

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **Sunday, September 12 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost Ordination/Installation of New Elders**

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

### **Monday, September 13**

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

### **Tuesday, September 14**

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry  
10:00 a.m. - Rachel Circle  
12:00 p.m. - Women's AA  
6:00 p.m. - Campus Ministry

### **Wednesday, September 15**

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

### **Thursday, September 16**

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

### **Friday, September 17**

### **Saturday, September 18**

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting meets via Zoom only

### **Sunday, September 19 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary  
Dr. Andrew Poe

### **LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:**

Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8  
Mark 9:30-37

### **ATTENDANCE:**

AUGUST 15: 65

AUGUST 22: 45

AUGUST 29: 53

SEPTEMBER 5: 50

**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!*

## **16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 12, 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**  
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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.

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

**THE SESSION** meets next on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**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!

**RACHEL CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday, **September 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in the church parlors. We will resume our study of the Ten Commandments, Lesson 6. Chip O'Neill will facilitate the discussion. Due to COVID-19 concerns, please bring your own beverage.

**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.

**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.



Welcome New Elders!

## WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*16th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, September 12, 2021*

GATHERING MUSIC  
WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Karen Blake

PRELUDE

"Perfect Peace"

*David Paxton*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

**People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether,**

Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #403

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

CONVERSE

\*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**O God of glory, you bless the poor in spirit with the richness of your eternal favor. You choose the meek to inherit the earth. You comfort those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty you satisfy. The pure in heart catch sight of your splendor, and those who make peace you call your own. We join with the merciful, who throughout the ages have lived by your graciousness and worshiped your name. AMEN.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we love our neighbors, but we still make distinctions. We favor the rich and discount the poor. We say we have faith, but our works do not show it; we preach Jesus Christ while we send the hungry away. While our lips praise you, our hands cast off strangers. We are not worthy to ask your forgiveness except for the name of Christ, who pardoned the thief on the cross and forgave those who put him to death. AMEN.**

\* Those who are able may stand.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Pastor:** Remember the words of Scripture: “Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus...and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water”. In Jesus 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 19:1-5

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**People: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes our like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN #339

“Be Thou My Vision”  
SLANE

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 pp. 228-229)*  
*(pew Bible pp. 43-44)*

*James 3:1-12*  
*Mark 8:27-38*

SERMON

“Service”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

\* *Those who are able may stand.*

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF NEW RULING ELDERS (Session) ~

Rev. Janice L. Reed

2023

Barbara Bennett  
Jeff Jaklin  
Christine Pesola  
Ryan Redmond

2024

Laura Farnsworth  
William Houghton  
Nathan Mann

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

**O God, in Jesus you call us to follow; we come confessing that he is the Christ. We offer ourselves to be filled with his commandments. We dedicate our actions to match his desires. We commit our intentions to be led by his Spirit. With all that we have we seek to be faithful. Accept our endeavors and bless our ambitions. Honor our commitment, in Christ’s name we pray. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY

“The Water is Wide”

*Edward Broughton*

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 #361

“How Firm a Foundation”  
FOUNDATION

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory”

*William Doane*

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Ordination & Installation:	<i>Reverend Janice L. Reed</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>George &amp; Mary Carnahan</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Jim Enright, Vivian Lasich</i>
Organist:	<i>David Ray</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Karen Blake</i>		