

**THE WEEK AHEAD...**

**Sunday, November 19 - 24th 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. - Congregational Thanksgiving dinner  
in the Social Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Christmas play practice
- 6:00 p.m. - ACA

**Monday, November 20**

- 10:00 a.m. - Knitters and Wannabes
- 7:00 p.m. - AI-Anon

**Tuesday, November 21**

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

**Wednesday, November 22**

**No Activities scheduled**

**Thursday, November 23**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

10:00 a.m. - Miriam's Thanksgiving dinner with friends

**Friday, November 24**

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

**Sunday, November 26 - Christ the King Sunday**

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship in the parlors -  
Dr. Andrew A. Poe
- 9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Adult & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship/Sanctuary -  
Dr. Andrew A. Poe
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour by FPC
- 11:30 a.m. - Christmas play practice
- 6:00 p.m. - Sr. High youth meet
- 6:00 p.m. - ACA

**Lectionary Readings for:  
Sunday, November 26, 2017**

Ezek. 34:11-16

Psalms 100

Eph. 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

**November 12, 2017 Attendance:**

**8:00 a.m. - 10 10:00 a.m. - 90  
Nursery - 4**

**The DEACONS suggest...**

**Breakfast items-** Cereal, oatmeal, nuts, raisins, prunes, canned milk are the donation choices for the month of **November** for the Salvation Army. Non-perishable food items are always welcome. *Thank you* for your support! (**Small toiletries** from motel stays are also greatly appreciated.)

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 19, 2017*



*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"*

**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**

Office Manager - Wendy Maki  
 Financial Secretary - David Kurtz  
 Custodian - Karl Hemmila  
 Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling



# 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.

**Bruce Closser** will perform a public reading of "**A Christmas Carol**" by Charles Dickens at **6 pm on December 10th** at the First Presbyterian Church in Marquette. The reading follows a long tradition of public readings of the work, started by Dickens himself. Bruce's father, Earl Closser, also performed readings of the work many times. The story, featuring the well-known characters of Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and Ebenezer Scrooge, has become a Christmas classic. The public is invited and admission is free.

Our Troop Stocking stuffing was a giant success this year thanks to you! Our congregation and community worked hard to offer wonderful donations that have been packed with love and shipped to Qatar. We are so fortunate to have such generosity in our lives to make the annual Christmas stockings a fun and joyous event. We actually ran out of stockings before we ran out of enthusiasm and energy! **Thank you** to everyone that helped by spreading the word, bringing donations, organizing, and packing. We are all just a small part in this fantastic Mission, but together we do great things.

## **FROM SOCIAL EDUCATION & ACTION**

The *SE&A Committee* is now collecting gently used or new winter coats and outerwear, in all sizes, both men's and women's, for our local Great Lakes Recovery Center. Please bring your donations to the collection box in the Mail Hall.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Please help us to plan budgets for next year; be sure to turn in your 2018 Stewardship pledge to Financial Secretary, Dave Kurtz. Thank you!

The *Per Capita for 2017* is **\$38.00**, please pay your per capita by December 31, 2017.

We need volunteers to operate the Sound Board on Sundays! Please sign-up on the clipboard located in the church office. If you are interested in learning how to operate the Sound Board equipment, contact the church office. Thank you.

Pick up the new **2017-18 Church Directory** on the Main Hall table or the table in the Narthex

## **FROM MEMBERSHIP & FELLOWSHIP**

**Give Scrip cards for Christmas gifts:** Scrip is available in the church parlors every Sunday after worship. Some, such as: Holiday Gas, Econo Foods, Marquette Food Co-op and Border Grill are available for immediate purchase. Other cards can be pre-ordered on Sunday or during the week by completing a Scrip Order Form in the office and will be available the following Sunday. You get full face value and the church receives from 3-15% from the business. All profits go towards the roof fund. Thanks for your continued support!

## **FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND**

Try some Equal Exchange coffee today or give coffee for Christmas gifts! The following organic flavors are offered: Ethiopian, Columbian, Proud Mama, Mind, Body & Soul, Love Buzz and Organic Decaf. Warm up with some fair trade coffee and support not only the small farmers who grow it, but also our our summer youth mission trip.



