

*Welcome and welcome back to you who have come to worship with us today! We feel that worship begins best with a prayerful spirit. Many members use the music before the service as a time for meditation and preparation. If conversation or greeting is desired or necessary, would you please keep in mind the spirit of prayerful preparation.*

***First Presbyterian Church***  
***120 N. Front Street***  
***Marquette, Michigan 49855***  
***Nicholas J. Cammarata, Pastor***

*“Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations”*



# First Presbyterian Church Marquette, MI

## WELCOME!

We sincerely welcome all those visitors who are sharing in this time of worship this morning. May God's presence be real, meeting us at our point of need. Please stand and introduce yourself during our time to welcome visitors and friends; sign the visitor card located at either end of the pews, then place it in the offering plate or in the black mailbox outside of the church office. If we can be of assistance to you, please tell the Pastor, an usher, or any church member. Following worship, stay for *Coffee Hour* in the parlors directly behind the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing you again and often!

## WE CARE ABOUT CHILDREN

Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to use during worship. A Nursery for infants and children is provided on the first floor. An Usher will be pleased to direct you. Children under age 5 are welcome!

## OUR INVITATION

If you are seeking a church home, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining this congregation. Please know that *YOU ARE WANTED!!* If you desire to do so, please speak with the Pastor following worship or call the church office at 226-6587 for an appointment.

## OUR MISSION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. As a community of faith, we commit to know, grow and show Christ's love to all through worship, education, and service.*



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In the event of an emergency, call Pastor Nick at 330-565-3112.

## THE WEEK AHEAD...

### Sunday, September 17 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. - Worship in the parlors -  
Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata  
9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Adult & Youth  
10:00 a.m. - Worship/Sanctuary -  
Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata  
11:15 a.m. - Second Sunday Lunch  
11:30 a.m. - SE&A meets  
6:00 p.m. - ACA

### Monday, September 18

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon  
2:30 p.m. - Study Club

### Tuesday, September 19

7:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry  
6:00 p.m. - ACA  
7:00 p.m. - Marquette Male Chorus

### Wednesday, September 20

11:00 a.m. - Staff meeting  
5:00 p.m. - B&G meeting  
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live  
6:15 p.m. - Schola Choir  
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 21

11:00 a.m. - Prayer Service  
6:00 p.m. - Stephen's Ministry training  
7:00 p.m. - GA & Gam-anon

### Sunday, September 24 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. - Worship in the parlors -  
Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata  
9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Adult & Youth  
10:00 a.m. - Worship/Sanctuary -  
Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata  
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour by John, Janice and Crystal  
11:30 a.m. - SE&A meets  
6:00 p.m. - ACA

## Lectionary Readings for: Sunday, September 24, 2017

Ex. 16:2 - 15

Psalms 105; 1-6, 37-45

Phil. 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-6

## September 10, 2017 Attendance:

**8:00 a.m. - 8 10:00 a.m. - 132**  
**Nursery - 6**

## The DEACONS suggest...

**Ready to eat meals** are the donation choice for the month of **September** for the Salvation Army.

Non-perishable food items are always welcome. *Thank you* for supporting this project!

(**Small toiletries** from motel stays are also greatly appreciated.)

**FYI:** Updates on total giving are posted outside the main office throughout the year, and monthly income & expense detail are available in the church office.

## WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The hurricanes Harvey and Irma have caused flooding, destroyed homes, churches, businesses and roads, stranding thousands of people. Your gifts are urgently needed now to support the communities throughout the Gulf region devastated by these historic storms. Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work in the areas affected. Designate gifts to [DR000169-Harvey](#) and/or [DR000194-Irma](#) and place them in the offering plate or drop them off at the church office.

### FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Our Waste Management dumpster can take paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal. Bins have now been placed in both upstairs and downstairs kitchens to collect the recycled items, which can then be transferred to the dumpster. Let's recycle!

### SUMMER SHELTER

This is the last week to help at the Summer Shelter. To sign up please go to [www.SignUpGenius.com](http://www.SignUpGenius.com). Click on the search icon to find [SummerShelter@aol.com](mailto:SummerShelter@aol.com). There you can download volunteer instructions and sign up to help our neighbors. Contact MJ at 360-5279 for further information.

### FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Email addresses have changed for several members of the FPC staff. Please update your contact lists and begin contacting Pastor Nick at [pastornjc@gmail.com](mailto:pastornjc@gmail.com), Financial Secretary Dave at [financefpcmqt@gmail.com](mailto:financefpcmqt@gmail.com) and Wendy in the church office at [firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com). Thank you.

It's time again to update the *Church Directory*; please review your information and contact the church office if any updates in name, address, telephone number or email address are needed.

### FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND

Please visit the First Presbyterian self-serve Coffee Stand and purchase whole bean, ground or ground decaffeinated coffee. Your purchase supports the farmers who grew the coffee beans and our own senior high summer youth mission trips!

#### YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Christian Education Director - Jenny Cammarata  
Campus Ministry Director - Faye Elder  
Music Director - Griffin Candey  
Organist - Anne Perket  
Bell Choir Director - Dr. Andrew Poe

#### Pastor - Nicholas J. Cammarata

Commissioned Lay Pastor - Darryl Small  
Office Manager - Wendy Maki  
Financial Secretary - David Kurtz  
Custodian - Karl Hemmila  
Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 17, 2017*

GATHERING MUSIC  
WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRELUDE "As the Deer"

Liturgist:  
*arr. by Tim Doran*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, go before us.

**People: Like a cloud that shields us from the hot sun**

Leader: And a fire that gives light for the way,

**People: Go before us we pray.**

Leader: O God, go behind us.

**People: Like a cloud that hides us from our enemies,**

Leader: Or a fire that wards off the wild things,

**People: Go behind us, we pray.**

**All: God before us, God behind us, lead us we pray.**

\*HYMN #361

"How Firm a Foundation"  
FOUNDATION

\*OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of this truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We could have mercy, God of compassion, but we judge others by those standards we cannot even meet. We could welcome all around us as sisters and brothers, but hold them at contempt's length away from us. We could have patience with family and friends, but tap our feet and drum our fingers until they do what we want. In your forgiveness, tender God, you wipe the board clean of all our poor accounting. You don't deal off the bottom of the deck to us, but turn up the ace of grace for us. You gather up all our foolishness and hurl it beyond the edge of the universe, so the healing you intend for us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, will take place. AMEN.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PSALM

*Psalm 114*

Leader: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**People: Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.**

Leader: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

**People: The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.**

Leader: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

**People: O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?**

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**People: who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

JOYS AND CONCERNS ~ *If you have a prayer request, joy, or concern, please stand, say your name, and speak into the microphone so all can hear you.*

\*THE PEACE Please greet one another, within reach, saying, "Peace be with you."

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children are invited to attend Way of the child downstairs)*

ANTHEM

"Breath On Me, Breath of God"

Robert Jackson

ENGAGING THE TEXT

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*pew Bible, p. 4*)

*Genesis 4:23-24*

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*pew Bible, p. 20*)

*Matthew 18:21-35*

SERMON

"Putting the Gold Back into the Golden Rule"

Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata

\*HYMN #347

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"  
DETROIT

### THANK YOU

Thank you **Sue & Tom Mason** for your tasty ministry of preparing and serving Second Sunday Lunch to our congregation and friends. Let's all take the opportunity to say 'Thank you' to them as we fill our plates with the food they have lovingly prepared for us today.

### SENIOR EXCURSION

A Senior Excursion is being planned for participants to attend the **Harvest Dinner** at the Community Presbyterian Church of Big Bay on **Saturday, October 7th**. A bus will be available for those wanting a ride at the MARESA parking lot (formerly the Parkview School) at **3:45 pm** on Saturday, October 7th. The bus leaves for Big Bay at **4:00 pm**. The cost is \$12.00 for the dinner and \$1.00 for the bus ride. The approximate return time of the bus is 7:00 pm. All Senior Excursion participants will be asked to fill out a 'Waiver and Release from Liability' form prior to the event. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 906 226-6587.

### FROM MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

All church members who participate in the Senior Excursion events will be asked to fill out a 'Waiver and Release from Liability' form that will be kept on file in the church office. The form will be updated once a year. Then, you are ready to enjoy participation in any Senior Excursion event because we will already have your emergency contact information. Please feel free to stop in the church office to fill out your form or watch for a time during Coffee Hour when we will have someone available to help you.

