

Create in me a
clean heart,



God,
and renew a
right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10, ESV

January 19, 2025
Second Sunday After Epiphany

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 Prelude on the hymn tune *Hyfrydol*
Ralph Vaughan-Williams

Announcements

Introit *Journey of Hope* Brenda Austin
Te Deum Handbell Choir

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

One: How precious is God's steadfast love!

All: We will find refuge in the shelter of God's wings.

One: Come and feast on God's abundance.

All: We will drink from the river of God's delights.

One: For with God is the fountain of life;

All: and in God's light we will see light.

One: Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

All: We will bring God our prayers and our praise with hearts full of love.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #366

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all life and our lives, we gather in worship week by week, seeking your guiding presence. But we confess sometimes we are discouraged by things happening around us. We don't expect your presence to make a difference for us. Forgive us when we give up on you and end up feeling unfulfilled. By your grace, refresh us when we are weary or worried, and renew our trust in you.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— Psalm 51:1-12

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. ⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Second Scripture Reading— II Samuel 12:1-9

¹and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity." ⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your

master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Rick Peters

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Walk in Peace
Te Deum Handbell Choir

Sandra 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** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

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***Benediction**

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

Postlude Postlude on *Oh Love, How Deep* (Deo Gracias)
Stephen Gabrielsen

To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given
by the Maise, Jugan, and Heise families in
celebration of Shirley Henry's 93rd
birthday.*



Worship Leaders and Staff:

Program Ministry

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher, Senior Pastor
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Rev. Rick Peters, Guest Preacher

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Congregation: Jim & Marilyn Atkinson; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta; Doris Edwards; Louise Fisher; Kathy Gricius; Virginia Heckler; Ron and Lois Housman; Donna Kennedy; Lucille Kimpel; 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); Peg Custer (mother of Jerry Custer); family of Jim Dettman (cousin of Jennie Macy); 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); Jeanette Gill (sister-in-law of Bev Hines); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); 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

APEX Dry Ingredient Gift Jars—Help the youth group get rid of the last few remaining fundraising jars. Take any 3 jars for \$20.

2025 Pickleball—Pickleball is back! Join beginners for an intro to pickleball, the fastest growing sport in our country. We will meet from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Christian Life Center, beginning this Tuesday, January 14. Cost is a suggested weekly donation of \$5 to benefit the church. Paddles and balls are provided. Please wear tennis shoes. Contact Terry Heaton with any questions.

Popcorn Theology Matinee Thursday, January 30, 1:30 p.m.

Join us in the Gathering Room to watch a screening of *Wonder Woman* on Thursday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m. When a pilot crashes and tells of conflict in the outside world, Diana, an Amazonian warrior-in-training, leaves home to fight a war, discovering her full powers and true destiny. What does that have to do with theology you may ask? Come and find out! Join us to watch the movie, eat popcorn, and enjoy the discussion after. The movie is rated PG-13 and has a run time of 2 hours and 20 minutes.

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

Mission & Outreach Christmas Collections Update—Thank you to everyone in the congregation for your generous support of the Mission & Outreach Christmas Collections. Because of you, many people had a brighter Christmas and will stay warm this winter. We collected over **530** hats, scarves, pairs of gloves & socks, etc. on the Giving Tree. We collected over **120** toys and gifts and **\$415** in gift cards. These items were distributed to the children at Neinas Elementary in Detroit, families at Northville Civic Concern, the many clients at Crossroads of Michigan in Detroit, and the guests at The Welcome Inn in Royal Oak. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Civic Concern—Currently, the most needed items are pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit, side dishes, and toilet paper. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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

Guest Preacher



The Rev. Rick Peters is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Kenyon College in Ohio, where he majored in pre-med biological sciences. After graduation, he spent a year as a mission assistant in the interior of Brazil, and then returned to the United States to attend Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

During his more than forty years in ministry, he served three different congregations in Pennsylvania and Michigan. His active ministry culminated in the role of Senior Pastor at the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia for two decades, where he was awarded emeritus status upon his retirement in 2009.

At the request of the presbytery, he left retirement to assist the Faith Community Presbyterian Church in Novi as their Supply Pastor during 2019-2020.

He is certified as both a pastoral counselor and a police chaplain, and was the recipient of special a commendation from the Michigan State Police.

He has two daughters and four grandchildren and resides in nearby Wixom.

Welcome to Rev. Peters!

New Year. Who Dis?

**PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
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SUNDAY JAN 19TH

2:00PM-4:00PM

**University Presbyterian Church
1385 S. Adams Rd, Rochester Hills**

**Meet at FPC Northville @ 1:00pm to ride together
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WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2025 — JANUARY 26, 2025

Sun. 1/19		Second Sunday After Epiphany
	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
	1:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Off-site (meet at FPCN)
Mon. 1/20		Martin Luther King Jr. Day Church Closed
Tue. 1/21	9:30 am	Fellowship Meeting, Gathering Room
	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. 1/22	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. 1/23	6:15 pm	Yoga, Children's Wing
	7:00 pm	Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 1/24	10:00 am	Agape, Boll Hall
	1:00 pm	Fourth Friday at Fox Run, Fox Run
Sat. 1/25		
Sun. 1/26		Third Sunday After Epiphany
	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
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room