

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 11

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Knitting Group
- 5:00 p.m. - Earth Care Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
- 10:00 a.m. - Rachel Circle
- 10:00 a.m. - Building Staff Huddle
- 3:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
- 4:45 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 6:00 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

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



Thursday, May 14

- 4:00 p.m. - Membership Committee
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle

Friday, May 15

- 9:15am - Jazzercise

Saturday, May 16

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

SUNDAY, May 17 - 7th Sunday of Easter

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
Rev. Natalie Handley
- 11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour



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

ATTENDANCE

MAY 3, 2026

Worship - 53 Nursery - 1

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ♥ Loved ones of Bill Smyth who passed away April 30
- ♥ Loved ones of Mary Ellen Eckler who passed away May 3
- ♥ Alice Harbin is having heart valve closure surgery in Grand Rapids
- ♥ Healing Laura J.'s arm, and multiple myeloma is in remission
- ♥ Jim Robb moved back to Marquette; 2nd anniversary of his wife Tina's passing
- ♥ Sam Elder in treatment for prostate cancer
- ♥ Lisa Fleet in hospital with increased health concerns, transfer to St. Mary's hospital
- ♥ Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer
- ♥ More community youth mental health services
- ♥ People experiencing homelessness and God's work among them



MAY 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

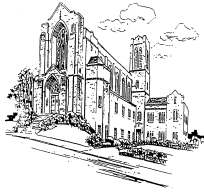


*Welcome! We are glad you are here worshiping with us.
Let's join our hearts together in a prayerful spirit.*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of Compassion, you have created us, called us, chosen us to be your people.
We wait now to receive your word of guidance and blessing.
Grant unto us ears to hear, eyes to see, and faith to respond to your love and leadership.
In the name of Christ. 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.

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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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! The Worship Committee requests your feedback in three areas: the 10am service, the monthly Manna service, and our livestream worship. Please use the below QR code to fill out the brief questionnaire. You may also find printed surveys near the entrances which should be submitted in the black box by the office. Thank you for your input as we seek to plan meaningful worship experiences.



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 calls 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 May is Judy Baldwin: 906-250-4198.

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:



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

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.

SERVING TODAY

Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Natalie Handley</i>	Psalm Reader:	<i>FPC Volunteer</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>	Greeters:	<i>Chuck & Bonnie Swanson</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Children's Message:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Secure Building:	<i>B & G Committee</i>

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are given in gratitude for our treasured sister-in-Christ Mary Ellen Eckler (1932-2026) and our wondrous Deacons, especially Connie & Mike Kuzak - from the Rachel and Rebecca bible study circles.



WORSHIP SERVICE & COMMUNITY DINNER! Join us **today at 4:30pm** for worship, and the following free **community dinner at 5:30 pm**. Bring friends and neighbors!

AN EARTH CARE TEAM MEETING will be held on May 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the parlors. If you wish to learn more about this endeavor, contact John Rebers at 906-250-0442 or jrebers@gmail.com.



THE MARQUETTE CITY CLEANUP was held May 2. The area around the church and the back hill were cleaned up! Thank you to the volunteers: Karen Blake, Mary Craik, Joy Niemi, John and Jan Rebers, and Crystal Swanson. This is one of the sponsored activities of the Social Education and Action Committee.

RACHEL CIRCLE meets Tuesday, May 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the parlors.

REBECCA CIRCLE meets Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlors.

THE YOUTH MISSION GROUP is selling Little Caesars Pizza kits May 10-17 to help fund the 2026 Youth Mission Trip! Please consider buying pizza or make a donation directly to the Mission Trip. See Lynnea Hosey or any youth to purchase.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children's Sunday School during worship has resumed with the session being "Care for Creation" from the PC(USA) Follow Me curriculum. Additionally, all ages are invited to come to the next **Intergenerational Sunday School Class** on **June 7** and every first Sunday in the couch room downstairs.

SOLACE IN THE SANCTUARY: The sanctuary is open on Wednesdays from noon - 1pm for prayer and reflection. All are welcome.

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

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 10, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE - BELL CHOIR "Amazing Grace" *arr. C. Dobrinski*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*) (Leader / **People**)

We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.

We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried, and now risen indeed!

Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.

We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter and guide!

Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.

We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

God is with us and will never let us go.

*OPENING HYMN #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

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

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*Romans 8:31-32*) (Leader / **People**)

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

* *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 "One Tin Soldier" *D. Lambert & B. Potter, arr. Kirby Shaw*

SUNG PRAYER #469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" CHILDREN PRAYING

Each week, we will sing this prayer to open and close the Joys & Concern:

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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 *(in unison)*

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 Connie Kuzak

PSALM 66: 8-20 (Leader / People)

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

I will come into your house with burnt-offerings; I will pay you my vows,

those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer to you burnt-offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what the Holy One has done for me.

I cried aloud to God, and praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened; and has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

HYMN #494 (vs. 1-2, 5)

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

QUEBEC

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT *(pew Bible p. 137-138)*

Acts 17: 22-31

(pew Bible p. 109)

John 14: 15-21

SERMON

Called to Your Side

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

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

*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)*

O Lord our maker, defender, redeemer and friend, accept and multiply the gifts we give today to be for your glory and for the good of your people. Amen.

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN #645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go Out With Joy!"

Mary McDonald