

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 18 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gary I. Stevens

Monday, July 19

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
1:00 p.m. - Mission Support
6:00 p.m. - Campus Ministry

Wednesday, July 21

6:30 p.m. - Bell Choir

Thursday, July 22

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
7:00 p.m. - GA & Gam-Anon

Friday, July 23

Saturday, July 24

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

Sunday, July 25 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gary I. Stevens

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021:

Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

ATTENDANCE:

JULY 4: 44

JULY 11: 65

THE DEACONS SUGGEST...
*donations of non-perishable food items
for the food pantry and/or monetary
donations to help individuals needing rent
or utility bill assistance. Thank you!*

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18, 2021



*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
prior to the service as a time for meditation and preparation. If conversation or greeting
is desired or necessary, please keep in mind the spirit of prayerful preparation.*

First Presbyterian Church
120 N. Front Street
Marquette, Michigan 49855
Gary I. Stevens, 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 black mailbox outside of the church office. Offerings can be placed in the blue box on the wall in the sanctuary following worship. *Coffee Hour in the parlors* will resume at a later date. If we can be of assistance to you, please tell the Pastor, an Usher, or any church member. 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. *The Nursery* for infants and children will resume at a later date. An Usher will be pleased to direct you.

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 call the church office or drop a note in the mailbox outside of the office if you are interested in learning how to operate the Sound Board equipment.

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 for year 2021 is \$38.00 per member. Please cover your per capita share. Thank you.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please consider volunteering at your church. **We are looking for volunteers to help us with greeting and post-worship sanitizing on Sundays!** Please call the church if you are interested. 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, or by calling the office for a scrip order form. Holiday Gas, Econo Foods, Marquette Food Co-op, Border Grill, Huron Mountain Bakery, and others! You get full face value and the church receives 3-10% from the business. All profits go towards the FPC Reserve (sinking) fund. Thanks for your support!

FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND

PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING YOUR COFFEE HERE! Available is: *Mama Tierra, Cozy Cup, Organic Decaf, French Roast, Love Buzz & Breakfast Blend, and others.* Your purchase empowers women coffee growers and protects lands in Central America. Our youth make \$1.00 per bag, and you support fair trade growers around the world.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Christian Education Director - Kelsey Nordengren
Campus Ministry Directors - Ryan Redmond
Music Director - VACANT
Organist - Anne Perket
Bell Choir Director - Dr. Andrew Poe

Pastor - Rev. Gary I. Stevens


Office Manager - Lori Hicks
Financial Secretary - David Kurtz
Custodian - Karl Hemmila
Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS: Andy Poe, Mary Craik, George Carnahan, Kelsey Nordengren.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS: Connie Kuzak, Mike Kuzak, David Payant, Susan Payant, Dan Barrington., Ryan Redmond.



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.

 **A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EMILY ANN NELSON** will be held on Saturday, July 31 at 11:30 a.m. with a reception following in the parlors.


THE AMENDED RE-OPENING GUIDELINES approved by the Session on 6/29/21 require masks to be worn only by “non-fully vaccinated individuals”. Fully-vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks, but may do so if they wish!

THE BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE is in need of members. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the church office at 226-6587.

CHURCH ELDERS AND DEACONS ARE NEEDED! If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the church office or Pat Pellett at 250-5392.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST A COFFEE HOUR on the bulletin board next to the office.



 **REACHING OUT PROGRAM:** PLEASE DROP OFF BLANK GREETING CARDS in the box on the hallway table so we can continue reaching out and keeping in touch with others in our church family!

PLEASE VOLUNTEER: Can you help greet or sanitize on Sundays? Please call Crystal at 225-0595 or the church if you are interested.



DO YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS in your garden you would like to adorn the sanctuary with on Sundays? Please sign up on the flower chart outside of the church office.



WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

8th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 18, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Connie Kuzak

PRELUDE “How Firm a Foundation” *Lani Smith*

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: You are no longer strangers and aliens, but members of the household of God.
People: We are built upon the foundation, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.
 Leader: In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple.
People: In the Lord we are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.
All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #361 “How Firm a Foundation”
FOUNDATION

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*
O God of promise, who in Christ assembled the alienated and the excluded into the folds of your compassion, we give you praise for your redeeming grace. You break down dividing walls of hostility, and fill us with your Spirit of reconciling love. You set our feet firmly on the foundation of your goodness, and impart to us wisdom that enlightens our days. You are God, who indeed promises new life to all. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION
 *PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
O God, sustained by your mercy we make bold to confess our sin. We expel strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too freely. Our hasty words cause conflict and tension. We are disturbers of your peace. As you send Christ to reconcile your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of your Son, who loved his enemies and taught us to do the same. AMEN.

** Those who are able may stand.*

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace...and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. As we dwell in Christ, so let us also receive his forgiveness of our sins. For it is in Christ...we are forgiven.

*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 89:20-37

Leader: I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

People: my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him.

Leader: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

People: I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

Leader: My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

People: I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.

Leader: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!'

People: I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kinds of the earth.

Leader: Forever I will keep my steadfast love for him, and my covenant with him will stand firm.

People: I will establish his line forever, and his throne as long as the heavens endure.

Leader: If his children forsake my law and do not walk according to my ordinances, if they violate my statues and do not keep my commandments,

People: then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with scourges;

Leader: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love, or be false to my faithfulness.

People: I will not violate my covenant, or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

Leader: Once and for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David.

People: His line shall continue forever, and his throne endure before me like the sun.

Leader: It shall be established forever like the moon, an enduring witness in the skies.

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #326

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

MORECAMBE

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

* *Those who are able may stand.*

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

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN

Kelsey Nordengren

ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible pp. 192-193)*
(pew Bible pp. 41-42)

Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34,53-56

SERMON

“Jesus... We Beg You, Heal This Nation”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

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

Merciful Deliverer, you do not cast away your disobedient people but receive them blameless through Christ’s all-encompassing sacrifice. We come before you made clean by your righteousness. As you redeem us, you also empower us through the gift of your Holy Spirit. We rejoice at how you restore the fortunes of your people, and bring you gifts in response to your love. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

"Melody"

C.W. Gluck

*You may use this time to meditate and prepare your offering.
Offerings can be dropped off after the service in the blue box on the sanctuary wall.*

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 #403

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Henry Smart

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>Carolyn McDonald Alexandra Gencheff</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Organist:	<i>David Ray</i>	Other Volunteers:	<i>Nathan Mann</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>		