

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 15 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gary Stevens
11:15 a.m. - Congregational Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour by John & Janice Rebers and
Mary Craik

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021:

Psalms 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

Monday, August 16

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 17

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
1:00 p.m. - Mission Support
6:00 p.m. - Campus Ministry
6:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 18

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

Thursday, August 19

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

Friday, August 20

Saturday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 22 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gary I. Stevens
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

ATTENDANCE:

JULY 18: 49

JULY 25: 54

AUGUST 1: 57

AUGUST 8: 69

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!*

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 2021

“Be Very Careful to Live
Wisely”

Ephesians 5:15-20

*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 Director - 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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place today immediately following worship to elect the following seven (7) new Elders and to elect Nominating Committee members:

Barbara Bennett
 Laura Farnsworth
 William Houghton
 Jeff Jaklin
 Nathan Mann
 Christine Pesola
 Ryan Redmond

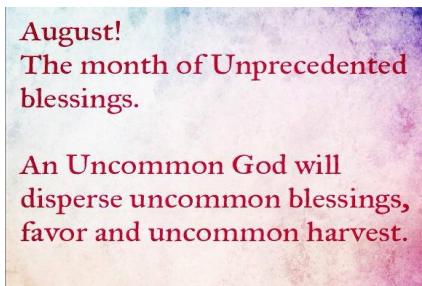
A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROBERT SWANSON will be held on **Saturday, August 28** at **11:00 a.m.** with a reception luncheon following in the parlors.

DR. ROBERT YUILL'S MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on Saturday, September 18 at Noon. Dr. Yuill had requested that the Bell Choir and Chancel Choir participate in this service. If you are interested in participating in either or both choirs for Dr. Yuill's service, please contact Andy Poe at aapoe@charter.net.

THE NEXT SESSION MEETING is on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m.

RACHEL CIRCLE will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14 and on each second Tuesday of the month thereafter.

MEN'S MINISTRY is taking a break and will try to resume in September.



WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 15, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Connie Kuzak

PRELUDE

“Meditation”

William Felton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For cool mornings and rumbling afternoon storms, for amazing days and even more ordinary evenings, for deep friendships and shallow wading pools.

People: we give thanks to God!

Leader: For the laughing God who tickles us with joy, for the broken-hearted Love who joins in our struggles:

People: we give thanks to God at all times!

Leader: For the Bread of heaven who feeds us hope, for the Spirit of grace who teaches us to dance:

All: we give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

*HYMN #341

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

ASSURANCE

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

We long to worship in high-vaulted cathedrals, our songs and prayers echoing in the deep sighs of the saints cradled in the stone. Yet you, unpredictable Creator, you compose a canticle with the gentle drops of rain on a tin-roofed shelter. We long to worship beside the high and Famous and those clothed in power, wealth, renown. But you, Redeemer, you we find sitting at the gutter, huddling in the shadowed doorway, curled up on a sidewalk grate with your long-lost kin. We long to worship with drums pounding and amps turned up so high our hearts tremble. And you would draw us into that still, silent, sacred space called peace. We long to worship you, God in Community, Holy in One. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

We try to be so careful, Faithful God, yet we make so many mistakes. We think we are so wise, yet do not understand the simple wonder of a child. We spend so little time in your presence, and ask why we do not know your dreams for us. We long to be good, upright people, but find our hearts tripping over the temptations of the world. Have mercy, Covenant Keeper, and be gracious to us. As you continue to teach us of your hopes, your dreams, your love for us, may we practice what we learn, as we follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in faith. AMEN.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

** Those who are able may stand.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Out of our lives laced with foolish mistakes and unwise choices, God is able to weave a tapestry of grace, forgiveness, and healing.

People: God has sent redemption for all, God has fed us with the healing bread of life. At all times, and for every grace, we give thanks to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***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 111

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is every mindful of his covenant.

People: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

People: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN #467**

“How Great Thou Art”

O STORE GUD

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

Connie Kuzak

** Those who are able may stand.*

ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (*pew Bible pp. 194-195*)
(*pew Bible pp. 98-99*)

Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

SERMON

“Be Careful Where You Look...”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

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

By your grace, Holy God, our gifts become the bread which feeds the hungry, become the water which drought ravaged lands need, become a community for the lonely, become medical missions for those battling disease and worries. By your grace Holy God, may we offer more and more as you feed us with the Bread of life. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“Savior, Like a Shepherd”

John Rasley

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 #483**

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Welsh Melody

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	Rev. Gary I. Stevens	Acolytes:	Summer Break
Music Director:	VACANT	Greeters:	Nancy Baldwin, Barb Bennett
Bell Choir Director:	Dr. Andrew Poe	Ushers:	Wendy Maki, Ryan Redmond
Organist:	David Ray	Secure Building:	Karl Hemmila
Liturgist:	Connie Kuzak		