
Zak Bugosh, Evening Sexton



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Louise Fisher; Ron and Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; Maxine Lapham; Karen Seaman; Darleen Sweeney; June Tervo; Vivienne Ward; Dick Werther; Debbie Wood.

Friends and Family: John Antone (friend of Wanda Moon); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Mary Beckner (mother of Sharon York); Carolyn Blaszczowski (friend of Deb and Tim Gammons); Jeff Brown (friend of Dick Werther); Judy Courtney (friend of Kathy Gricius); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); Dave and Annette Duchamp (parents of Vivienne Ward); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); The family of Bob Frellick; Rita French (mother-in-law of Sarah French); The family of Sally Garman (Tim Doty's sister); 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); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Robert Kirn (son of Mary Kirn); Jackson Lindquist (grandnephew of Ann Werther); Makayla (granddaughter of Neyssa Gill); Radu Marginean (grandson-in-law of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Dave Nickel (son-in-law of Kathy Gricius); Nina & Nikolai (residing in Ukraine relatives of Marcia Booth); Chris Nikonowicz (friend of Kelly & Guy Sartorius); Barbara Onofrio (friend of Georgeann Stringer); The Rakotz Family (friends of Pastor Jackie); The family of Billie Ratliff; Pat Schoch (friend of Kathy Gricius); Billy & Trish Stamper (family of Neyssa Gill); Sandy Craig Taylor (friend of Beth & Gary Heberlein); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Sarah Walter (niece of Tim Doty); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

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

New Member Class—A new member class is being planned for March 2 in the Study. 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.

Popcorn Theology: February 20, 1:00 p.m.— Popcorn Theology often has featured films celebrating Black History Month. This month we offer *American Fiction* (R, 117 minutes, 2023), a comedy/drama starring Jeffrey Wright as Monk, a frustrated novelist fed up with the establishment profiting from “Black” entertainment that relies on tired and offensive tropes. He uses a pen name to write an outlandish “Black” book of his own. Discussion to follow. Join us in the Gathering Room on Thursday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m.



Men's Morning Small Group Bible Study—All men are welcome to join the Men's Morning Small Group Bible Study. The group meets every Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. on Zoom. Please contact Bill Poulos or the church office to receive the Zoom link.

Session 2 of Winter Yoga—The class meets on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. in the Children's Center. The Session 2 dates are February 20, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 (No class February 27). The cost is \$60/six-week session or \$15 drop-in. Bring a yoga mat and a blanket/ large towel to class. All levels are welcome. Contact Ann Werther for more information.

Fellowship Time Hosts—Hosts are needed each week to attend the beverage counter in Boll Hall and clean up when done. Two hosts each Sunday help at the counter after worship, and stay for approximately 45 minutes. To choose a Sunday, click the link or scan the QR code: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AAEA72FA3F9C61-53650934-fellowship>



Civic Concern—Currently, the most needed items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit, packaged side dishes, and laundry soap. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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Hospitality Week Opportunities

First United Methodist Church of Northville is hosting unhoused men, women, and families February 22-28 through the Cass Community Social Services rotating shelter program in Detroit. The Mission Committee is helping this ministry in three ways this year and needs your help! Please contact Jennie Macy, Carol Maise, or Stephen Flavin with any questions.

1. **PJ & Linen Collection:** We are collecting bed linens and pajamas for unhoused individuals. If you would like to support this Hospitality Week collection, please select items from their wish list on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gf/guest-view/4CJ02BTFFZQU> or using the QR code. Donations are needed by February 17.



2. **Cooking & Kitchen Volunteers:** We will be preparing and hosting dinner as well as making lunches on Sunday, February 23 at First United Methodist Church of Northville. We will work in shifts from 4:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m. Please sign up to help at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4EAAAF23A2FB6-54349742-hospitality> or using the QR Code.



3. **Food Collection:** We have been asked to help with the food for lunches for Hospitality Week as well. If you are able, please bring in individual bags of salty snacks (like chips or pretzels), individually wrapped sweet snacks (like cookies or granola bars), or fruit (fruit cups or fresh mandarin oranges; if bringing fresh fruit, please bring on February 23). These can be placed in the grocery cart in Boll Hall, with any extras going towards other food needs in the community.



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025 — FEBRUARY 23, 2025

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| Sun. 2/16 | | Sixth Sunday After Epiphany & Scout 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 |
| Mon. 2/17 | | |
| Tue. 2/18 | 5:30 pm | Pickleball, CLC |
| | 7:30 pm | Session, Library & via Zoom |
| | 8:00 pm | AA Meeting, CLC |
| | 8:00 pm | Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall |
| Wed. 2/19 | 8:00 am | Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom |
| | 10:00 am | Living & Learning Team Visit |
| | 10:00 am | Walking Group, Off-site |
| | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary |
| Thurs. 2/20 | 1:00 pm | Popcorn Theology, Gathering Room |
| | 6:15 pm | Yoga, Children's Wing |
| | 7:00 pm | Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center |
| | 7:00 pm | Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room |
| Fri. 2/21 | 10:00 am | Agape, Boll Hall |
| Sat. 2/22 | 10:00 am | Jim Atkinson Visitation, Gathering Room |
| | 11:00 am | Jim Atkinson Memorial, Sanctuary |
| Sun. 2/23 | | Seventh Sunday After Epiphany and Baptism of Colin Nicholas Fox |
| | 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 | Hospitality Ministry, First United Methodist Church (Northville) |

