



*For in one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body ...*

1 Corinthians 12:13, ESV

January 26, 2025
Third 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 in G Major* Luneburg Organ Tablatures

Announcements

Introit *Angels We Have Heard on High* **#113**
Chancel Choir

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

One: There is one true God

All: whom to know is life eternal, whom to serve is joy and peace.

One: God creates all that is.

All: The whole universe displays the majesty and power of its maker.

One: We worship God as the source of all life.

All: With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love.

***Opening Prayer**

***Hymn** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **#610**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and harmony, we confess we can be divisive when you call us to unity, quarrelsome when you call us to seek peace, and critical rather than caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine you would ask us to change, even for the sake of the Gospel. Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth. Show us how we can witness to your love through working and worshipping together. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Stephen Flavin

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Scripture Reading— 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

Second Scripture Reading— Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Melissa Allison

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head* arr. J. Flummerfelt
Chancel Choir

***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** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* **#852**

***Benediction**

***Sung Response** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* **#136**

Postlude Postlude on *Ein Feste Burg* Helmut Walcha

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* Please rise in body or spirit.

Worship Leaders and Staff:

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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

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.

Laundry Soapmaking: Thursday, January 30, 3:00 p.m.—Please join the Mission & Outreach Committee on Thursday, January 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Mission Room to make laundry soap. Enter through the office door. Laundry soap is a popular item in our Blessings Box. Help our neighbors out by helping to make laundry soap. All are welcome to help, but those under 18 need to bring an adult with them. Contact Jennie Macy or missionfpnv@gmail.com with questions.

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.

Hospitality Week—The Mission Committee is collecting bed linens and pajamas for homeless men, women, and families who will be spending a week with our friends at First United Methodist Church through the Cass Community Social Services rotating shelter program in Detroit. We will be at FUMC to prepare and host dinner on Feb 23rd (see Jennie Macy or Stephen Flavin for sign-up info.) 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 17th.



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. Dr. Melissa Lynn Allison (she/her) is a pastor, teacher, conflict mediator, and peace and justice practitioner. Melissa grew up in Midland, Michigan, earned her undergraduate degree from Alma College (Go Scots!), and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies. She went on to Louisville Theological Seminary where she received her Master of Divinity degree

with awards in the “Interpretation of Scripture and Life.” She completed her Doctorate in Ministry at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, with emphases on peacemaking, interfaith dialogue, and prophetic preaching.

Melissa is co-author of the book, “Girlfriends’ Clergy Companion: Surviving and Thriving in Ministry.” Melissa has led congregations through significant governance and staff restructuring; cultivated collaborative relationships with neighboring congregations, interfaith communities and nonprofit organizations; deepened the long-term mission partnerships of the church with congregations and non-profit organizations in Jamaica and Guatemala. She has been carrying out her ordination vows through service in presbyteries as Moderator and Chair of the Committee on Ministry and is previous member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Melissa currently lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan with her wife, Robin. With two children launched and one in high school and well on their way, they love adventuring to big water and listening to live music. The tiny dogs know the cat is the boss of the house. And Melissa does her best not to let rarely finished artistic endeavors and dead plants take over their home.

Welcome to Rev. Dr. Melissa Allison!



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 JANUARY 26, 2025 — FEBRUARY 2, 2025

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
Mon. 1/27	6:00 pm	Crew 755, CLC
	7:00 pm	Scout Troop 755, CLC
Tue. 1/28	12:00 pm	Rotary, Boll Hall
	5:30 pm	Pickleball, CLC
	7:00 pm	Caregiver Group, Youth Room
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting, CLC
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting, Boll Hall
Wed. 1/29	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. 1/30	10:00 am	Billie Ratliff Visitation, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Billie Ratliff Memorial, Sanctuary
	1:30 pm	Popcorn Theology, Gathering Room
	3:00 pm	Laundry Soapmaking, Mission 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. 1/31	10:00 am	Agape, Boll Hall
Sat. 2/1	10:00 am	Robert Frellick Visitation, Gathering Room
	11:00 am	Robert Frellick Memorial, Sanctuary
Sun. 2/2		Fourth Sunday After Epiphany & 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
	6:00 pm	APEX Youth Group, Youth Room