

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 29

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Knitting
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, September 30

- 9:00 a.m. - Men’s Ministry
- 4:45 p.m. - Jazzercise

Wednesday, October 1

- 7:00 & 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 2

- 5:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - GA/Gam-Anon

Friday, October 3

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

Saturday, October 4

- 9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Clerk’s Review
- 10:30 a.m. - AA Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost
COMMUNION

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

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ATTENDANCE 9/21/25

Worship - 86

Nursery - 4

PLEASE PRAY FOR....



- ♥ Sam Elder who is recovering from successful open heart surgery, and is fighting prostate cancer
- ♥ Healing for Marge Spawr as she is recovering from a fall
- ♥ Healing for JoAnn Potvin who fell and is now recovering at home
- ♥ Carolyn McDonald’s friend Cathy who lost her husband and now a single parent of three children
- ♥ Continued healing for Mary Craik who is recovering from a broken sternum
- ♥ Comfort for Kelsey who lost her beloved dog, Arrow
- ♥ Connie Kuzak as she is waiting to hear if she needs chemotherapy or immunotherapy
- ♥ Bob Wellman’s friend with cancer
- ♥ Joy for our new choir members, Sarah and Ron
- ♥ Joy over seeing the marvels of nature
- ♥ Zane Farnsworth for continued healing
- ♥ Reminder to visit our long term “Friends at Home”
- ♥ Hope for forums in which people can express political views safely
- ♥ Our nation following the death of Charlie Kirk and opposing political violence
- ♥ Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

10:00 a.m.

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Welcome! We are glad you are here worshipping with us.
Let’s join our hearts together in a prayerful spirit.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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WELCOME!

We joyfully welcome you into this time of worship. As a church, we affirm that all belong here in God's house and all are welcome at God's table. May Christ's presence be real, meeting us at our point of need.

If you are a visitor, we're so glad you followed the Spirit here today. May you receive a warm and gracious welcome by our family of faith. You are invited to fill out the blue visitor card located at either end of the pews, then place it in the offering plate. We want to support you in your spiritual journey. You may reach Pastor Natalie at pastornataliehandley@gmail.com.

After worship, all are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and friendship. Follow the crowd into the parlors and join us!

WELCOME CHILDREN & YOUTH

You are invited to make an activity bag to use during worship. Supplies for this are in the children's nook in the back of the sanctuary.

If you are 5 & under, there is also a nursery for you to play in! It is open 9am - 11am.

During the service, there is a time for you to come to the front called "*Conversation with the Children*." Most Sundays, you're invited to join us for Sunday School downstairs in Room D (ages 6-12) with parents picking you up after worship.

If you are 12+, join Youth Group which will resume soon - dates to be announced!

OUR MISSION AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit to know, grow, and show Christ's love to all through worship, education, and service in the name of Jesus Christ.



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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY has begun. We have the Rachel Circle that meets the second Tuesday of the month in the church library at 10am. The Rebecca Circle meets the second Thursday of the month in the church library at 7pm. Please consider joining a circle! Questions? Call Crystal Swanson at (906) 225-0595 or Chip O'Neill at (906) 249-4573.



THE FALL BAZAAR is looking for crafters interesting in renting a space. If you or anyone you know is interested, please speak to Peggy or Amanda Gobert, or email fpcmqtbazaar@gmail.com for an application.

FROM THE DEACONS: On the first Sunday of each month, the loose cash that is collected will be used by the Deacons to support those who need our care. Thank you for your generous giving as we minister to one another. **Deacon on Call:** Please contact the Deacon on Call if you or someone you know needs prayer, home visits, or assistance with food and/or financial needs. Inquiries will be held confidential as requested. The Deacon on Call for September is **Jan Rebers**, and she can be reached at 250-7023 or jrebers@alumni.nmu.edu.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Please scan this code for on line giving and to set up your recurring gift:



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YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Christian Education Director - Kelsey Nordengren

Treasurer - David Kurtz

Music Administrator/Organist - Anne Perket

Choir Director - Dr. Andrew A. Poe, CP

Commissioner for the Presbytery of Mackinac - Amanda Gobert

PASTOR - Rev. Natalie Handley, M. Div.

