

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 - 12th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Monday, August 29:

10:00 a.m. - Knitters at 505 E. Arch St.
7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 30:

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

Wednesday, August 31:

Thursday, September 1:

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA
7:00 p.m. - GA & GamAnon
5:30 p.m. - Campus Ministry (at Common Grounds)

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost COMMUNION

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
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LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:

Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

AUGUST 21 ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 51
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!

AUGUST 28, 2022

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*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 need volunteers to help usher and greet. Please call Gloria Truitt if you are interested. 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 SOCIAL EDUCATION & ACTION COMMITTEE:

Help us put into action Jesus' words in Matthew 25: 31- 41. We meet after the church service on the third Sunday of the month. New members are always welcome, also any and all ideas for making us a true Matthew 25 congregation.

FROM THE CE COFFEE STAND

PLEASE CONSIDER BUYING YOUR COFFEE HERE! We now also offer **K-cups, chamomile tea, dark hot cocoa, chocolate bars, almonds and cashews!** Coffees: *Café Salvador, Congo, 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 Directors:

Organist - Anne Perket
Choir Director - Dr. Andrew Poe

PASTOR - Rev. Gary I. Stevens


Office Manager - Lori Hicks
Financial Secretary - David Kurtz
Custodian - Vacant
Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS: 2023: Kelsey Nordengren, Jeff Jaklin, Christine Pesola, Ryan Redmond; 2024: Barb Bennett, Laura Farnsworth, Nathan Mann, Henry Sale. 2025: Jennifer Bruggink, Mary Clifford, John Levra, Frances O'Neill.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS: Dan Barrington, Connie Kuzak, Mike Kuzak, Kirk Vestal.



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 loving memory of Bob Swanson.



How does a Matthew 25 Church meet its commitment to help the homeless? By being informed of the current problem and efforts being made to solve it. SE&A will present two important opportunities for you to become informed. **September 18 at 7:00pm** - representatives from Room at the Inn, The Women's Center, and Habitat for Humanity will

discuss their programs and the specific communities they serve. **October 2 at 7:00pm** - Session Member Ryan Redmond will introduce the Superior Connections Recovery Community Organization (SCRCO), a program helping those in recovery find housing and support. Your attendance at these meetings is a measure of our desire to serve our Lord by serving the least of His children.

CHANCEL CHOIR RESUMES September 7, and the first anthem is September 11.

BELL CHOIR RESUMES September 7.

THE KNITTERS meet on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at 505 E. Arch St. until further notice.

AA BIG BOOK MEETINGS have resumed on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. in Room C downstairs.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN USHER/GREETER, please contact Gloria Truitt at 225-0253.

TO DONATE TO THE KENTUCKY FLOODING DISASTER, use "Code DR000191 - Kentucky" on your check and place in the offering plate, or drop it off in the church mailbox.

WE ARE HIRING A CUSTODIAN! If you are interested and available 20-25 hours per week, please contact the church office for more information.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12th Sunday After Pentecost ~ August 28, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC
 WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 MINUTE FOR MISSION

Liturgist: Cheryl Kuzak

PASSING THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship God!

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

PRELUDE

"Improvisation on *Dickinson College*"

R. Albashian

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God welcomes us all.

People: Whoever we are,

Leader: wherever we are,

People: however we are,

Leader: God welcomes us all.

*HYMN #260

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

O God of truth and justice, in Christ you have taught what it means to obey you. We glorify your name. You are the immovable rock of salvation, the stone upon which we build our faith. When trials beset us, you offer safe haven; amid tribulation, you remain a bulwark of strength. We shall dwell all our days atop your holy mountain, and there offer glad praises for the salvation you bring. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.

*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*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 112

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures for ever.

People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Leader: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered for ever.

Leader: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

People: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

Leader: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures for ever; their horn is exalted in honor.

People: The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

All: Thanks be to God!

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 *(Children will remain in worship)* Kelsey Nordengren

*HYMN #374

“Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace”

DICKINSON COLLEGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT *(pew Bible p. 227-228)*
(pew Bible p. 77)

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
Luke 14:1,7-14

SERMON

“You Are Set Free”

Rev. Gary Stevens

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

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have chosen the poverty of the world to make your people rich in faith. Help us to put our faith into practice through the offering of our lives - giving food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the poor; all for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“Recit de Chromhorne”

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

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 FREUDEN ZART

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Plein jeu; Premier Couplet du Gloria”

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Gary I. Stevens</i>	Acolytes:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
Organist:	<i>Ryan Albashian</i>	Greeters:	<i>Jack & Gloria Truitt</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Greeters/Ushers:	<i>Jim Enright, Simon Jaklin</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Cheryl Kuzak</i>	Secure Building:	<i>Jack Truitt</i>
Psalms Reader:	<i>Kelsey Nordengren</i>		

** Those who are able may stand.*