

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### **Sunday, October 24 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

### **Monday, October 25**

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

### **Tuesday, October 26**

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

### **Wednesday, October 27**

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir  
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir  
5:00 p.m. - Superior Housing Solutions

### **Thursday, October 28**

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA  
6:30 p.m. - Campus Ministry  
7:00 p.m. - GA & GamAnon

### **Friday, October 29**

### **Saturday, October 30**

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book (via Zoom)

### **Sunday, October 31 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

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

### **LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:**

Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

### **ATTENDANCE:**

SEPTEMBER 26: 54

OCTOBER 3: 60

OCTOBER 10: 57

OCTOBER 17: 49

### **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!*

## **22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 24, 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.

## FROM MISSION SUPPORT

**If you are 70 ½ or older and have IRA or other retirement assets, you may be obligated to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) by the end of December.** Please consider sharing some of this taxable income with our church. It's a great way to build your stewardship, get a deduction, and the church receives tax-free money to sustain and build upon its mission. Curious? Contact David Kurtz at 226-6587 Monday-Thursday.

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 and also for 2022 is \$38.00 per member. Please cover your per capita share.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Please consider volunteering at your church. We are looking for volunteers to help us usher, greet, and sanitize! 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.



**MIRIAM HILTON'S MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on **Friday, November 5 at 4:00 p.m.** There will be no reception. Interment will take place next summer in the memorial garden.



**TROOP STOCKING STUFFING - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14!** If you can't join us, please consider making a monetary or other donation (see insert).

**CALLING ALL BAKERS...YOUTH ANNUAL COOKIE SALE IS DECEMBER 12!**

We are in need of cookie dough of your favorites to bake. If you want to donate cookie dough, contact Kelsey Nordengren at [firstpresmqtc@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresmqtc@gmail.com).



**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** is welcoming people to meet on Mondays 10am – 12 noon. We are meeting in homes and socially distancing. Knit, learn to knit, or just come for a “politics-free” time to visit and think of ways to grow and sustain FPC membership. We look forward to the time when we meet in the church parlors. Call or text Carolyn if you have any questions at 250-0294.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A DEACON**, please contact the church office.

**ALL SAINT'S DAY** is November 1, and recognition will take place during worship on **Sunday, October 31**. If you have suggestions, please contact Pat Pellett at [pat.pellett44@gmail.com](mailto:pat.pellett44@gmail.com).

**CAMPUS MINISTRY** meets each Thursday at 6:30 pm at Common Grounds located at Marquette Hope Connection Center, 927 W. Fair Ave.

**THE PER CAPITA** amount has not changed for year 2022 and remains at \$38.00.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** If you have any updates for the directory, please call or drop them in the mailbox outside of the church office.

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

*22nd Sunday After Pentecost ~ Sunday, October 24, 2021*

GATHERING MUSIC

Liturgist: Dani Jaklin

PASSING THE PEACE

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

“He Is Exalted”

*Twila Paris / Mark Hayes*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With our lips and with our hearts:

**People: we bless God in every moment of our lives.**

Leader: With our ears and with our hearts:

**People: we will hear the cries of our sisters and brothers, in every painful moment, in every broken place.**

Leader: With every gift and with our hearts:

**People: we will serve God and all of God's children, with every moment of our lives.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #442

“The Church's One Foundation”

AURELIA

\*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Wise God, you name us your children: feeding us with hope, touching the cup of grace to our lips; shaping us in your image, that we might care for all creation; raising us from despair, rescuing us from our foolishness; wrestling with our questions, watching over us in every moment. Brother Jesus, Servant of the poor: patiently, lovingly, tenderly you listen to our voices, some filled with hurt and bitterness, others with loneliness and grief; some trembling with fear and worry, others overflowing with silence; and you offer them all to God. Spirit of Holiness, you refuse to walk by when we sit in the dust of our despair and pain of our sinful brokenness. Heavenly Father, you name us as your children. AMEN.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Gracious God, we admit it is easier to have pain-causing words on our lips than praise for another. Our foolishness keeps us from seeing the hurts and hunger of those suffering. We stand by, afraid to step forward in faith, afraid to trust that you are with us, afraid to cry out for healing and hope. We are not people who repent in ashes and dust, but we know we need your mercy, and ask that you forgive our faithlessness. Healer of all, we lift our hearts and souls to you, that through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we might find your grace, discover your love, and serve your people in your name. AMEN.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** Take heart: God hears your prayers and heals your brokenness. God calls to you with hope, forgiveness, and life. Now, our eyes are opened and we can see; now, our ears are opened and we can hear; now, we can follow Christ into the kingdom. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. AMEN.

\*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 34:1-8

**Leader:** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People:** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

**Leader:** O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**People:** I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

**Leader:** Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

**People:** This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

**Leader:** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People:** O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Sit Down Servant”

*arr. Patsy Ford Simms*

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

\*HYMN #363

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

SOJOURNER

ENGAGING THE TEXT

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

*Hebrews 7:23-28*

*Mark 10:46-52*

SERMON

“Jesus, Have Mercy On Me”

Rev. Gary Stevens

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

**May our gifts be used to answer the needs of those who seek you, O God, delivering them from their fears, listening to their cries for help, offering refuge to those who are searching for hope. This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

OFFERTORY

“O Great God”

*Bob Kauflin / Faye Lopez*

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 #377

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

*Peter Scholtes / Mark Hayes*

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**SERVING TODAY**

Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes & Psalm Readers:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
Music Director:	<i>VACANT</i>	Greeters:	<i>Cathy Crimmins, Wendy Maki</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Jim &amp; Cathy Enright</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Karl Hemmila/Nate Mann</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Dani Jaklin</i>		

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