Office Manager - Lori Hicks

Custodian - Bryan Rosten

Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS: 2026: Amanda Gobert, Crystal Swanson. 2027: Barbara Bennett, Jeff Jaklin, Christine Pesola, Ryan Redmond. 2028: Faye Bowers, Jennifer Bruggink, Mary Clifford, Lynnea Hosey.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS: 2026: Carolyn McDonald, Janice Rebers. 2027: Judy Baldwin, Bonnie Swanson. 2028: Catherine Crimmins, Wendy Maki, Abigayle Schloegel.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE “A Time for New Beginnings” *Lani Smith*

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Natalie Handley</i>	Acolytes:	<i>FPC Youth</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Dani Jaklin</i>	Children’s Message	<i>Kelsey Nordengren</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Secure Building:	<i>B & G Member</i>

CE SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASSES: Join us for these sessions entitled "**Welcome All**" from the Follow Me curriculum. Adult classes held at 9am in Room B. Children and Youth meet during the 2nd half of worship, except on 1st Sundays when we stay together for communion. New this year on the 1st Sunday of each month, we will have an **intergenerational class on October 5** for all ages at 9am.



NEW WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNER! Join us **October 12** and every **2nd Sunday of the month for worship at 4:30pm** in a modern and informal style followed by a **community dinner at 5:30pm**. Invite your friends and neighbors to come to one or both! We hope to reach out to the community and are trusting the Spirit's guidance for this initiative. Please be in prayer for these services/dinners AND plan to attend yourself to extend gracious hospitality to those who dawn our doorstep.

THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING will be collected on October 5. This is one of three special offerings that we collect during the year. 25% stays local, 25% regional, and 50% global. Please support this special offering. Questions? Call Crystal Swanson at 225-0595.



THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK will be held on October 12. Hosting the walk is Marquette Hope Connection Center at 927 W. Fair Ave. Registration is at 1:30pm, walk begins at 2:00pm. For pledge envelopes, see Crystal. This year the 25% will go to the NMU Food Bank and Feeding America (sponsored by Silver Creek Church). Please join us in helping feed the hungry people in Marquette County. Our church goal is **\$900!** Questions? Call Crystal at 225-0595.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY
16th Sunday after Pentecost - September 28, 2025

GATHERING

WELCOME
PRELUDE “ We Will Glorify” *arr. Marilyn Ham*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 146*) (Leader / **People**)
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!
Come! Praise the Lord!
Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!
Come! Praise the Lord!
The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADERS’ HYMN

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader / **People**)
Perhaps we fear that if we admit the flaws of our lives, we will find ourselves too far away, unreachable by God’s grace. But no chasm is too wide for God. In the act of confession, we begin the work of reconciliation, reaching out so God can take our hand once again. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.
Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose our own comfort over generosity to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only the ones that make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader / **People**)
Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve. Alleluia. Amen

**Please stand if able.*

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING - HYMN #581
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.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

COMMUNITY

CHORAL ANTHEM “Lonesome Valley” arr. Gilbert M. Martin

JOYS & 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.*
Joys: **Thanks be to God!**
Concerns: **Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN (children go downstairs after) Kelsey Nordengren

PSALM 119:97-105 (NIV) (Leader / People)
Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.
Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.
I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.
I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.
I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.
I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.
How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.
Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

*HYMN #458 “Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet” THY WORD

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Leader)

**Please stand if able*

SCRIPTURE READINGS
NEW TESTAMENT (pew Bible p. 120) Acts 2:42-47
(pew Bible p. 67) Luke 8:4-18

SERMON Vision Expanded: Rev. Natalie Handley
Spiritual Formation that is Holistic and Rooted in Scripture

RESPONDING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

THE MINISTRY AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH / ANNOUNCEMENTS
Any announcements to be made should be cleared in advance with the Liturgist.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY / OFFERING “Hymn of Promise” Natalie Sleeth

*DOXOLOGY - HYMN #606
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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)
All that we have is a gift from you. Lord, bless these gifts and inspire us to use them in ways that transform and enliven your people. May they be a blessing to those who need them

SENDING

most. Amen.
*SENDING HYMN #744 “Arise! Your Light Is Come!” JUNKANOO

*COMMITMENT
In gratitude to God and empowered by the Holy 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 with:
Worship that is diverse and vibrant,
Community that is authentic and inclusive, and
Spiritual Formation that is holistic and rooted in Scripture!

*BENEDICTION