

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - 13th Sunday After Pentecost

COMMUNION

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



Monday, September 5: (church office is closed)

10:00 a.m. - Sally Closser Funeral Visitation

12:00 p.m. - Sally Closser Funeral Service

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 6:

10:00 a.m. - Bob Marceau Funeral Visitation

12:00 p.m. - Bob Marceau Funeral Service

Wednesday, September 7:

4:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee

5:00 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting

Thursday, September 8:

12:00 p.m. - Women's AA

2:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle

5:00 p.m. - Membership Committee

5:30 p.m. - Campus Ministry (at Common Grounds)

7:00 p.m. - GA and GAM Anon

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

Psalms 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

AUGUST 28 ATTENDANCE:

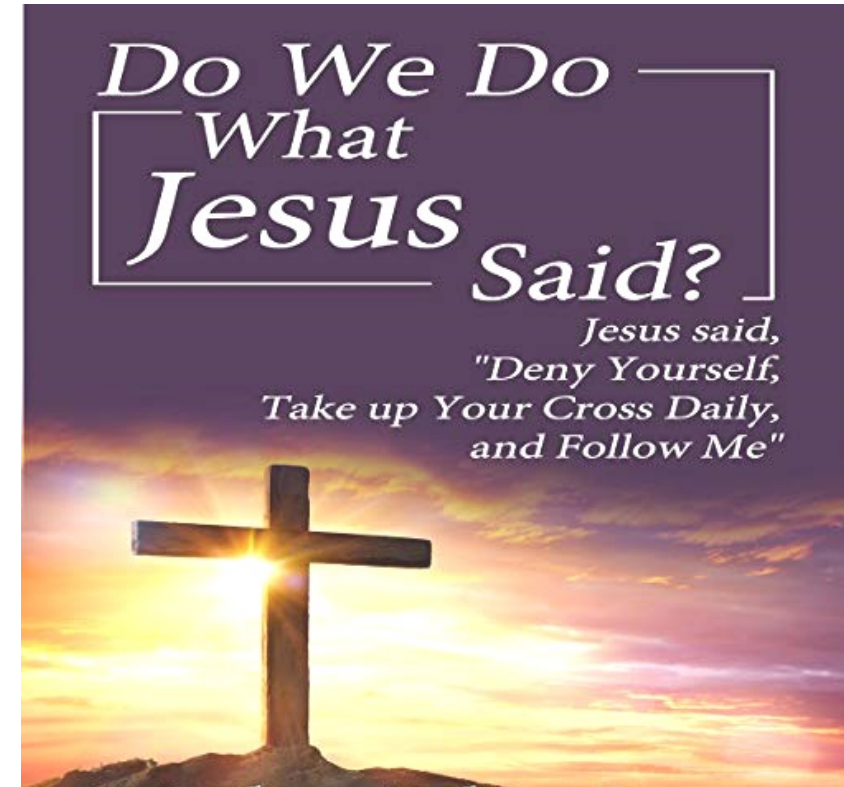
Worship - 74

Nursery - 6

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!

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

13th 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
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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 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.



A funeral service for **Sally Hupy Closser** will be held September 5 at FPC with visitation 10am-12pm and the service at 12 Noon. Interment in the Memorial Garden will follow, then a luncheon reception in the downstairs Social Hall. Rev. Dr. Lawrence Jones will officiate.

A funeral service for **Robert Jack Marceau** will be held September 6 at FPC with visitation 10am-12pm and the service at 12 Noon. A luncheon reception will follow in the downstairs Social Hall. Rev. Gary Stevens will officiate. Burial will take place in Park Cemetery.



WELCOME BACK NMU STUDENTS!

FPC RALLY DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11! Please join us following worship for a free meal, bouncy slide, and a tee-shirt fundraiser!

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 is a measure of our desire to serve our Lord by serving the least of His children.

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

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday After Pentecost ~ September 4, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC "Selected Hymns and Chimes"

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS Liturgist: Dani Jaklin
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 MINUTE FOR MISSION George Carnahan

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 "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" *Scottish Tune*

CALL TO WORSHIP
 Leader: With endless creativity, God forms and shapes our lives.
People: Each of us bears the image of our maker. Each of us is made in love.

*HYMN #371 "Lift High the Cross"
 CRUCIFER

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*
O God, our Rock and Redeemer, you are the stronghold and the refuge of faith, the foundation of hope and the safeguard for all who praise your name. With you we can walk and not stumble, run and not fall, and lie down in safety. We shall fill our days with visions of your lofty splendor, and consider each moment as sacred because of your grace. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*
O God, you have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give you glory. AMEN.

** Those who are able may stand.*

*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Jesus accompanies us on life’s journey, offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way. 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 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

All: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD’S PRAYER

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN (Children will remain in worship) Kelsey Nordengren

*HYMN #485

“To God Be the Glory”
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT (pew Bible p. 215-216)
(pew Bible p. 78)

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

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

SERMON

“Are You My Disciple?”

Rev. Gary Stevens

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and The Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution and Sharing of the Elements (The Lord’s Supper will be by Intinction)
Invitation and Words of Institution
Sharing of the Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 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

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

McChuskey

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 #393

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”

Messiter

SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	Rev. Gary I. Stevens	Acolytes:	FPC Youth
Organist:	David Ray	Greeters/Ushers:	Chuck & Bonnie Swanson
Choir Director:	Dr. Andrew Poe	Greeters/Ushers:	Mary Craik, Kirk Vestal
Liturgist:	Dani Jaklin	Secure Building:	Jeff Jaklin
Psalm Reader:	Kelsey Nordengren		

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