

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Monday, September 20

1:00 p.m. - Marquette Study Club
5:00 p.m. - AAUW Board
7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
1:00 p.m. - Mission Support
6:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 22

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

Thursday, September 23

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

Friday, September 24

Saturday, September 25

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

Sunday, September 26 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

ATTENDANCE:

AUGUST 22: 45

AUGUST 29: 53

SEPTEMBER 5: 50

SEPTEMBER 12: 59

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!*

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 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: Barb Bennett, George Carnahan, Mary Craik, Laura Farnsworth, Jeff Jaklin, Nathan Mann, Kelsey Nordengren, Christine Pesola, Andy Poe, 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.



THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY this morning are in celebration of Kelsey Nordengren's birthday on September 24. *Happy Birthday Kelsey!*

THE SESSION meets 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 or drop off in the church mailbox outside of the church office. Thank you!



AAUW BOOK SALE: Thursday, September 23, 6-9 p.m. Friday, September 24, 10am-6pm, Saturday, September 25: 10am-5pm.

MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK - OCTOBER 10, 2021. Registration at 1:30 pm, Walk Begins at 2:00 pm. Marquette Hope Connection at 927 W. Fair Ave. will host! Please sign up to walk or collect money. See Crystal Swanson or Ryan Redmond for collection envelopes. 25% stays local. The money raised will be split between St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank and NMU Food Bank. Check out the showcase in the back hall of the church. Questions? Please call Crystal at 225-0595.

PLEASE CONSIDER ORDERING SCRIP to help your church! Order forms are on the hallway table. Carolyn McDonald is handling scrip while Bev Tobin is away. Thank you!

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

17th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, September 19, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist: Elizabeth Miller

PRELUDE

"Trusting Jesus"

arr. Mary McDonald

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of the Lord.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.

Leader: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

People: May God number us with the righteous as we worship the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #438

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

We seek to dwell in your presence, O God, and behold evermore the warmth of your love.

For you shelter your people during their time of adversity; you cradle them in your arms when they are afraid and lonely. You beckon us to embrace you and put an end to our fearfulness.

Entering your sanctuary, we give you praise for your mercy. Be pleased with our worship as we honor your name. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

All wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace. AMEN.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

* *Those who are able may stand.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross”. In the peace that Christ won abides our assurance of pardon.

*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 1:1-6

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #461

“God Is Here!”
ABBOT’S LEIGH

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.*

PULPIT 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

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible pp. 613-614)*

Proverbs 31:10-31

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible p. 45)*

Mark 9:30-37

(pew Bible pp. 230-231)

James 3:13-4:8

* *Those who are able may stand.*

SERMON

“To Boldly Go”

Dr. Andrew Poe

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

Mighty Redeemer, whose judgement is righteous and whose mercy has no bounds, we bring you our offerings in response to your grace. You sent Christ, who calls us; we give you commitment. You gave the Spirit to nurture us; we enthusiastically follow. You provide the commandments as guidance; we seek to obey you. Take us and use us to fulfill your will. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Lloyd Larson

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 FRUEDEN ZART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

arr. Mary McDonald

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Acolytes:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>David Kurtz, Connie Kuzak</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Frank & Marylee Oatley</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Elizabeth Miller</i>		