

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, August 3

9:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 a.m. - Men’s Ministry

Wednesday, August 5

12:00 - 3:00pm - Solace in the Sanctuary

MONDAY KNITTING IS CANCELLED
DURING AUGUST



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

Thursday, August 6

1:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee
5:00 p.m. - Deacons Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-ANON

Friday, August 7

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

Saturday, August 8

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Natalie Handley
AT PRESBYTERY POINT

Potluck in the dining hall following worship!

ATTENDANCE
JULY 26, 2026

Worship – 69 Nursery - 9

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ♥ Lynnea for the cause of her digestive issues to be identified
- ♥ Garry & Wilma Koehn’s niece, Rachel, with severe complications from childbirth
- ♥ Jim Robb’s great nephew Tommy, who has a troubled life, is ill and hospitalized
- ♥ George Carnahan for his great granddaughter Mia who has an illness from a tick bite, and daughter Liz who has the parasite cyclosporiasis and is very ill
- ♥ LouAnn & Jim Jaklin’s niece, Jenny, diagnosed with bladder cancer
- ♥ Bob Wellman’s son’s friend Lori has healed; continued prayers for friend Rick’s granddaughter who had first chemo; Sarah facing serious health issues
- ♥ Susan Manson has been hospitalized for 45 days (recent surgery) but in good spirits
- ♥ John Bruggink’s father, Don, has passed away; John & Jennifer are still in Greece
- ♥ Mike Kuzak for relief from the side effects of his cancer treatments
- ♥ Military actions U.S. is engaged in, for those who’ve lost their lives and their families; for leadership to make wise decisions
- ♥ Those suffering the dangerous heat waves and wildfires
- ♥ Caregivers



AUGUST 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



“The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes” by Harold Copping

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Divine Ruler, you reign forever. We exalt you above every struggle and distraction. Fill our hearts with your desires. Open our hearts and give us courage to pursue your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We look to you, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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. Today you will remain in worship.

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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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 August is Amanda Kline: 906-362-7241.

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 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!

SOLACE IN THE SANCTUARY will continue throughout the summer. The sanctuary is open on **Wednesdays from Noon - 3:00pm** for prayer and contemplation. All are welcome.

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: 2027: Barb Bennett, Jeff Jaklin, Christine Pesola, Ryan Redmond 2028: Jennifer Bruggink, Mary Clifford, Lynnea Hosey 2029: Dan Barrington, Karen Blake, Amanda Gobert, Garry Koehn

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BOARD OF DEACONS: 2027: Judy Baldwin, Bonnie Swanson 2028: Catherine Crimmins, Wendy Maki 2029: Carolyn McDonald, Janice Rebers, Simon Jaklin, Amanda Kline, Dan Larson, Maribeth Larson, Lisa Potvin

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Heavenly Sunlight” *arr. Sharon Wilson*

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP</i>		
Liturgist:	<i>Mary Clifford</i>	Greeters:	<i>Mike & Connie Kuzak</i>
Pianist/Soloist:	<i>Diane Poe</i>	Children’s Message:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Secure Building:	<i>B & G Committee</i>

PASTOR NATALIE WILL BE AWAY August 2 - 6 and August 13. Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP will preach on August 2 and can be called upon for any pastoral care needs: 906-236-2867.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT PRESBYTERY POINT - AUGUST 9, 10:30am The service will be outside again, weather permitting, or inside if necessary. A potluck meal will be held after worship in the dining hall. A golf cart will be available for those needing assistance to navigate the path to the point. The benches at the point now have backrests! Carpooling will be available. Need a ride, or willing to provide a ride? Contact the church office. We will leave the church parking lot at **9:30am** sharp. **There will be no worship service in this building next week. Join us at the Point!**

PRE-CONCERT PICNIC - AUGUST 12 - 5:30pm: Join us on the lawn before the Concert on the Steps at Peter White Library (6:30pm). Please bring your own food & lawn chairs - some seating will be available. Friends, family & lawn games welcome. After eating, we will move our chairs up the block for the concert. The church that plays together stays together!

ALL SENIORS ARE WARMLY INVITED to a time of fellowship on **Monday, August 17, 1:00 - 3:00pm.** Join us in the church parlors for an afternoon of games, hot coffee & snacks. Invite friends!

WE ARE HIRING a Spiritual Formation & Outreach Director and a Campus Ministry Director! Please see the E-Newsletter or bulletin board for details. Join us in welcoming our new custodian, Kevin Goetz, who has been hired and starts work on August 10!

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY
10th Sunday After Pentecost - August 2, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Deep River” *arr. Sharon Wilson*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 145:8-9, 14-18*) (Leader / **People**)
The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Lord is just in all God’s ways, and kind in all God’s doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

*OPENING HYMN #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” LYONS

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader / **People**)
We come to confession not because we believe we are bad people, but because we know there are areas of our lives that stand in need of God’s healing touch. And God, who is more ready to forgive than we are to confess, will hear us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us or between us.
Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Every thing we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus’ name, and for his sake.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*2 Corinthians 5:17-19*) (Leader / **People**)
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.
All this is from God, who reconciled us to God’s self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Believe the promise of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

** 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

SOLOIST - Diane Poe “Above All” Michael W. Smith

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.**

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN Connie Kuzak

PSALM 17: 1-7, 15 (Leader / **People**)
Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.
If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.
As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
Wondrously show your steadfast love, O saviour of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

*HYMN #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” IN BABILONE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS
OLD TESTAMENT (pew Bible p. 30) Genesis 32: 22-31
NEW TESTAMENT (pew Bible p. 16) Matthew 14: 13-21
(pew Bible p. 159) Romans 9: 1-5

SERMON “Looking God In The Eye” Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP

RESPONDING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
Invitation to the Table
The Great Thanksgiving (Leader / **People**)
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
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.
The Words of Institution
Sharing of the Elements
(All are welcome at God’s table. Center station is gluten-free. All cups are alcohol-free. A roaming server will come to you in the pew as needed.)

SONG OF THANKSGIVING
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (Sung three times)
“Alleluia,” words and music by Jerry Sinclair, 1972 Manna Music, Inc.

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 “Church on a Hill” by Tom Neumark

*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)
Holy God, the world and all that is within it was made at your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love. Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention to see the world through the eyes of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN #295 “Go to The World!” SINE NOMINE