


THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, October 3 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, October 4

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, October 5

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

Wednesday, October 6

4:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
5:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 7

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

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9

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

Sunday, October 10 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Gary I. Stevens

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Psalms 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12
Mark 10:17-31

ATTENDANCE:

SEPTEMBER 5: 50

SEPTEMBER 12: 59

SEPTEMBER 19: 44

SEPTEMBER 26: 54

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!

19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 3, 2021



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*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: 2022: George Carnahan, Mary Craik, Kelsey Nordengren, Andrew Poe; 2023: Barb Bennett, Jeff Jaklin, Christine Pesola, Ryan Redmond; 2024: Laura Farnsworth, Bill Houghton, Nathan Mann.

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.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY! This celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Today we also 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. Consider a donation - \$30 can provide supplies for displaced students, \$50 provides food baskets for refugees, \$85 provides teacher training. Special envelopes are 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](https://www.pcusa.org/mentalhealth).

REBECCA CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, October 14 at 2:00 pm** in the parlors. We will study last year's "Into the Light" beginning with Lesson 3. You may bring your own beverage, but no food will be served. Masks ARE required. Questions? Contact Connie at 360-9085.

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? Call Crystal 225-0595.

ROOM AT THE INN is having a volunteer social/training on Tuesday October 5 at 6pm at St. Michaels. Food will be provided.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is providing immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida. If you wish to use the offering plate to donate, please use Code DR000169 and the word "Hurricane Ida" in the memo line of your check.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

19th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, October 3, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

PASSING THE PEACE

Liturgist: Connie Kuzak

Leader: May the grace and peace of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all.

People: And also with you!

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

arr. David N. Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From where we are sheltered in place, from sacred spaces where people are socially distanced,

People: we are gathered as God's people, called to the Table where brokenness nourishes us with simple grace.

Leader: From virtual communities from all over the world, with families gathered in living spaces,

People: we are gathered as God's faithful community, serving, living, caring wherever we are.

Leader: From neighborhoods made up of those of every class, race, and branch of faith,

People: we are gathered as witnesses to God's hope and peace which have not disappeared in every place, in every person in this uncertain time.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #357

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Once, you saw your children held bondage by fear and despair and journeyed with them into freedom and hope. Lord, in these days of worry and uncertainty, continue to walk with us as we feel captive by a virus we cannot see. You came, not with blueprints, but with grace. You came, so that we would not worry about what lies ahead, but could see the community of gentleness, justice, and life you have prepared. Fill our hearts with your grace when we hesitate to put our trust in those who would have us care for the forgotten, the most vulnerable, and so we may live out our calling to live in unity. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Rock of Redemption, we elevate politicians into saviors who are as broken as we are. We misuse your name during uncertain and terrifying days, then have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so worried and fearful, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Forgive us, God of Mercy. May we trust that your love never abandons us. Even in our fears, may we know that your presence never leaves our side. When our faith falters, may we know that your grace is the most valuable gift, and we can open our hearts to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. AMEN.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. My Brothers and sisters hear the good news!! In Christ...we are forgiven!! (Psalm 103:8-12)

*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 26:1-3,6-12

Leader: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

People: Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.

Leader: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

People: I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,

Leader: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

People: O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

Leader: Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,

People: those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Leader: But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

People: My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Down To The River To Pray" *arr. Sheldon Curry*

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN Kelsey Nordengren

*HYMN #313 "Come Down, O Love Divine"
DOWN AMPNEY

ENGAGING THE TEXT
NEW TESTAMENT READINGS (*pew Bible pp. 218-219*) *Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12*
(*pew Bible p. 46*) *Mark 10:2-16*

SERMON "The Light of Christ" Rev. Gary Stevens

*THE APOSTLES CREED (*Traditional, Hymnal p.14*)

* Those who are able may stand.

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*)

We can join in hoarding all the gifts with which you bless us, God of generosity, or we can share them with others. May what we offer in these moments be the very blessing, the very hope, the very peace others need. This we pray in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

OFFERTORY "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" *arr. Lyndell Leatherman*

OFFERING

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.

*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 #383 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
OLIVET

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory" *arr. Lloyd Larson*

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>Cheryl Kuzak, Lynnea Hosey</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Jack & Gloria Truitt</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>		