

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 18

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

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

- 9:15am - Jazzercise

Saturday, May 23

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

SUNDAY, May 24 - 8th Sunday of Easter

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

MAY 17, 2026

10:00 a.m.

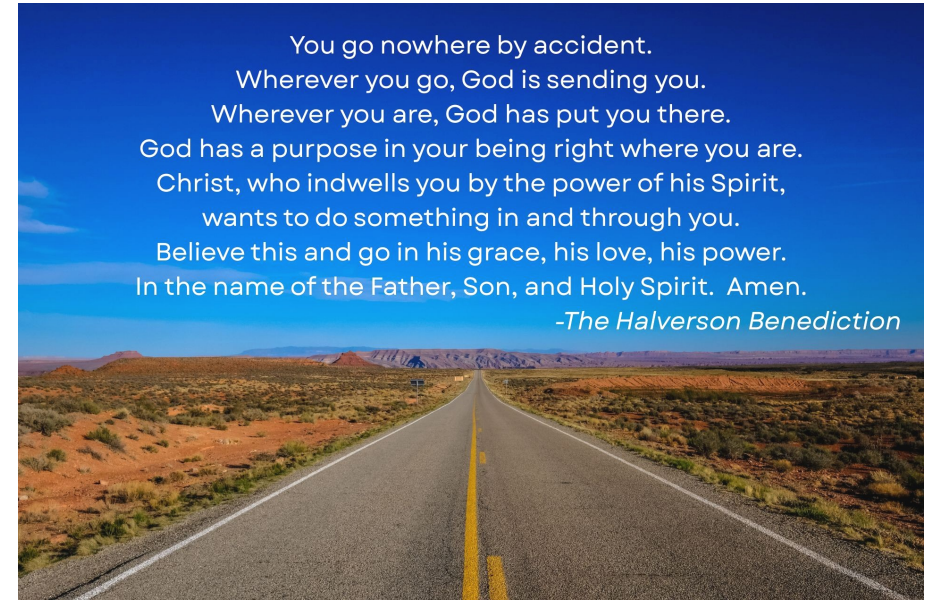
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension of the Lord

Honoring our Graduates

You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there.
God has a purpose in your being right where you are.
Christ, who indwells you by the power of his Spirit,
wants to do something in and through you.
Believe this and go in his grace, his love, his power.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

-The Halverson Benediction



ATTENDANCE

MAY 10, 2026

Worship - 68 Nursery - 1



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ♥ Loved ones of Bill Smyth who passed away April 30
- ♥ Loved ones of Mary Ellen Eckler who passed away May 3
- ♥ All graduates including: O'Neill's granddaughters (aerospace & social work), Baldwins' granddaughter (accounting), Zane Farnsworth, Alex Levra, Simon Jaklin
- ♥ Kuzak's safe travels to Mayo Clinic and solutions to health issues
- ♥ Alice Harbin for comfort and relief while she waits for a date for her procedure
- ♥ Healing Laura J.'s arm, and multiple myeloma is in remission
- ♥ Jim Robb for success in finding a vehicle to buy
- ♥ Sam Elder in treatment for prostate cancer
- ♥ Jenn Klipp as she is treated for breast cancer
- ♥ People off on adventures; gratitude for mothers
- ♥ Chelsea: all affected by the war in Iran - higher food & gas prices



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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, come and be light for our eyes.
Show us the way to fullness of life, Lord Jesus;
that our hearts might be filled with joy, hope, and peace, we pray;
that we might respond to opportunities, we pray;
that we might be strengthened to face challenges, we pray;
that we might become the persons we are called to be, we pray;
that we might learn to respect all of our siblings, we pray;
that we might see the needs of others and give help, we pray. Amen.

First Presbyterian Church

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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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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: 248-525-9091.

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!
- The national level church FB page is "**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**" where you can receive news and updates on the church, including general assembly, mission, and more.
- The "**Presbyterian church (U.S.A.) Washington Office**" FB page is the public policy information and advocacy office of the PC(USA), which regularly issues Calls to Action and the importance of our faith in conversation with the world.

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>Mary Clifford</i>	Greeters:	<i>Garry & Wilma Koehn</i>
Organist:	<i>Anne Perket</i>	Children's Message:	<i>Lynnea Hosey</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Secure Building:	<i>B & G Committee</i>



THE YOUTH MISSION GROUP PIZZA KIT SALES END TODAY...PLEASE ORDER NOW!

Proceeds go toward the 2026 Youth 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 will continue throughout the summer. The sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays from Noon - 3:00pm for prayer and contemplation. All are welcome.

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



MANNA WORSHIP SERVICES & COMMUNITY DINNERS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!

THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to help with the dinners!

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 can be submitted in the black box by the office. Thank you for your input as we seek to plan meaningful worship experiences.



WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord

Honoring our Graduates

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*from Psalm 138*) (Leader / **People**)

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,

with all our heart!

We will sing Your praises before all creation,

and rejoice in Your steadfast love!

You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself,

In You we become everything You have made us to be!

*OPENING HYMN #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

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

Too often in the season of Eastertide, we are quick to roll the stone back over the entrance to the tomb. Our hallelujahs are robust and loud on Easter Sunday, but a few weeks in, we begin to mistrust the promises of the resurrection. Nonetheless, God stands always ready to restore us to wholeness. With the confidence of God's beloved, let us confess our sins, knowing that the God who hears us, loves us, and will forgive and renew us. Let us confess together - first in unison and then in silence.

Eternal God, you have loved us from generation to generation. You have shown your faithfulness more often than we can recall. The Bible tells us of your steadfast mercy. You even pray for us. Yet we live holding onto past hurts; we are not open to your new creation. We prefer the safety of what we know to the excitement of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray, and make us again as you would have us be. We make all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*2 Corinthians 4:14-15*) (Leader / **People**)

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence.

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Believe the promise of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*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

“My God Is a Rock”

arr. A. Parker and R. Shaw



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

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

Lynnea Hosey

*HYMN #468

“In My Life”

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NEW TESTAMENT (*pew Bible p. 91*)

Luke 24: 44-53

SERMON

You Go Nowhere by Accident

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

“Glorify Thy Name/Majesty”

Adkins & Hayford

*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*)

With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, you have seen to our needs. We return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember the gift of time you have given us as tokens of our commitment to know you, to love you, and to serve you. Bless these gifts, multiply and use them, and may we be blessed ourselves as we see your work in our midst. Amen.

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN #318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“He Is Exalted”

Twila Paris

** Those who are able may stand.*