

those who

Promote Peace

Have  joy

Proverbs 12:20

Hannah Sall





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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THE WEEK AHEAD...

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship in the parlors -
Rev. Nicholas Cammarata
- 9:00 p.m. - Sunday School Adult & Youth
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship/Sanctuary - Children's Service
- 11:15 a.m. - Sr. High youth Cookie Sale
- 6:00 p.m. - "A Christmas Carol" read by Bruce Closser
- 6:00 p.m. - ACA

Monday, December 11

- 10:00 a.m. - Knitters and Wannabes
- 11:00 a.m. - Century Club
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 12

- 7:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
- 10:00 a.m. - Rachel Circle
- 6:00 p.m. - ACA
- 7:00 p.m. - Marquette Male Chorus

Wednesday, December 13

- 11:00 a.m. - Staff meeting
- 12:00 p.m. - Mission Support meets
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 14

- 11:00 a.m. - Prayer Service in the Chancel
- 2:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle meets
- 5:00 p.m. - Membership meets
- 6:00 p.m. - Stephen's Ministry training
- 7:00 p.m. - GA & Gam-anon

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Lectionary Readings for: Sunday, December 17, 2017

Isa. 6:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 91:26 or Luke 1:46b-55

I Thess. 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 3, 2017 Attendance:

8:00 a.m. - 11 10:00 a.m. - 113
Nursery - 6

The DEACONS suggest...

Baby supplies— diapers, formula, and baby food, etc. are the donation choices for the month of **December** 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.)

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to those who have pledged for 2018! If you haven't done so, it's not too late. Pledging members of our congregation (and non-members that wish to pledge) can place a pledge card in an envelope marked "Stewardship Pledge 2018." Then, place it in the Sunday offering, send by U.S. Mail, or drop it in the black mailbox next to the church office. Thank you.
~ Dave Kurtz, Financial Secretary

FROM MISSION SUPPORT

The 2018 giving envelopes will be available for congregational pick-up on a table in the Main Hall on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Just a reminder, although these envelopes are being distributed prior to 2018, please do not use the envelopes until January 1, 2018 or later. Any donations placed in the 2018 church envelopes will be credited to year 2018 and will not appear on the 2017 final giving statement balances. Please use the 2017 envelopes for any donations in year 2017. Thank you!

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

If you are 70 ½ or older and have IRA or other retirement assets, you may be obligated to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by the end of December. Consider sharing some of this taxable income with our church. It's a great way to build your stewardship: you get a deduction and the church receives tax-free money to sustain and build upon its mission. Curious? Contact Financial Secretary, Dave Kurtz at 906 226-6587 Monday-Thursday.

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.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Bell Choir

Liturgist: Jenny Cammarata

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

PEACE

Reader 1: O God, we light the second candle of Advent.

Reader 2: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you come.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

Reader 3: Isaiah announced God's coming to a people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He declared that God's redemption would make a highway in the desert and change the rough places into plain. God would come as a shepherd—feeding, leading, and cradling the weary flock. This Advent, we seek such a God.

People: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your land and your people. Prepare us to be changed. This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are. Amen.

All: Shine on us, O God of justice; Guide our path through gloom of night; bear within us Wisdom's glory; Come to us, O Christ the Light.

*HYMN #9 (*vs. 1 & 2*)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Comfort of the ages, you come: so your can fill our empty places with you hope; so you can level our pride with your call to serve the vulnerable; so you can smooth our toughened hearts with your tenderness. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Forgive us for the many times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, Lord. Touch our hearts and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. Help us again to hear the voice of one who cries in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God” In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we offer this prayer.

AMEN.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

** 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 85:1-2, 8-13

Leader: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Leader: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The LORD will give what is good and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

Leader: This is the word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT READING (*pew Bible, p. 667*)

Isaiah 40:1-11

Read by: Ben Mitchell and Ryan Gooch

NEW TESTAMENT READING (*pew Bible, p. 34*)

Mark 1:1-8

Read by: Delaney Sall

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

"A Child Shall Lead Them"

Modified by Dani Jaklin

Directed by Dani Jaklin and Jenny Cammarata

When directed, please join the children in singing - - -

HYMN #24

"Away in a Manger"

HYMN #31

"Hark the Herald Angles Sing"

HYMN #40

"Joy to the World"

SPREAD SOME CHRISTMAS CHEER...

Let's go *Christmas Caroling* on **Sunday, December 17th**. Meet at the church at **4:30 pm**. After caroling, everyone is invited to Miriam's, 403 East Arch St., for soup and cookies.

Come to last *Lunch Bunch* of 2017 on **Tuesday, December 19th at noon** in the parlors; join your friends for a festive Advent season lunch. Then, *Lunch Bunch* breaks for the winter months.

Show our church staff how much they are appreciated! Special envelopes have been placed in the pews for *staff Christmas gifts*. If you write a check, note "staff Christmas gift" in memo, or place cash in the envelope and put it in the offering plate by **December 17th**. The gifts will be shared by the staff (other than pastor).

