

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 16

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Knitting Group
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - Big Lake Theatre Co Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

### Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
- 1:00 p.m. - Finance Committee
- 4:45 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 18

- 7:00 a.m. & 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 11:30 a.m. - PEO Chapter DU
- 12:00 p.m. - Solace in the Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. - Manna Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 19

- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-Anon

### Friday, March 20

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

### Saturday, March 7

- 9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary  
Rev. Natalie Handley

**ATTENDANCE**  
**MARCH 8, 2026**  
Worship - 60    Nursery - 5

*STAY CONNECTED TO THE WIDER CHURCH VIA FACEBOOK (FB)! Our local church FB page is "First Presbyterian Church of Marquette" where worship services are livestreamed, and events and updates are posted!*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR....

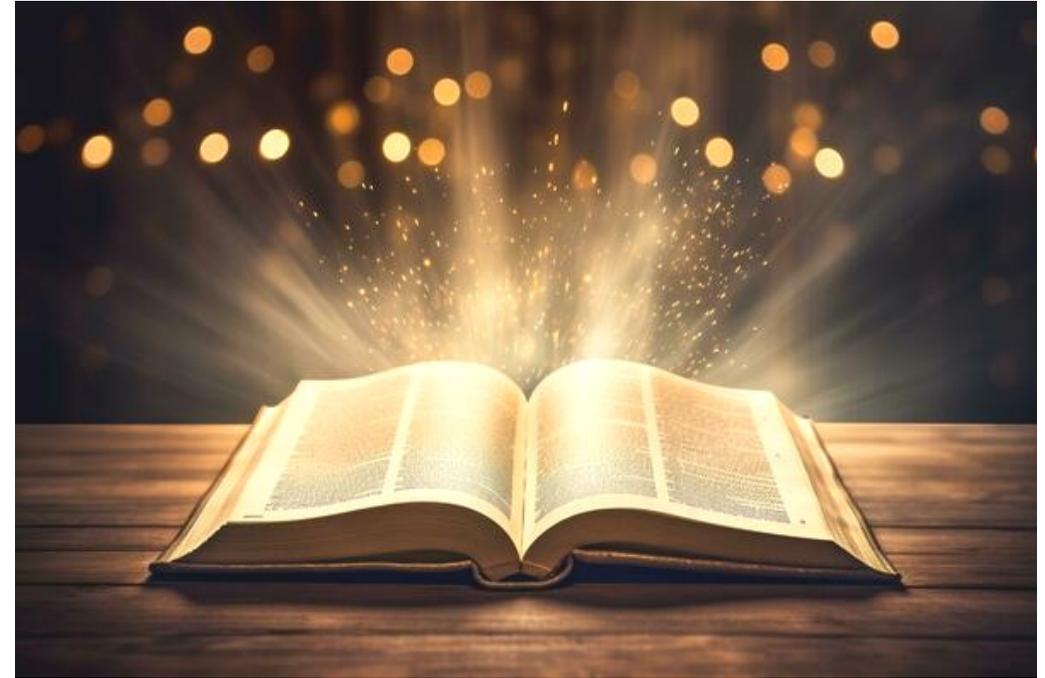
- ♥ Loved ones of Trenton Massey who disappeared February 22
- ♥ Joy for Simon Jaklin earning his Eagle Scout
- ♥ Joy for Ryan Redmond's sister expecting a baby boy
- ♥ Dave Payant - healing and lifting spirits of Craig who broke his back
- ♥ Alex Gencheff - sister's fiancé tore his ACL and uncle is diagnosed with cancer
- ♥ Onyx McCombie is having a kidney transplant
- ♥ Chelsea Travis' grandmother is facing health issues
- ♥ Christine Pesola's friend facing end of life
- ♥ Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer
- ♥ Jennifer Bruggink - gratitude for all the wonderful people surrounding Aunt Margie
- ♥ Terry O'Neill's sister Gina and brother Jeff passed away recently
- ♥ Vivian Lasich's nephew Bill's wife passed away, and his sister Laura Leigh is facing cancer
- ♥ Those affected by the conflict in Iran



**MARCH 15, 2026**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Holy God, in this season of Lent, we pray that we, too, may deeply encounter Christ. We long for your Spirit to comfort and challenge us, to make us more holy and more loving, and to be with us in our daily living, dying, and rising. We belong to you, O Lord. Amen.

