

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent COMMUNION

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship in the Parlors
Rev. Nicholas Cammarata
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship/Sanctuary
Rev. Nicholas Cammarata
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour by Connie Kuzak
- 11:30 a.m. - Christmas Play Practice
- 11:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, December 3

- 10:00 a.m. - Knitters & Wannabes
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, December 4

- 7:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry

Wednesday, December 5

- 11:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
- 5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Live
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 6:15 p.m. - Christmas Play Practice
- 7:00 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 6

- 11:00 a.m. - Prayer Service
- 12:30 a.m. - AAUW Book Club
- 7:00 p.m. - GA & Gam-Anon

Friday, December 7

Saturday, December 8

- 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent CHILDREN'S SERVICE

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship in the Parlors
Rev. Nicholas Cammarata
- 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship/Sanctuary
Rev. Nicholas Cammarata
- 11:15 a.m. - Confirmation Class
- 11:15 a.m. - Donna Berryman's Birthday Celebration
- 11:15 a.m. - Youth Cookie Sale
- 11:30 a.m. - Confirmation Class

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018:

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 ATTENDANCE:

8:00 am - 6 10:00 am - 85
Nursery - 7

THE DEACONS SUGGEST... Saltine crackers, peanut butter & jelly, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, and canned soup as donation choices of the month for Room At The Inn and St. Vincent DePaul. Boxed cereal and hygiene items are always needed. Thank you for your support!

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 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
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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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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

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. Please consider sharing some of this taxable income with our church. It's a great way to build your stewardship, get a deduction, and the church receives tax-free money to sustain and build upon its mission. Curious? Contact David Kurtz at 226-6587 Monday-Thursday.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please consider volunteering at your church. 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.

Support First Presbyterian Church by Purchasing Scrip: 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 3-10% from the business. All profits go towards the roof fund. Thanks for your support!

FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND

Try some Equal Exchange coffee! Our self-serve coffee stand has the right brew for you: *French Roast, Columbian, Mind, Body and Soul, African Roots*, a few *Breakfast Blends*, and FPC favorites: *Sisters Blend, Congo* and *Proud Mama* just to name a few. See you at the stand!

YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Christian Education Director - Jenny Cammarata	Pastor - Nicholas J. Cammarata
Campus Ministry Directors - Thomas & Christine Ault	Office Manager - Lori Hicks
Music Director - Griffin Candey	Financial Secretary - David Kurtz
Organist - Anne Perket	Custodian - Karl Hemmila
Bell Choir Director - Dr. Andrew Poe	Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS: Class of '19: Faye Elder, Cathy Enright, Andy Poe; '20: Greg Bambach, Bill Houghton, Peter Premeau, Paul Schloegel; '21 George Carnahan, Shannon Levra, Kelsey Nordengren.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS: Class of '19: Joe Boyle, Barb Gooch, Chad Larsen, John Levra, Beverly Tobin; '20 Connie Kuzak, Mike Kuzak, David Payant; '21 Dan Barrington, Wendy Maki, Susan Payant.




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.

CHURCH STAFF GIFTS: Red envelopes have been placed in the pews for church staff Christmas gifts to show how much they are appreciated! If writing a check, note “staff Christmas gift” in memo, or place cash in the envelope and put it in the offering plate by **December 16**. The gifts will be shared by the staff (other than Pastor). Thank you.


ADVENT DEVOTIONALS for Adults & Children are available at the CE bulletin board. Please take one, or both, and share daily devotions with loved ones during this sacred season!

THE GIVING TREE is in the church library decorated with Christmas wish tags. This year donations will go to an in-need mother with children (white stars) and to in-need adults at Room-At-The-Inn (gold stars). Please take one or more tags, purchase & wrap the requested items, tape the tag to the gift, and return it to the Giving Tree by **Thursday, December 13**. Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need!



 **YOUTH COOKIE SALE & DONNA BERRYMAN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!**
Sunday, December 9 in the Social Hall following worship. Join Donna and friends for cake and celebration and buy scrumptious Christmas cookies! (Cookie pre-order forms are at the CE bulletin board.)


