

THE WEEK AHEAD

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
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

Monday, July 26

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, July 27

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

Wednesday, July 28

6:00 p.m. - Superior Housing Solutions
6:30 p.m. - Bell Choir

Thursday, July 29

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

Friday, July 30

Saturday, July 31

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Emily Nelson Memorial Service & Reception

Sunday, August 1 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021:

Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

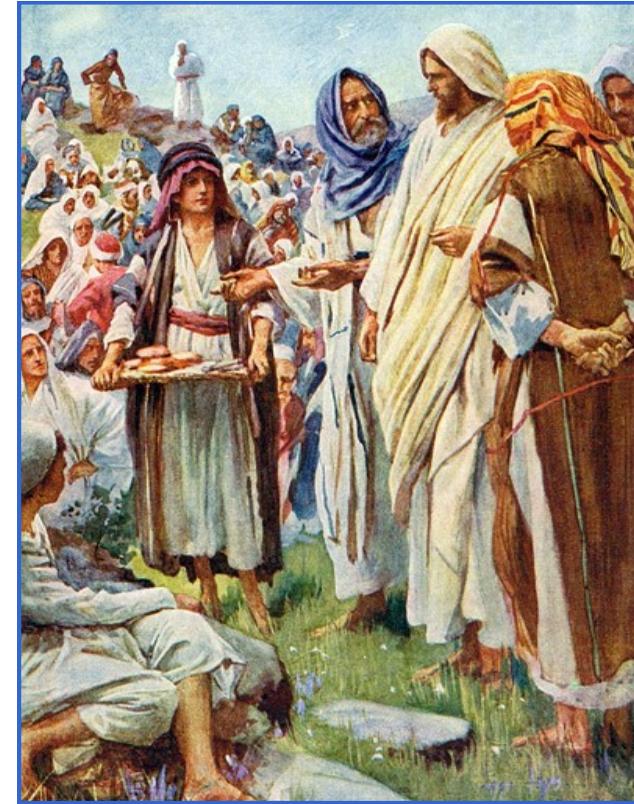
ATTENDANCE:

JULY 4: 44
JULY 11: 65
JULY 18: 49

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!*

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25, 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 luncheon reception following in the parlors.

REV. GARY STEVENS has agreed to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor until an Interim Pastor is hired.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to David Ray, Karl Hemmila, Jack Truitt, and Jill White for the work they've done on beautifying our Memorial Garden and yard!

SCRIP FORMS are available on the hallway table!

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.

 **MARQUETTE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** will hold a **free** concert at the Presque Isle Bandshell on **Saturday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.** To be performed: Hungarian March (Berlioz), Of Our New Day Begun (Omar Thomas), Selections from "The Sound of Music", Marche Slave (Tchaikovsky), and pieces with the winner of "Sing from the Symphony," Olivia Wachnicki.

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!

UP CITY FEST IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 3:00-9:00 p.m. at The Westwood Mall with stunt performances by Zero Gravity, musical performances by Jeremy Camp and Steven Malcolm, and a message of hope by Josh Brewer! Free admission!

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

9th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, July 25, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Elizabeth Miller

PRELUDE "Sanctuary Prayer" *Eric Lewis*

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

People: May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.
 Leader: Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine.
People: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #420 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
CWM RHONDA

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*
O God of deliverance, our knees bow down before you; with our voices we sing you praises. Our hands are uplifted to give you honor; our eyes are opened to behold your blessing. You are merciful in providing us a haven; you are caring and know all our needs; your presence is our assurance that you accept our worship. To you be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION
 *PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs. AMEN.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

** Those who are able may stand.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: And now may “Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love, that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth. May you know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” With that fullness will come the assurance that God forgives all our sin.

***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 14

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

People: The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

Leader: They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

People: Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

Leader: There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

People: You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

Leader: O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

All: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN #370**

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”
WOODWORTH

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.”

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN

Kelsey Nordengren

ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (*pew Bible p. 193*)
(*pew Bible pp. 97-98*)

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

** Those who are able may stand.*

SERMON

“Life In The Light”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

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

To you, O God, be all power and glory, blessing and honor, now and forevermore. Your mercy at work within us enables us to do and be more than we could ever ask. Your Spirit surrounds us as we dwell in the shadow of your gracious deliverance. It is Christ who guides us as we go forth to serve. May all that we do reveal your benevolence, and may what we offer reflect your goodness. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“This Is My Father’s World”

Rick Parks

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 #525**

“Here I Am, Lord”

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Beethoven

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Summer Break</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>C. McDonald, A. Gencheff, C. Swanson</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Ushers:	<i>A. Gencheff, C. Kuzak</i>
Organist:	<i>David Ray</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Elizabeth Miller</i>		