

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### 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 Stevens  
*(coffee hour is currently suspended)*



### Monday, September 6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon



### Tuesday, September 7

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

### Wednesday, September 8

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, September 9

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA  
2:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle  
6:00 p.m. - Campus Ministry  
7:00 p.m. - GA & Gam-Anon

### Friday, September 10

### Saturday, September 11

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

### Sunday, September 12 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary  
Rev. Gary I. Stevens  
New Elders Ordained/Installed

### LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

### ATTENDANCE:

AUGUST 15: 65

AUGUST 22: 45

AUGUST 29: 53

**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!*

## 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 5, 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.

**SAFETY GUIDELINES UPDATE:** Due to recent CDC updates regarding COVID-19, all individuals are required to wear masks inside the church, including during worship services. Physical distancing, including during passing of the peace, is strongly encouraged. Coffee hour is suspended at this time. Updates to our guidelines will be made and provided to you as the COVID situation improves. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

**THE NEW ELDERS** will be ordained and installed on Sunday, Sept. 12 during worship.

**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](mailto:firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com) or drop off in the church mailbox outside of the church office. Thank you!

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** has changed their meetings to *Thursdays* at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

## WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*15th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, September 5, 2021*

GATHERING MUSIC  
WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Lynnea Hosey

PRELUDE

"Kingsfold"

*David Paxton*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching.

**People: It will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.**

Leader: So that your trust may be in the Lord, I have made them known to you today.

**People: The rich and poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #324

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

\*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Make your face to shine upon us, O God, and be pleased to dwell in our presence. We gather before you to give you our praise. Our ears have been opened to the sounds of angels singing hosannas; our tongues have been loosed to shout "Alleluia! Amen!" We listen attentively for your word, which brings wisdom. We wait expectantly to confess anew our allegiance in faith. Make your face to shine upon us. O God, and be pleased with our worship. AMEN.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**O God, Giver of Mercy, in Christ's name hear us as we confess our sin. We speak when we should listen; we hesitate when we should act. Anger prevents us from working your righteousness; selfishness inhibits our responding in faith. We are called to proclaim boldly the dawn of your kingdom, but our shouts turn out to be mere whispers. Cleanse us of wickedness, and fill us with meekness. Redeem us in Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor:** Remember that “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” So live as free people, abounding in the hope of the gospel, for in Jesus Christ you 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 125

Leader: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**People: As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**People: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts.**

Leader: But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways to Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN #293

“This Is My Father’s World”

TERRA BEATA

\*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. 229-230)*

*James 2:1-17*

*(pew Bible pp. 42-43)*

*Mark 7:24-37*

SERMON

“Jesus Loves The Little Children”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

\*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 wafer provided. This shows our personal relationship with Christ.)*

*(please drink the juice as instructed. This shows our unity and oneness in the Spirit.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / LORD’S PRAYER

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**Alleluia, 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)*

**Gracious God, accept the tributes we bring, and bless our endeavors in your name. With our voices we will sing your praises; with our hands we will care for the suffering. With our feet we will seek to walk faithfully; with our hearts we will love you completely. All that we have we return to you, who endow us with bountiful gifts. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY

“Simple Gifts”

*Gilbert Martin*

*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.*

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 #228

“O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace”

MARTYRDOM

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!”

*Arthur Messiter*

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**SERVING TODAY**

Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>Summer Break</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>John &amp; Judy Baldwin</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>
Organist:	<i>David Ray</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Lynnea Hosey</i>		

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