THE CHRISTMAS PLAY is right around the corner! Play practices are December 2 at 9:00am, Wednesday December 5 at 6:15pm, and Saturday December 8 at 10:00am.

 **A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY 2018: Music of the Season** will be presented **December 7 & 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church**. This will be the last Tapestry concert after a 25 year tradition! Performances by Marquette County Chamber Chorale, Marquette Male Chorus, Dawn Betts, Richard Beyers & Anna Martin. For more information, call 249-9867.

THE JANUARY SERIES OF CALVIN COLLEGE, free liberal arts educational presentations on a variety of current topics affecting our world, begins **January 3!** All 15 sessions are 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please see the poster on the CE bulletin board, and take a pamphlet which gives the dates and describes topics and speakers.

CHURCH PLEDGE CARDS: If you have not returned your pledge card, please consider doing so. We have received \$145,826 so far towards our goal of \$235,000. Thank You.

FOR SALE: Sears Humidifier in good working order - \$5.00. Pair of 2 Reddish Orange Overstuffed Chairs - \$50 each. If interested, see Jenny or call the church office at 226-6587.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE will be held on December 5 for a pot luck at 5:30pm. 

ROOM AT THE INN moves to the Unitarian Universalist Church on December 2.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent ~ December 2, 2018

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 DEACONS' REPORT

Liturgist: Jennifer Bruggink

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
 BELL CHOIR

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE
 HOPE

Reader 1: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Reader 2: In Christ there is life and light for all people.

Reader 3: Night and day we pray that God will strengthen us in holiness and love.

Reader 4: Now lift up your heads and rejoice: your redeemer is drawing near.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth!

*HYMN #13 “Prepare the Way”
 BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Almighty God, we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. We fail to call on your name: we don't stir to take hold of your plan for us. Yet you are our God. We are the clay, and thou art the potter. May all that we do be the work on your hand. AMEN.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Raise your heads, children of God! In the bleak mid-winter of our lives, our redemption draws near. In the springtime of our doubts, the kingdom of God approaches.

People: Even when we feel most alone, the One who comes to us is the salvation promised so long ago. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! AMEN.

** 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 25:1-10

Leader: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

People: I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Leader: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

People: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

Leader: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

People: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

Leader: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

People: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN ~ *Children will remain in worship this morning*

ANTHEM "When Jesus Left His Father's Throne" *arr. David N. Johnson*

ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(pew Bible pp. 85-86)* *Luke 21:25-36*

SERMON "Standing in the In-Between World" Rev. Nicholas Cammarata

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional, Hymnal p. 14)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

(Please eat the bread after receiving it. This shows our personal relationship with Christ.)

(Please hold the cup until all have been served. This shows our unity and oneness in the spirit.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / LORD'S PRAYER

** Those who are able may stand.*

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sung three times. Please stand at the third round.

"Alleluia," words and music by Jerry Sinclair, 1972 Manna Music, Inc.

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

Because of You, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May You use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

"Advent Noel"

arr. Michael Ryan

OFFERING

On the first Sunday of each month all loose currency and other funds so designated, go to the Deacons' Fund. On a case by case basis, the Deacons assist those in need throughout our community. Thank you for your generosity.

*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 #61

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

*INVITATION TO HOSPITALITY

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

arr. David Johnson

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Nicholas J. Cammarata</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Youth Volunteers</i>
Music Director:	<i>Griffin Candey</i>	Greeters:	<i>Quinton, Hannah & Lydia Sall</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Ushers:	<i>Quinton, Hannah & Lydia Sall</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Jennifer Bruggink</i>	Counters:	<i>Garry Koehn, Taylor Klipp</i>
Psalm Reader:	<i>Ida Larsen</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Jim Enright</i>
Children's Message:	<i>Jenny Cammarata</i>	Nursery:	<i>Amanda Fruehling</i>
Advent Readers:	<i>Thomas & Christine Ault, Henry Sale, Caroline Porter, Alexis Arsenault, and Seth Pelkie</i>		