Make some coffee and lemonade, bring some light snacks, then enjoy the fellowship of your church family on a Sunday... sign-up for *Coffee Hour!* We need individuals or groups to serve Coffee Hour through the fall months. Sign-up on the sheet by the kitchen door, in the parlors.

**Support First Presbyterian Church by purchasing Scrip:** Scrip is available in the church parlors every Sunday following worship or contact the church office to order during business hours. Scrip such as: Holiday Gas, Econo Foods, Marquette Food Co-op and Border Grill are available for immediate purchase. You get full face value and the church receives from 3-10% from the business. All profits go to the roof fund.

### RATI TO BEGIN...

It's almost time for **Room at the Inn** to begin for the this season. FPC will host the week of **October 15th – 21st** with set up on Saturday, October 14th. **HELP IS NEEDED:** Please plan to volunteer for a shift, to prepare a meal, to bring snacks or to do laundry. Sign-up sheets will be in the parlor on the buffet soon. If you cannot volunteer, donate to RATI and support this important community ministry.



## Presbytery Point Camp Schedule

Sept. 24 - 30 Fall Work Camp help prepare the camp for the off-season.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected on Oct. 1, 2017. This is one of three special offerings that we collect throughout the year. Consider making a donation- \$20.00 can provide Jerry cans for transporting water, \$30.00 school supplies for displaced students, \$50.00 provides food baskets for refugees or linens and blankets for warmth and comfort. Special envelopes will be in the pews the week before and the week after the offering. Please consider this worthy mission.

### FROM SOCIAL EDUCATION & ACTION

**Drivers needed!** The SE&A committee are looking for a few good drivers, willing to take visitors to the Munising Prison. If you have any questions please call Don Potvin for more information at (906) 226-6914.

### **Crop Walk – Oct. 1, 2017 – First Presbyterian Church Registration 1:30 pm. Walk begins at 2 pm.**

Packets are available now. Please join us in our efforts to deal with hunger in our community and the related issues.

*Please sign up for refreshments* afterwards. If you have any questions please call Crystal Swanson at (906) 225-0595.



**CROP WALK volunteers needed!** Please check out the list by the church office to see if you can help at the Crop Walk. If you have any questions please call Crystal at 225-0595

### FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Our Sunday School Program is growing! We'd like to welcome the following new teachers to our Sunday School staff: Cheryl Churack and Christi White along with Dani Jaklin working with the Junior High class. Fay Elder facilitating the adult Bible study along with Andy Poe, Jenny Cammarata and John Sonderegger. Valerie Stewart along with Lynnea Hosey and Connie Kuzak teaching pre-K through 5th grade. Welcome to our new leaders and welcome back to our returning teachers!

### TROOP STOCKINGS

While we don't want to think about summer ending just yet, we only have 9 weeks to prepare Troop Stockings. There are many seasonal items on clearance that would benefit our troops, such as, sun block, lotion, toiletries, puzzle books, hand sanitizer, socks, and lip balm. You may even find snacks with a long shelf life such as beef jerky, nuts, drink mixes, and electrolyte replacers. The best items have small, hardy packaging. A complete list of items can be found at [www.boatsie.com/itemsneeded.html](http://www.boatsie.com/itemsneeded.html).

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR TITHES AND OFFERING *(in unison)*

**Patient Lord, you amaze us each day with your ability to forgive our many sins. You display merciful acts and answer our prayers in profound ways. Help us to be stewards of your mercy and grace as these monetary gifts are transformed into active ministries. Multiply the span of these ministries to reach people in new ways. We pray in the name of the one who teaches true forgiveness, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY  
OFFERING

“He Leadeth Me”

*arr. Jason D. Payne*

\*DOXOLOGY #592 (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*HYMN #540

“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

\*INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*arr. Don Hustad*

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<b>SERVING TODAY</b>			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Nicholas Cammarata</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Youth Volunteers</i>
Music Director:	<i>Griffin Candey</i>	Greeters:	<i>John &amp; Judy Baldwin</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Ushers:	<i>Joe &amp; Margaret Boyle</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Volunteer</i>	Counters:	<i>Pat Pellett Crystal Swanson</i>
Psalm Reader:	<i>Youth Volunteer</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Paul Schloegel</i>
Children's Message:	<i>Jenny Cammarata</i>	Nursery:	<i>Amanda Fruehling</i>
Way of the Child:	<i>None today</i>		

*\* Those who are able may stand.*



**Hearing devices** are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for help.  
**A wheelchair** is also available in the Narthex for assistance in entering and exiting the church.

