

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Monday, September 27

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 28

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
5:00 p.m. - Krista Small Memorial Service

Wednesday, September 29

5:00 p.m. - Superior Housing Solutions
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

Thursday, September 30


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

Friday, October 1

Saturday, October 2

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

Sunday, October 3 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Psalms 26
Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

ATTENDANCE:

AUGUST 29: 53

SEPTEMBER 5: 50

SEPTEMBER 12: 59

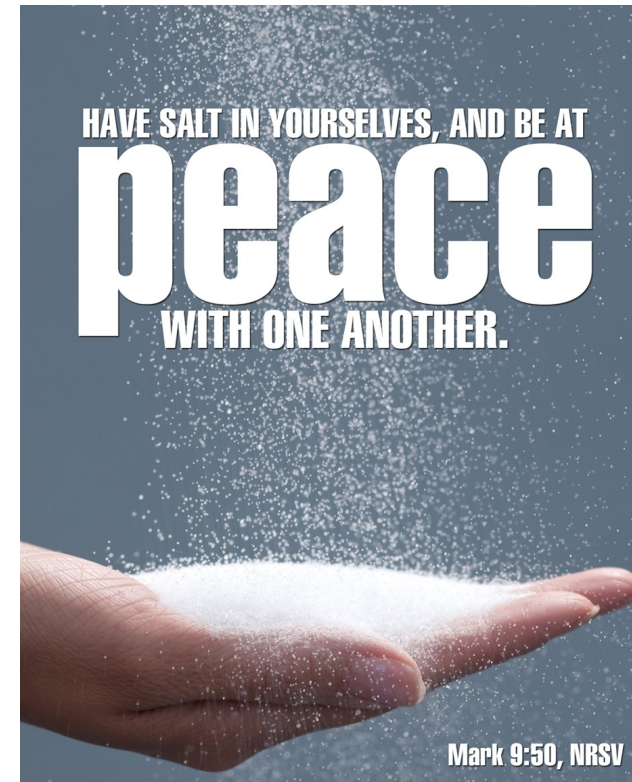
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THE DEACONS SUGGEST...

*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!*

18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 26, 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
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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: Barb Bennett, George Carnahan, Mary Craik, Laura Farnsworth, Bill Houghton, 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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 3! This celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful of our relationship to all our brothers & sisters in Christ. This is also the time we receive the **Peace and Global Witness Offering** as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers & sisters in need. This offering will be collected Oct. 3. Consider a donation - \$30 can provide supplies for displaced students, \$50 provides food baskets for refugees, \$85 provides teacher training. Special envelopes will be in the pews. Questions? Call Crystal 225-0595.

THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER IS MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK! During this week please help raise awareness and destigmatize mental illness. Visit pcusa.org/mentalhealth.



FREE “LEFTOVER BOOKS” from AAUW’s sale last week are available for pick up in the Social Hall following worship today!

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KRISTA SMALL will be held on Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. Private interment will take place in the Memorial Garden at a later date.

PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP FALL WORK CAMP - OCTOBER 8-10 WEEKEND, 10-6PM DAILY. All ages welcome. Prep buildings & grounds and enjoy the fall colors for a day or the weekend. Email Jenna at director@presbyterypoint.org to let us know you’re coming.



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.

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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REACH OUT TO KAY TAYLOR, whose son Kit was killed in the Pentagon 9/11, please drop a card off at the church office.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY

18th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, September 26, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 MINUTE FOR MISSION - Crystal Swanson

Liturgist: Diane Poe

PRELUDE “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *arr. Lloyd Larson*

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

People: The prayer of faith will save the sick and whoever has committed sins will be forgiven.

Leader: Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

People: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
 FAITHFULNESS

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*
You do not tarry, O God of all goodness, to show us your favor. You hasten to hear us whenever we call. Bathed in the brightness of your radiant love for us, we can see clearly your care for creation. Through Christ, now open your eyes to the splendor of your redeeming judgment; by the Spirit continue to lead us to behold your dazzling grace. We worship you - God, Christ, and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity forevermore. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION
 *PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
O God of mercy, you know our lives are but an illusion when we do not dwell in your favor. Our acts are but vapor when we do not obey your will. We will boast of good deeds, and flaunt righteous behavior, but they are conceived in arrogance and born of conceit. Forgive our deception and the damage it causes. By your mercy forgive us, and through Christ make us free. AMEN.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

** Those who are able may stand.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear again the words of assurance. Christ is “the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, because a death has occurred that redeems them from ...transgressions...For Christ...entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

*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 124

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side - let Israel now say -

People: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

Leader: then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

People: then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

Leader: then over us would have gone the raging waters.

People: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

People: Our help is the in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN #341

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

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

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN

Kelsey Nordengren

ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible pp. 231-232)*

(pew Bible p. 45)

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

* *Those who are able may stand.*

SERMON

“Sunday Morning”

Rev. Gary Stevens

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

Born anew with the hope of your redeeming grace, O God, we come before you, bearing our gifts. Use them to spread abroad the good news that in Christ resides the promise of release from captivity, hope that peace can prevail among all your people, and assurance that you usher in the dawn of a new day. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

arr Marianne Kim

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 #260

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festive Praise”

Lloyd Larson

| SERVING TODAY | | | |
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| Leading Worship: | <i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i> | Acolytes: | <i>FPC Youth</i> |
| Music Director: | <i>VACANT</i> | Greeters: | <i>Andrew & Barbara Gooch</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>Diane Poe</i> | | |