

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Sunday, February 18 - 1st Sunday in Lent

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

Monday, February 19 President's Day

- 10:00 a.m. - Knitters and Wannabes
- 1:00 p.m. - Study Club
- 7:00 p.m. - AI-Anon

Tuesday, February 20

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

Wednesday, February 21

- 11:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. - Building & Grounds meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

- 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. - Coffee Hour by Judy & John Baldwin
- 6:00 p.m. - ACA

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.

**Lectionary Readings for:
Sunday, February 25, 2018**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22: 23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

February 11, 2018 Attendance:

8:00 a.m. - 6 10:00 a.m. - 104
Nursery - 7

The DEACONS suggest...

Paper goods, toiletries and Hot Hands hand warmer packets are the donation choices for the month of **February** 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.)

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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.

Volunteer Trainings for *Room at the Inn* will take place March 15 and April 19 at the Warming Center on Washington Street at 6:30 pm. Spread the word! The next week FPC hosts RATI is March 11-17th.

GROUP FITNESS WORKOUT

Bring your family and friends to this inspiring circuit style group workout. All fitness abilities are welcome. Each hour long workout will conclude with a 15 minute devotion, lead by a different local Christian church leader each month. Saturdays at 8:00 am at the Marquette YMCA, February 19th, March 10th, April 14th and May 12th.

FROM WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Any announcements to be made during Sunday's service should be cleared in advance with that Sunday's Liturgist (pulpit associate). Thank you.

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.

FROM MISSION SUPPORT

Every Presbyterian church is apportioned a share of the presbytery, the synod and the General Assembly expense for ecclesiastical purposes. The apportionment is based on church membership and the amount to be paid this year per member is \$38.00. Please cover your per capita share.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please consider volunteering at your church this year. Committees can always use new members and fresh perspectives. Hosting our *Coffee Hour*, helping in the Nursery or at Way of the Child can be fun; usher or greet on a Sunday or take a RATI shift when we host. Find your way to make a difference. Live out a new life in Christ by volunteering at your church.

Scrip is available in the church parlors every Sunday after worship. Holiday Gas, Econo Foods, Marquette Food Co-op and Border Grill Scrip are available for immediate purchase. Others can be pre-ordered on Sunday or during the week by completing a Scrip Order Form in the office and will then 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 support!

FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND

Try some Equal Exchange coffee today or give coffee for gifts! Warm up with some fair trade coffee and support not only the small farmers who grow it, but also our youth mission trip.

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



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 in the Chancel today are in loving memory of my beautiful wife, Elsie Maki, who went to be with the Lord on February 18, 2017. ~William P. Maki

TIME TO FEED THE FISH!

Get your **One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Bank** to fill with money during the Lenten season. Your generous gifts to this Special Offering help provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in helping empower the poor and oppressed. Please return your filled fish **April 1st**, at our **Easter Sunday** worship.



Copies of the **Annual Report 2017** are available for church members on the table in the main hall or on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy to review and plan to attend the **Annual Congregational Meeting** the Session has called on **Sunday, March 4th following 10 am worship.**

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

The **Senior High youth meet downstairs this evening at 6:00 pm.**

The **Knitters & Wannabes** meet **Mondays, at 10:00 am** in the church parlors. Knit and visit!

The Christian ethics study with Pastor Nick continues **Tuesdays, at 6:00 am.**

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

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

Bell Choir rehearsal returns to its regular time this week, Wednesday at **6:15 pm** in the Sanctuary.

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.

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

Last Sunday's Soup & Chili Cook-off was a delicious success. It was difficult to choose one soup or chili because all of the entries were yummy, however, when the votes were counted the winning soup was made by *Karen Sall* and the winning chili was made by *Cheryl Churack*. Food and fun!

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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"
 Prussian Folk Melody
 FPC Bell Choir

Liturgist: Cheryl Churack
arr. Rob Yuill

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We see your bow in the clouds, Lord of the seasons.

People: We see the signs of your faithfulness, Lord, in all seasons.

Leader: We know that Christ suffered for sins once for all –

People: the righteous and for the unrighteous, in order to bring us to God.

Leader: What was true in the time of Noah, and in the time of the disciples of Jesus, is true now.

All: God's love for all is constant. We worship the God who sees us and saves us.

*HYMN #78

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"
 MARTYRDOM

*OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

O God, let us see the heavens torn open, signaling an end to separation between us and you. Let us feel the cool breeze of blessing, the warmth of your acknowledging smile, the shalom that comes from knowing that we are yours. Let us see the heavens torn veil, walls shattered, demons subdued. Let us be aware of our own nakedness and tremble as we weep in repentance for our sins as we begin this Lenten journey. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Merciful Lord, we remember the sending of your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, who experienced true death that we may experience true life. We confess that we are people broken by sin; our patience is fleeting and our demands are insatiable. Forgive us for our reluctant hearts and leery minds. Grant to us your faith for where we fall short, your hope for what you desire in our lives. May we be overcome less by the floods of this world and overwhelmed more by the baptism of your Holy Spirit. It is in Jesus Christ that we pray all things, 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 2:1-11

Leader: Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?
People: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,
 Leader: "Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us."
People: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.
 Leader: Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,
People: "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."
 Leader: I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you."
People: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
 Leader: You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
People: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
 Leader: Serve the LORD with fear, with trembling.
 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 "Here Us, O Jesus" *by John Schiavone*

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

ENGAGING THE TEXT
 NEW TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible, p. 7)* *Genesis 9:8-17*
(pew Bible, p. 34) *Mark 1:9-15*
(pew Bible, p. 234) *I Peter 3:18-22*

SERMON "A Sprinkling of Grace, or Just All Wet?" Dr. Andrew Poe

*HYMN #494 "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"
 RUSTINGTON

* Those who are able may stand.

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

God of the ages past and present, you are timeless and eternal. You offer us today the covenant relationship that you first established with Noah. May we openly receive your powerful and timeless love. Pour out your blessing on this offering so that people throughout the generations respond to you with a resounding, "Thank you, Lord!" AMEN.

OFFERTORY "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" *arr. Lyndell Leatherman*
 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 #281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
 CWM RHONDDA

*INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" *arr. Tim Doran*

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Youth Volunteers</i>
Music Director:	<i>Griffin Candey</i>	Greeters:	<i>Tom & Sue Manson</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Ushers:	<i>Joe & Margaret Boyle</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Cheryl Churack</i>	Counters:	<i>Pat Pellett, Taylor Klipp</i>
Psalm Reader:	<i>Max Churack</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Paul Schloegel</i>
Children's Message:	<i>Jennifer Cammarata</i>	Nursery:	<i>Amanda Fruehling</i>
Way of the Child:			

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