

THE WEEK AHEAD...

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. - Sr. High youth meet
- 6:00 p.m. - ACA

Monday, February 26

- 10:00 a.m. - Knitters and Wannabes
- 12:00 p.m. - Century Club
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, February 27

- 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 28

- 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, March 1

- 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 4 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Communion

- 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 p.m. - Congregational meeting
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour by FPC
- 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, March 4, 2018**

Exodus 20:1-7

Psalm 19

I Cor. 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

February 18, 2018 Attendance:

8:00 a.m. - 80 10:00 a.m. - 104
Nursery - 5

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.)

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018



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.



**First Presbyterian Church,
PCUSA**
120 North Front Street
Marquette, MI
49855-4379
(906) 226-6587

E-mail: pastornjc@gmail.com or
firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com

Website: www.firstpresbyterianmarquette.com

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 Sanctuary today are in honor and loving memory of John Craik, Robert Loughead, and Paul and Louise Rebers. ~from their family

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

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 **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**.

Have dinner with your church family and friends at **Wednesday Night Live** on **February 28th**. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm followed by a time of sharing at 6:00 pm. This week Dave Payant will discuss the importance of Bee Keeping.

Bell Choir rehearsals are **Wednesdays** at **6:15 pm** in the Sanctuary.
Chancel Choir rehearsals are **Wednesdays** at **7:30 pm** in the choir room.
 Love to sing? Join the church choir.

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

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.

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

Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2018

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 PRELUDE "Wondrous Love"

Liturgist: Elizabeth Miller
arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: We follow Christ,
People: who says take up your cross.
 Leader: We follow Christ,
People: who bids us come and offer our lives.
 Leader: We follow Christ,
People: Who summons us to new life.
All: Come, let us worship our Creator.

*HYMN #84 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
 RATHBUN

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*
Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is our home too. We come to add our human voices to the chorus of praise raised by your creation! We come as we are, distracted and weary, hopeful and open, knowing that you accept us and are ever mindful of our joys and concerns. Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention, that we might center ourselves upon you. Speak to us in word and music and quiet, that we may be renewed in our faith and strengthened for your service. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION
 We hide our pain, and our brokenness, and our mistakes. We try to erase them from the stories we tell ourselves and tell each other. God who created us, however, knows our true stories and loves us anyway. Let us now make our confession...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
Forgive us God. We confess that our sin turns us from you again and again. We are a sinful generation longing for your mercy. We want not only to save our lives, but to gain the whole world as well. We are too often ashamed to show our faith to the world around us. Have mercy on us 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 2:1-11

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

People: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

Leader: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. 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

“Song of Devotion”
Elizabeth Grugin, soloist

by John Ness Beck

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children are invited to attend Way of the Child downstairs)

ENGAGING THE TEXT

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible, p. 510)*
(pew Bible, p. 38)

Psalm 37:3-7
Mark 4:13-15

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(pew Bible, p. 44)*

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON "When God’s Thoughts Become Our Thoughts”

Rev. Nicholas Cammarata

*HYMN #301

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
SOUTHWELL

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

Father in Heaven, we thank you today for your blessings that you bestow upon us all. We pray for our congregation today. Lord, may we all give with gladness and sincerity. No one ever gives a present to someone with reluctance and we should never give you what already belongs to you with reluctance either. Bless these tithes and offerings this day. We love You, Father! AMEN.

OFFERTORY
OFFERING

“You Are My Hiding Place”

by Michael Ledner

*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 #313

“Come Down, O Love Devine”
DOWN AMPNEY

*INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“To God All Glory Given”

by Rachel Sawyer

SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Nicholas Cammarata</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Youth Volunteers</i>
Music Director:	<i>Griffin Candey</i>	Greeters:	<i>Hannah Sall Quinton Sall</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Ushers:	<i>Delaney Sall Lydia Sall</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Elizabeth Miller</i>	Counters:	<i>Sue Manson, Pat Pellett</i>
Psalm Reader:	<i>Katja Tuuri</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Children’s Message:	<i>Jennifer Cammarata</i>	Nursery:	<i>Amanda Fruehling</i>
Way of the Child:			

First Presbyterian Church of Marquette participates in a music licensing agreement with CCLI license #2825067

* Those who are able may stand.