



**February 23, 2025**  
**Seventh Sunday After Epiphany**  
**Baptism of Colin Nicholas Fox**

**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**                      *Pastoral Meditation*                      Jean Langlais

### Announcements

**Introit**                                      *Steal Away*                                      **#358**  
Chancel Choir

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

One: Take delight in the Lord.

**All: For God will give us the desires of our hearts.**

One: Trust in the Lord.

**All: For God will give us security and strength.**

One: Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

**All: Let us worship the One who is our refuge in times of trouble.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                      *Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*                      **#757**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you test the mind and search the heart. You know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden. We confess the ways we have failed to love one another, the times we looked the other way when someone needed help, and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness. Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love. Renew us with your mercy to become more loving to others we meet, in the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

### Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

*Presentation*— Colin Nicholas Fox

*\*Profession of Faith*

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving Over the Water*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Baptism*

*Laying on of Hands*

*Welcome*

**Sung Response**

*Jesus Loves Me!* (verse 1)

**#188**

**Prayer for Illumination**

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— Genesis 45:3–11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. <sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’”

<sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

### Second Scripture Reading— Luke 6:27–38

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>“Do not

judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

## **Meditation**

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

## **Call for the Offering**

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

## **\*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** *Healer of Our Every Ill* **#795**

## **\*Benediction**

**\*Sung Response** *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* **#737**

**Postlude** *Trio on I the Lord, of Sea and Sky* M. McBrien

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\* Please rise in body or spirit. 6

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

*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated in  
honor of the baptism of  
Colin Nicholas Fox with love from  
Grandparents Shelby & Karen Fox and  
Nick & Karen Thomas.*



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

#### Program Ministry

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

#### Liturgist

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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); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); 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); Matt Gough (relative of Barbara Gough & Laura Mitchell); 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 & 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 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); 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

**Caregivers Group**—Being a caregiver often means taking time to care for yourself, too. Join with other caregivers for a time of sharing, listening, and leaning on one another. We will meet on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. For more information, contact Pastor Jackie.

**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.

**New Member Class**—A new member class is being planned for March 2 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.

**Preschool Open House: Saturday, March 1**—Join us Saturday, March 1 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This is a fun event for parents and children, showcasing Northville Presbyterian Preschool's early childhood education program. Parents can tour the facility, meet teachers, and learn about our curriculum that promotes development. They can ask about daily routines and safety protocols. Children can explore the preschool and all it has to offer.

**Red Cross Blood Drive Friday, March 7**—We will be hosting a blood drive in Boll Hall on Friday, March 7 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Please consider making a donation to help save lives. To schedule an appointment, please click this link <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=fpcnorthville>, scan the QR code, or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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

**Souper Bowl of Caring Results**—Thank you so much to everyone who donated canned goods and money as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations directly benefitted our community through Northville Civic Concern. We collected 110 cans and \$96. The Eagles table came out on top with 57 cans and \$57 donated. The Chiefs table had 53 cans and \$39. We appreciate everyone’s generosity.

**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.





# ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & TRIVIA NIGHT

How much do you really know?  
A fun evening of authentic Irish food & trivia  
Irish goody bag prizes for trivia winners

MARCH | 16 | AT 5PM

Tickets are free but limited  
Donations accepted at the event  
[stephenflavin@pcnorthville.org](mailto:stephenflavin@pcnorthville.org)



RSVP Requested: Call (248) 349 0911 OR use the QR code

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## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025 — MARCH 2, 2025

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Sun. 2/23		<b>Seventh Sunday After Epiphany and Baptism of Colin Nicholas Fox</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
	4:00 pm	Hospitality Ministry, First United Methodist Church (Northville)
Mon. 2/24	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 2/25	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	5:30 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Activities, Gathering Room
	7:00 pm	Caregiver Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 2/26	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. 2/27	7:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 2/28	10:00 am	Agape, Boll Hall
	1:30 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run
Sat. 3/1	9:00 am	Officer Training, Boll Hall
	10:30 am	Preschool Open House, Preschool
Sun. 3/2		<b>Transfiguration of the Lord &amp; Communion Sunday</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
	11:15 am	New Member Class, Gathering Room
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room