

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 29 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gary Stevens
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour

Monday, August 30

- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 31

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

Wednesday, September 1

- 4:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 2

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

Friday, September 3

Saturday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 5 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

COMMUNION

- 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



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!*

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:

Psalm 125
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37

ATTENDANCE:

AUGUST 1: 57

AUGUST 8: 69

AUGUST 15: 65

AUGUST 22: 45

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 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. 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 usher, greet, sanitize or host coffee hour 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 order forms are available in the church hallway, or you may call the office for a form. Holiday Gas, Econo Foods, Marquette Food Co-op, Border Grill, Huron Mountain Bakery, Vangos, etc.! 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, etc.* 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. **NEW ELDERS TO BE INSTALLED:** Barb Bennett, Laura Farnsworth, Bill Houghton, Jeff Jaklin, Nathan Mann, Christine Pesola, Ryan Redmond.

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



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.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY


14th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 29, 2021

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW ELDERS elected at the August 15 Congregational Meeting:

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

THE FOLLOWING NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS were also elected:

Lynnea Hosey	Tom Manson
Vivian Lasich	Kirk Vestal

 **DR. ROBERT YUILL'S MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Saturday, September 18 at Noon** with a reception luncheon following in the parlors.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: It's time to start updating the Church Directory! If you have had any changes in name, address, phone number, email address...please email them to the church office at firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com or drop off in the church mailbox outside of the church office. Thank you!

RACHEL AND REBECCA CIRCLES will have a joint business meeting on Thursday, **September 16 at 2:00 pm** in the church library. Items for discussion include Presbyterian Women's pledge to Mackinac Presbytery and feasibility of having a bazaar. Please call or text Connie Kuzak at 360-9085 with questions or comments.

ROOM AT THE INN personally invites everyone to join them on **Tuesday, September 7, 6:00-7:00pm** for RATI's new volunteer training at St. Michael's Church Parish Center. Snacks and refreshments will be available, and a completely revamped training since transitioning operations into a 24/7 shelter. No RSVP required, and sign ups provided at the training.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery for the areas in Haiti impacted by the earthquake through their established local partners and in collaboration with ACT Alliance. If you wish to use the offering plate to donate, please use Code DR000064 and the word "Haiti" in the memo line of your check.

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Dani Jaklin

PRELUDE

"Promised Land"
 BELL CHOIR

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

People: Let us welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save our souls.

Leader: Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers, so you may be blessed in all you do.

People: Pure religion is to care for orphans and widows and not to be stained by the world.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #262

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"
 NATIONAL HYMN

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of steadfast love, you have written your testimonies upon the hearts of your people; your commandments have guided them throughout the ages. We praise you for Jesus, who makes your will known to us. We sense your Spirit at work in our lives. Throughout all creation, you maintain your presence and give us cause for rejoicing. We acknowledge your marvelous deeds and give you all praise. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of strength and might, we confess our neglect of salvation's armor. We have not girded our loins with truth. The breastplate of righteousness is tarnished by our lax behavior. Our battles are fought as we lay aside the gospel of peace and the shield of faith, and we have weakened our defense in a hostile world. Help us once again to don the helmet of salvation and to raise the sword of the word against the powers that oppose you, so that in all our struggles we may rely solely on your strength. AMEN.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

** Those who are able may stand.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Hear for your comfort the words of Paul: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rules, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). Accept your forgiveness and rejoice in a love stronger than 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 45:1-2,6-9

Leader: My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

People: You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

People: you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

Leader: your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

People: daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

All: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN #466**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

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

** Those who are able may stand.*

ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (*pew Bible p. 229*)
(*pew Bible p. 42*)

James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

SERMON

“Discipleship”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

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

Gracious God, accept the tributes we bring, and bless our endeavors in your name. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“A Trumpet Song”

Steven Scott

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 #357**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“America the Beautiful”

Samuel Ward

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Summer Break</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>Barb Bennett, Marge Spawr</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Ryan Redmond, Jack Truitt</i>
Organist:	<i>David Ray</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Jack Truitt</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Dani Jaklin</i>		