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# First Presbyterian Church Marquette, MI

## 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 yellow 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](mailto: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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**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** is beginning its search for candidates for Session and Deacons for election at our annual meeting. If you have interest in serving on Session or as a Deacon, or would like to know more about these opportunities, please contact a member of the committee: *George Carnahan, Vivian Lasich, Lisa Potvin, Ryan Redmond, Bonnie Swanson, or Pastor Natalie.*

**CE SPIRITUAL FORMATION:** Volunteers are needed for leading Sunday School and the nursery. Please contact Lynnea Hosey, CE Chair. The Personnel Committee is working on next steps for the hiring of a CE Director. Questions/input may be directed to co-chairs Jennifer Bruggink, Christine Pesola, Session elders and/or Pastor. Please pray for the next person God is calling to FPC!

**SOLACE IN THE SANCTUARY:** The sanctuary is open on Wednesdays from noon - 1pm for prayer and reflection. Both Blaker Street doors will be open. All are welcome.

**FROM THE DEACONS:** 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 are confidential. The Deacon on Call for March is Cathy Crimmins: 906-869-2555.

**What is the Compassion Fund?** The Deacons' Compassion Fund has been formed in place of the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This *confidential* fund is in place specifically for FPC members and friends of members with financial need. You may apply for yourself or on behalf of a friend by speaking with the Pastor or the Deacon Moderator, Judy Baldwin, who will provide a form. Half of the 1st Sunday donations to Deacons support the Compassion Fund. The Deacons also support the broader community with regular donations to the Community Assistance Fund and St. Vincent DePaul with the other half of your offerings. Thank you for your generosity!

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION ELDERS:** 2026: Amanda Gobert, Crystal Swanson. 2027: Barb 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.

### YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

Christian Education Director - Vacant

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

## SENDING

\*SENDING HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *arr. Jason D. Payne*

## SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP</i>	Psalm Reader:	<i>FPC Volunteer</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Diane Poe</i>	Greeters:	<i>N. Seminoff, W. Maki</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Children's Message:	<i>Lynnea Hosey</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Secure Building:	<i>B &amp; G Committee</i>

**PASTOR NATALIE is away** March 3 - 17 with one week dedicated to Continuing Ed and one week of PTO. Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP will preach on March 8 and 15 and will be available for any pastoral needs by calling 236-2867, as will the Deacon on Call.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BANKS** are available on the hallway table. This special offering goes to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please return them by Easter Sunday. Thank you!



**WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNER!** Join us **March 22** at 4:30pm for a modern and informal style worship - the theme is "Do Not Fear", followed by a free community dinner at 5:30pm with spaghetti, salad, rolls and dessert. Bring your friends & neighbors!

**PALM CROSS WEAVING** will take place on **Saturday, March 28 at 10am** in the parlors. Please join us, and bring your own scissors...thanks!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2:** 5:30pm soup supper and 6:30pm worship service.

**GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3:** We join with other churches here in our sanctuary for the **Ecumenical Worship Service at 6:30pm.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Come to the Intergenerational Sunday School Class at 9am every first Sunday of the month. Children's class occurs during worship most other Sundays. The curriculum is "Forgive" from the Follow Me series.

## WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 15, 2026

## GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Ave Verum" *W. A. Mozart*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 146*) (Leader / People)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.**

Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,**

But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

CALL TO CONFESSION (*from Psalm 103:8*) (Leader)

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Confident of God's character, let us confess our sins together so that we might receive healing and peace.



\* Those who are able may stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(from Jeremiah 33:31-34)* (Leader / People)

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law within them; I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.”  
**We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more.**

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING - HYMN #447                      “We Are Forgiven”                      WE ARE FORGIVEN  
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Leader / People)

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

## COMMUNITY

CHORAL ANTHEM                      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”                      *arr. Max Kiser*

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                      *Lynnea Hosey*

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

PSALM 23:1-6 (Leader / People)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

\*HYMN #377                      “I Walk to Walk as a Child of the Light”                      HOUSTON

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT *(pew Bible p. 255-256)*

Revelation 16: 1-21

SERMON                      Preparing for Armageddon                      Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP

## 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                      “O Rest in the Lord”                      *Mendelssohn / Leatherman*

\*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)*

**What language can we borrow to thank you, dearest Friend? Accept the gifts we give today to be for your glory and the good of your people, because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**