



**February 9, 2025**  
**Fifth 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**                      *Here I Am to Worship*                      Tim Hughes  
   *Jesus Shall Reign*                      Isaac Watts  
   Redeemed

*Prelude on Sine Nomine*                      H. Howells  
   Dr. Dave Wagner, Organist

### Announcements

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

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

One: We gather today to worship the One who created us,

**All: The One who calls us,**

One: the One who equips us,

**All: the One who loves us without end.**

One: Let the love of God fill this place and fill our hearts.

**All: With joyful hearts, let us worship God.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn**                              *For the Beauty of the Earth*                              **#14**

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we can admit to you the fullness of our lives—that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sins and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*(Silent Confession)*

\* Please rise in body or spirit.

# Assurance of Forgiveness

## Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

## Music

*Blessed Be the Name*  
Redeemed

Hudson/Clark

Chorus:

Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

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Blessed be the name of the Lord!

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Readings

### First Scripture Reading— 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

## **Second Scripture Reading— 1 John 4:7-17**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world.

*One: This is the Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

## **Meditation**

Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi

## **Call for the Offering**

## **Offertory**

*Like as the Hart*  
Chancel Choir

Herbert Howells

## **\*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**                      *Though I May Speak*                      **#693**

**\*Benediction**

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

**Postlude**                      *Good Christians, Now Rejoice*                      J.S. Bach

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## Welcome our guest preacher, the Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi!

Marjorie has served the Detroit Presbytery as Associate Pastor at Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian, as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at Northbrook Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills, and as Parish Associate at Kirk in the Hills. She is certified by the Shalem Institute in Contemplative Leadership and is a recent graduate of Living School for Action and Contemplation. Marjorie is drawn into contemplative practices as they help us live more fully into our faith and is passionate about inviting others to join in the adventure of exploring the meaning and implications of our lived Christian faith.



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\* Please rise in body or spirit.

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

*The flowers in the chancel are given  
by Bob and Valerie Griffith in celebration  
of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on  
February 6.*



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

#### Program Ministry

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

#### Liturgist

Sandy Robison

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Dr. Jerry Custer, Vocal Music Director  
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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Congregation:** Jim & 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 Blaszcowski (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

**Women's Book Club**— We will meet Thursday, February 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The book for this month is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. All women are welcome to join the discussion.

**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.

**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-fellowshp>



**Welcome Desk Sign Up**—Friendly faces are needed to serve at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings. Please click on the link below or scan the QR code and find a date that works for you: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AAEA72FA3F9C61-54047052-welcome>. After you sign up, you will receive an email reminder three days before your scheduled date. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Fellowship Committee.



**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.

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

# 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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**DONATE**

**YOUR**

**MUGS**

**for a new and  
improved coffee hour**

**A mug collection box will be located in Boll Hall**

**Mug requirements:**

- No chips or cracks
- Dishwasher safe
- Approx 12oz or less
- No offensive messaging
- No advertising



**Donated mugs will be examined for suitability.**

**Any unused mugs will be donated to the  
Presbyterian Thrift Store.**

## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025 — FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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Sun. 2/9		<b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany &amp; Souper Bowl of Caring</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
Mon. 2/10	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 2/11	12:00 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall Pickleball, CLC Deacons Meeting, Library AA Meeting, CLC Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 2/12	8:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom Naomi Circle, Gathering Room Living & Learning Team Visit Walking Group , Off-site Mission Meeting, Library & via Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thurs. 2/13	9:30 am 1:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Women's Book Club Finance Meeting, Music Center Yoga, Children's Wing Handbells Rehearsal, Music Center Men's Discussion Group, Gathering Room
Fri. 2/14	10:00 am 10:00 am	Agape, Boll Hall Connections, Music Center
Sat. 2/15		
Sun. 2/16		<b>Sixth Sunday After Epiphany &amp; Scout 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 6:00 pm APEX Youth Group, Youth Room