**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.

Our sympathy and prayers to out to the family of our friend Fran Knoodle who passed away in Florida on November 14, 2017. Memorial service arrangement are to be determined.

We have a lot to be thankful for... our **Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner** follows worship today in the Social Hall. We will have a donation basket to collect money to pay for the expenses of the meal. Any money left after covering expenses will be used towards the \$1000.00 matching gift donation from Mr. & Mrs. Garry Koehn for the renovation of the downstairs kitchen.

Please see **THE WEEK AHEAD...** or the online church calendar for changes in the regular schedule of events this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The **Knitters & Wannabes** will meet **Monday** in the parlors to knit and visit.

The Christian ethics study with Pastor Nick continues **Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 am**.  
 The **Men's Ministry Group** meets **Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am**.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be **no Wednesday Night Live** and **no Chancel Choir, Schola Choir or Bell Choir** rehearsal on **Wednesday, November 22nd**. Rehearsals will resume the following week.

**The church offices will be closed on Friday, November 24th for a holiday break.**

Come help decorate the Sanctuary! **Hangings of the Greens** will be **Monday, November 27th at 10 AM**, then stay for a soup lunch to follow.

**FROM PW**

**The Presbyterian Women's Bazaar is Saturday, December 2nd, 10 am-2:00 pm!**

Come and shop for: homemade goodies at our **Bake Sale** table, attic treasures and handmade knits too. Then, stay to enjoy our traditional **Soup & Salad Lunch**. Help is needed; see today's bulletin insert for your opportunity to help. Questions? Contact Connie or Crystal.

See the insert in today's bulletin to order **POINSETTIAS** for the Sanctuary for Christmas.

**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.

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

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GATHERING MUSIC  
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS  
 ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 PRELUDE

"Give Thanks"

Liturgist: Connie Kuzak  
*by Henry Smith*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come before God not fearfully but adoringly, we worship not as a slavish duty but with delight.

**People: God has not marked us for punishment but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes beyond anxieties and ills to God whose glory exceeds the starry skies,

**People: It is His desire that we encourage and building each other up in faith and joy.**

\*HYMN #461

"God is Here!"  
 ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**God, our kind and loving Father, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work with you on the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together, finding the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Generous Lord. You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be worthy of acclaim. We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy or helpful to others. We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given. We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver. As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts by using them to create something better, for healing, for hope in the world; remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent today. Help us to take these gifts you have given, develop them, and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope. In Jesus' blessed name we pray. AMEN.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*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.**

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

PSALM

Psalm 123

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

People: **Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

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 directly into the microphone so all can hear you.*

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER

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

ANTHEM “Come to My Heart” *arr. Tom Fettke*

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN  
*(Children are invited to attend Way of the child downstairs)*

ENGAGING THE TEXT

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(in unison)*

**if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

*II Chronicles 7:14  
Matthew 25:14-30*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(pew Bible, p. 28)*

SERMON “Meeting Yourself and Jesus in a Parable” Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata

\*HYMN #268 (vs. 1-2) “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”  
HOLY MANNA

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

**Beloved Lord, you offer us a precious gift. Your invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ frees us from so many unnecessary fears. As children of your light, we present these gifts so that others may share in the timeless message of your love. Encourage us to reflect your love to others, today and always. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” *arr. Anna Laura Page*  
OFFERING

\*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 #376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
HYFRYDOL

\*INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Toccata on the Doxology” *arr. Darwin Wolford*

<i>SERVING TODAY</i>			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Nicholas Cammarata</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Henrik and Ida Larsen</i>
Music Director:	<i>Griffin Candey</i>	Greeters:	<i>Elizabeth &amp; Leland Miller</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Ushers:	<i>Bev Tobin &amp; Peggy Gobert</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>	Counters:	<i>Shannon Levra,</i>
Psalm Reader:	<i>Henrik Larsen</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Jim Enright</i>
Children’s Message:	<i>Jenny Cammarata</i>	Nursery:	<i>Amanda Fruehling</i>