

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - 14th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Rev. Gary I. Stevens

11:30 a.m. - FPC Rally!

Monday, September 12: (church office is closed)

10:00 a.m. - Knitters

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 13:

9:00 a.m. - Mens Ministry

10:00 a.m. - Rachel Circle

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

6:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, September 14:

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 15:

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

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

Friday, September 16

Saturday, September 17

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Frances O'Neill, EdD

11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour in honor of Jack Truitt's Birthday!



LECTIONARY READINGS for SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 4 ATTENDANCE:

Worship - 52

Nursery - 1

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Robert T. Barrett, American painter, illustrator, and professor of illustration at Brigham Young University.

*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”

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!



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.

TODAY IS "DISABILITY INCLUSION SUNDAY"! Be welcoming and show your love.

FPC RALLY TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP... please join us for a free meal, bouncy slide, and a tee-shirt fundraiser!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will have a joint meeting of Rachel and Rebecca Circles on September 13 at 10:00 am in the church library. Anyone interested is encouraged to come!



THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK IS OCTOBER 2!

The Marquette Hope Connection Center at 927 W. Fair will host. Registration is at 1:30pm, and the walk starts at 2:00pm. See Crystal or Ryan For pledge envelopes. Please join us in helping to feed the hungry people in Marquette County! If you have any questions, please call Crystal at 225-0595.

THE NEXT PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC STATED MEETING is Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rogers City.

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

SAVE THESE DATES! Sunday, **September 18**, SE&A presents its first program devoted to housing insecurity issues in Marquette. Representatives from Room at the Inn, the Women's Center, and Habitat for Humanity will discuss their programs that serve specific communities, answer your questions, and, importantly, offer suggestions for ways you can help them in their mission to secure safe and affordable housing for those in need! On Sunday, **October 2**, Ryan Redmond will introduce a program addressing the housing needs of those in recovery. Both programs begin at **7:00pm** in the church parlors. We serve Jesus when we serve the least of our neighbors. Attendance at these programs is a wonderful way to start that service.



WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
14th Sunday After Pentecost ~ September 11, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC "Selected Hymns and Chimes"

WELCOME TO VISITORS AND FRIENDS
 ANNOUNCEMENTS
 MINUTE FOR MISSION

Liturgist: Lynnea Hosey

Karen Blake

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

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Glasser

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of pain -

People: the pain of losing something precious.

Leader: Crowds gathered to hear Jesus speak of joy -

People: the joy of finding what was lost.

Leader: We gather to hear Jesus speak words of truth, words of power, words of love.

People: Speak now, O Lord, for your servants are listening.

*HYMN #263

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

*OPENING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Great and wonderful are your works, O God; majestic is your name. Unto the ends of the earth you display your dominion. Beyond the reaches of the heavens your glory shines. Hear the praises we offer as we gather to worship. Receive the confession we make through your mercy and grace. As we open your Word, we discern your goodness. Your way is holy, great God of all. AMEN.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Create in us clean hearts, O God, cast out any transgression you find there - ransack, renovate, redecorate! Deep in our hearts, remove fearful features and restore your original design. The old lamps are dim; bring new light into the darkness. Make your dwelling place deep in our hearts, and teach us wisdom, so the hearts you transform may rejoice. AMEN.

*MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Believe the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are redeemed.

*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 51:1-10

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions and my sin is every before me.

People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.

Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

People: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“I’ll Fly Away”

Alfred E. Brumley

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 #280

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT (pew Bible p. 208)
(pew Bible p. 78)

1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

SERMON

“God Walked Into My Life”

Rev. Gary Stevens

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR TITHES AND OFFERING (in unison)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all disabled people and all people in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Lani Smith

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 #145

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Welsh Tune

SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	Rev. Gary I. Stevens	Acolytes:	FPC Youth
Organist:	David Ray	Greeters/Ushers:	John & Jennifer Bruggink
Choir Director:	Dr. Andrew Poe	Greeters/Ushers:	Crystal Swanson, Pat Pellett
Liturgist:	Lynnea Hosey	Secure Building:	Jim Enright
Psalm Reader:	Kelsey Nordengren		

* Those who are able may stand.