The *GIVING TREE* is in the church library. There are a few tags with Christmas wishes left on the tree. Take one or more tags, purchase and wrap the requested items; please tape the tag to the gift, then return it to the *GIVING TREE*. These donations will go to the in-need adults at **RATI**. Please return gifts to the tree by **Dec. 17th**. Thank you for sharing your blessings with our community's homeless.

The *2017 PW Bazaar* raised \$1,452.00. Thank you to all who donated items, baked, cooked, knitted or sewed. Thanks also to those who helped with set up and clean up. This community outreach is a long standing tradition in our church. Some of the past recipients are: Presbytery Point, Women's Shelter, Room at the Inn and education for church employees. Please continue to support Presbyterian Women.

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 Main Hall.

ON DECEMBER 24th... Celebrate the birth of our Lord at our Christmas Eve Service. Gathering music starts at **6:30 pm** and worship at **7:00 pm**. Nursery available for infant and toddlers.

There will be **no Adult or Youth Sunday School on December 24th or December 31st.**

The **church offices** will be closed on **Monday, December 25th**

COMING IN JANUARY...

The Calvin College live internet event, "*January Series*" starts January 3rd, weekdays through January 23rd from 12:30-1:30 pm here at First Presbyterian Church. Fifteen days of a free liberal arts education. Watch for the events schedule to be posted in the Main Hall and in future bulletins.





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.



The flowers today are in celebration of the 61st wedding anniversary of Judy and Duane Gooch.

Join us in the Social Hall, following worship, for *Coffee Hour* and the Sr. High Youth Group's 8th annual Cookie Walk. Get Christmas cookies for yourself and to share.



Bruce Closser will perform a public reading of "**A Christmas Carol**" by Charles Dickens this evening at **6 pm** here at First Presbyterian Church. 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.

The **Knitters & Wannabes** meet on **Mondays at 10 am** in the parlors. Fellowship and knitting!

The **Men's Ministry Group** meets **Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:00 am**.

Rachel Circle will meet **Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am** in the church Library. Pat Pellett will lead the conversation on "A Cloud of Witness"- The Community of Christ in Hebrews. Fellowship will be co-hosted by Chip O'Neill and Judy Kurr. The monthly mission report will be given by Janet McKie. All women are welcome.

The fellowship of the *Least Coin* grants for 2017 have been published. Christian women, world wide, participate in this ecumenical movement. Giving the *Least Coin* of their culture to promote, peace, justice and reconciliation and in this way give equity despite various ecumenical contexts.

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

Wednesday Night Live is now on holiday break and will resume in January 2018.

Chancel Choir and **Bell Choir** rehearse on **Wednesday, December 20th** at their regular times.

Rebecca Circle meets **Thursday, December 14th at 2:00 pm** in the church parlors for study and fellowship. All women are welcome.

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.

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

We pray, Holy God, that our gifts might smooth the path of those who walk in grief, might surround the grieving with comfort, might feed the hungry, and bring others into places of peace and safety. AMEN.

OFFERTORY "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" *arr. Douglas E. Wagner*
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.

*INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *arr. Wilbur Held*

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>FPC Youth</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Youth Volunteers</i>
Music Director:	<i>Griffin Candey</i>	Greeters:	<i>Don & JoAnne Potvin</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Ushers:	<i>Frank & Mary Lee Oatley</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Jenny Cammarata</i>	Counters:	<i>Sue Manson, Crystal Swanson</i>
Psalm Reader:	<i>Youth Volunteer</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Jim Enright</i>
Children's Message:	<i>Jenny Cammarata</i>	Nursery:	<i>Amanda Fruehling</i>
Way of the Child:			

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“A Child Shall Lead Them”

CAST:

Mrs. Frazzled: Jenn Klipp
Museum Guide: Alex Levra
Small Child: Lila Maslowski

Children and Carolers:

Ivan Churack
Max Churack
Simon Jaklin
Henrik Larsen
Ida Larsen
Lotus Klipp
Stella Maslowski
Delaney Sall
Abi Schloegel



The Cookies Are Here!!!

Today is the Senior High Youth Group's 8th annual Cookie Walk following the 10 am Children's Christmas Service.

Prices are as follows: \$15.00 for a boxful or \$7.00 per dozen.

All proceeds benefit our summer 2018 Mission Trip.

The following cookies will be for sale:

Amish Ginger

Apricot butter cookies

Buckeyes

Crème De Menthe chunk

Chocolate Chip (Mrs. Fields)

Fruit Filled - various and French Almond Cookies

Gingerbread Men w/icing cut out

Italian Wedding Cookie

Orange Cranberry Sliced

Peppermint Crunch

Pizzelles and Chocolate covered pretzels

Sugar cut out and Sugar with sprinkles

Thumbprints... and others come and see...