Today is the third Sunday of September but ***Second Sunday Lunch*** resumes today following **worship**. Stay and have lunch with your church family.

***Social Education & Action Committee*** meets **today** following worship at **11:30 am**.

**The Sr. High youth meet at 6:00 pm today downstairs in room B.**

The ***Knitters*** will not meet on **Monday, September 18th**.

The Christian ethics study on **Tuesday mornings** will resume on **September 26th**.  
 The ***Men's Ministry Group*** meets **Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am**.

**LUNCH BUNCH IS BACK...** Join your friends **September 19th** in the church parlors at **noon**.

***Wednesday Night Live*** is back... join us **September 20th** at **5:30 pm** for a meal. You don't even need to bring anything but an appetite. The meal will be provided. At **6:00 pm** we will gather to discuss *Just Eating? Practicing Our Faith at the Table*. This is a 15 week study produced by the Presbyterian Hunger Project. A *Just* meal will be served at the end of the 15 weeks. Please plan on attending.

***Bell Choir*** rehearsals are **Wednesdays, at 6:15 pm** in the Sanctuary.  
***Schola Choir*** rehearsals are **Wednesdays, at 6:15 pm** in room A.  
***Chancel Choir*** rehearsals are **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm** in the choir room.  
 Anyone who would like to play bells, or sing, is welcome to join the church choirs.

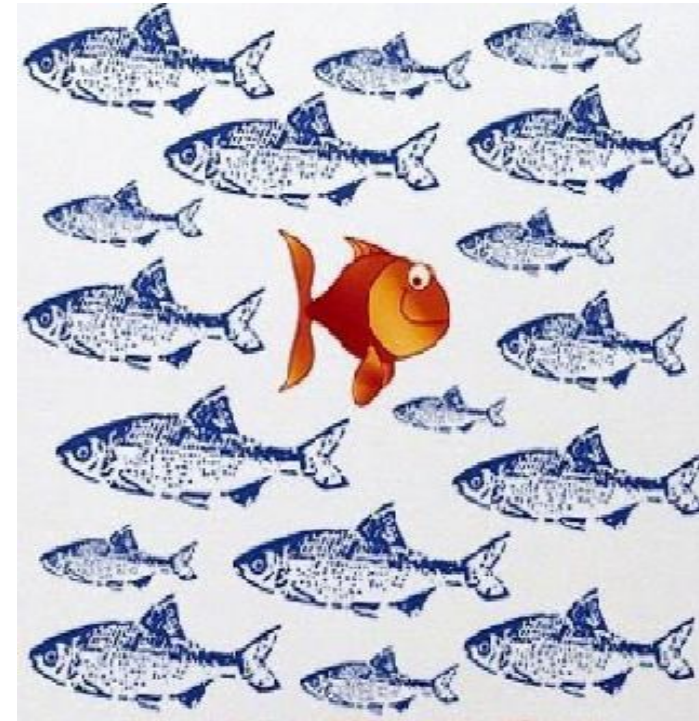
Please see **THE WEEK AHEAD...** or the online church calendar for Committee meeting times.

A ***Prayer Service*** is in the Chancel on **Thursdays at 11:00 am**.

A ***Stephen's Ministry*** training class is now meeting on Thursdays at 6 pm - 8 pm, at the church. For more information, please contact Rev. Gary Stevens at [dedriverafter@wildblue.net](mailto:dedriverafter@wildblue.net).

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS:** class of '18: Duane Gooch, Shannon Levra, Sue Manson; '19: Faye Elder, Cathy Enright, Taylor Klipp, Andy Poe; '20: Greg Bambach, Bill Houghton, Pete Premeau, Paul Schloegel  
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS:** class of '18: Dan Barrington, Joe Boyle, Lou Ann Jaklin, Susan Payant; '19: Barb Gooch, Chad Larsen, John Levra, Beverly Tobin; '20 Sara Bednarek, Connie Kuzak, Mike Kuzak, David Payant.

## Estate Sale Coming...



The FPC Senior High Youth - - -  
 Estate Sale

Saturday, September 23, 2017  
 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

We are currently accepting donations.  
 Come and see what treasures our sale has for you.  
 All proceeds support our youth mission trips.