

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, February 20 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Monday, February 21:

PRESIDENTS' DAY

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, February 22:

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

Wednesday, February 23:

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 24:

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
5:30 p.m. - Campus Ministry (Hope Connection Center)
7:00 p.m. - GA & GamAnon

Friday, February 25:

Saturday, February 26:

Sunday, February 27 – Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
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LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36(37-43)

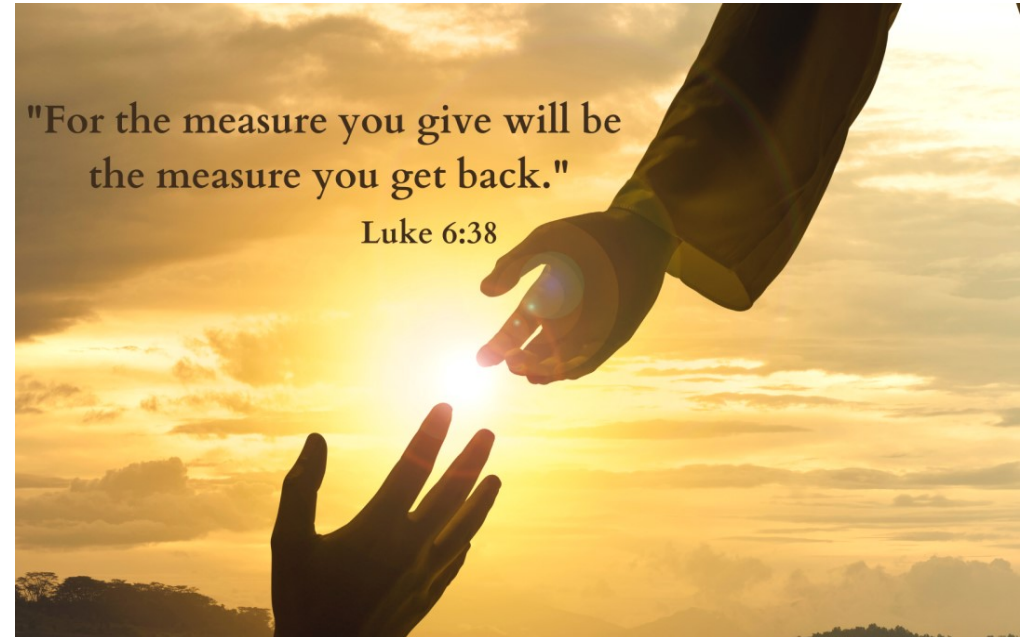
FEBRUARY 13 ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 49
Nursery - 3

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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 20, 2022



*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 collection plates or 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. A Nursery for infants and children under 5 is provided on the first floor. 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

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 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. Holiday Gas, Econo Foods, Marquette Food Co-op, Border Grill, Huron Mountain Bakery, Snowbound Books, 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 (AND CHOCOLATE) HERE! *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
Choir Director - Dr. Andrew Poe
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, 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.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 6:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2.

FRANCES O'NEILL, EdD will preach on March 6, "Celebrate the Gifts of Women" Sunday, with Communion administered by Julie Dowty.



CONTACT INFO FOR JULIE DOWTY, Presbytery Committee on Ministry Liaison:
Email: bcpce@yahoo.com or call or text: 231-645-3213



MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY! Do you have a few minutes to spare each week? Many in our congregation would love to get a card or call from you. Please consider volunteering to put a smile on a friend's face and joy in your own heart! Call Carolyn McDonald 250-0294, Membership Committee.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING WAYS TO LIVE OUT YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST? Please consider becoming a **Deacon!** Contact the church office if you are interested at 226-6587.



PLEASE CHECK OUT THE REVAMPED COFFEE STAND! NEW: Tea, dark hot cocoa, Keurig coffee, whole bean coffee and chocolate bars.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany ~ Sunday, February 20, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

**Please stand and safely greet those around you.*

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather At The River"

arr. Margaret R. Tucker

BELL CHOIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come, those who seek to trust in God.

People: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

Leader: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

People: We would not worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.

Leader: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

People: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope and peace.

*HYMN #263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

You Are our heart's Desire, who chooses grace over grudges, who provides rather than withholding, who creates community with us rather than standing isolated from us. You Are our Brother and Servant, who delights in those who resist you, who cradles the fists of hatred in your scarred hands, who does good to those who do evil. You Are the Breath of wonder, who blows death off our shoulders, who fills our empty souls with resurrection life, who whispers words of peace into hearts full of anger. God in Community, Holy in One, You Are for whom we wait patiently as we pray. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

In this season of light, Revealing God, we find ourselves wandering the shadows of the world. In this time when we focus on Jesus' ministry of healing, we hold tight to all those emotions – hatred, fear, worry – which continue to damage us. In these days when we are invited to listen to Jesus' teachings, we confess it is easier to hear the seductive words of sin. Forgive us, Resurrecting God, for trusting in promises which are short-lived, rather than in your Word which endures forever. You have sent Jesus before us so that, as we follow him, we might travel from the land of fear and doubt to the land of resurrection life. AMEN.

** Those who are able may stand.*

*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Take delight in the good news, dear friends. Salvation is from our God, who restores us to new life.

People: God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart’s desires; God provides healing and hope to all. 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 37:1-10, 39-40

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

People: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Leader: Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

People: He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Leader: Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

People: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret - it leads only to evil.

Leader: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

People: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

People: The Lord helps them and rescues them, because they take refuge in him.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“There Is A Balm In Gilead”

arr. William L. Dawson

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 #376

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

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ENGAGING THE TEXT

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS *(pew Bible p.177)*
(pew Bible pp. 64-65)

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
Luke 6:27-38

SERMON

“Are We The Children of The Most High?”

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

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

You pour out grace upon us, Loving God, not so we might be filled, but we might empty ourselves for others. Take these gifts we offer in these moments and use them to bring new life and hope to all around us. This we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“More Love to Thee”

William H. Doane

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 #485

“To God Be the Glory”

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*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him”

Chester G. Allen

SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
		Psalm Reader:	<i>Henrik Larsen</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters:	<i>Wendy Maki & Crystal Swanson</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Jim Enright, Ben Wilson</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Jack Truitt</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Dani Jaklin</i>		