

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, April 20

- AAUW Book Sale Setup
- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Knitting Group
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

### Tuesday, April 21

- AAUW Book Sale Setup
- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
- 1:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

### Wednesday, April 22

- AAUW Book Sale Setup
- 12:00 p.m. - Solace in the Sanctuary
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 23

- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. AAUW Book Sale
- 7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-Anon

### Friday, April 24

- 9:00am - 6:00 p.m. AAUW Book Sale

### Saturday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. AAUW Book Sale
- 10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - 4th Sunday of Easter

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary  
Rev. Natalie Handley
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour - Simon Jaklin  
Eagle Scout Honor
- 11:30 a.m. - AAUW Free Books

APRIL 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter



"Jesus Appears at Emmaus" by Jesus MAFA (Cameroon), 1975

### ATTENDANCE APRIL 12, 2026

Worship - 50 Nursery - 1



First Presbyterian  
Church is a certified  
PC(USA) Earth Care  
Congregation!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ♥ O'Neill's garage roof collapsed and damaged cars
- ♥ Healing for Mary Ellen Eckler's foot wounds
- ♥ Alice Harbin has a faulty heart valve
- ♥ Healing for Lori's arm & wrist - now undergoing MRI
- ♥ Laura recovering from arm surgery and awaiting biopsy results
- ♥ Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer
- ♥ Jennifer Bruggink - Aunt Margie passed away
- ♥ Safe travels for Mike & Connie as they head home
- ♥ Someone who had a sudden foot amputation but is keeping a good attitude
- ♥ Marquette Choral Society traveling to NYC to give concert at Carnegie Hall
- ♥ Everyone who guided and supported high school graduates
- ♥ Continue to lift up Faye Bowers' son Pete



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

### PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O God, week after week you arise, gathering your people, proclaiming your word of life, feeding us with food that is eternal, sharing your Spirit, and renewing the face of the earth. O God, transform us by this resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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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**FPC SENIOR SOCIAL TIME:** Join us weekly on **Mondays from 10:00 - 11:30am** in the church parlors for a Social Hour! This is a wonderful time to visit with friends, enjoy a cup of coffee, and relax. Feel free to start a card game, bring a puzzle to work on, or simply enjoy the great company of fellow church members. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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!

**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 April is Jan Rebers: 906-250-7023.

**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:



### **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!

**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, Abigail 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 - VACANT

Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2026**

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	Rev. Natalie Handley	Psalm Reader:	FPC Volunteer
Liturgist:	Diane Poe	Greeters:	Wesley Swanson Family
Organist:	Lucas Wickstrom	Children's Message:	Pastor Natalie
Choir Director:	Dr. Andrew Poe	Secure Building:	B & G Committee

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is TODAY immediately following worship** to review the Annual Report, vote on the below slate of deacon & elder nominees, and elect a new Nominating Committee for 2026-27. Copies of the Annual Report are in the hallway and the narthex.

Deacons, Class of 2029

Dan Larson  
 Maribeth Larson  
 Amanda Kline  
 Lisa Potvin  
 Simon Jaklin  
 Carolyn McDonald (2nd term)  
 Jan Rebers (2nd term)

Elders, Class of 2029

Karen Blake  
 Garry Koehn  
 Dan Barrington  
 Amanda Gobert (2nd term)



**WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNER!** Join us **May 10 at 4:30pm.**

Following worship, join us for a free **community dinner at 5:30 pm.**  
 Bring your friends and neighbors!

**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.

**AAUW MARQUETTE BRANCH** is asking our community to donate gently read books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles for the AAUW Annual Book Sale. Please drop off in the church entryway by **April 21.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- SAVE THE DATE:** July 13 - 16, 5:15 - 7:30 p.m. All children welcome!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Children's Sunday School during worship has resumed with the session being "Care for Creation" from the PC(USA) Follow Me curriculum. All ages are invited to come to the next **Intergenerational Sunday School Class at 9am on May 3** (and every 1st Sunday) in the couch room.

**GATHERING**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Meditation"

*Maurice Durufle*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 116*) (Leader / **People**)

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,**  
 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
**Praise the Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN #260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader / **People**)

1 Peter 1:21 says, "Through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God." It is because of our trust in the resurrection that each week we confess together the ways our faith and hope have not been set on God. When we confess, we name our sins and commit to turn toward the life God calls us into again. With that in mind we join our voices praying together.

**Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader / **People**)

In Acts 2:39, Peter says: "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Receive the good news, Children of God, you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

\*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 (Leader / People)

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

## COMMUNITY

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Behold the Shepherd”

*Natalie Sleeth*

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

Pastor Natalie

PSALM 116: 1-4, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’**

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

**In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN #254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT (*pew Bible p. 119-120*)

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

(*pew Bible p. 90*)

*Luke 24: 13-35*

SERMON

This Promise is for You

Rev. Natalie Handley

## 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

“Prelude and Fugue in F”

*J.S. Bach*

\*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*)

**Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure we have offered today will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known not just in word but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*SENDING HYMN #839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

ASSURANCE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata on Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

IMPROVISATION