

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 7

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:00 a.m. - Knitting
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 8

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. - Jazzercise
- 6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 9

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 6:30 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 12:00 - 3:00pm - Solace in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

ATTENDANCE
AUGUST 30, 2026
Worship – 76 Nursery - 1

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

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

Saturday, September 12

- 9:15 & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

SUNDAY, Sept 13 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Natalie Handley

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. - Sunday School Kick-Off Picnic



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



PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ♥ Joy for Sam Elder gives thanks for news that his heart is healthy
- ♥ Dan Richards - gratitude for good health report; prayers for Nepal during mudslides
- ♥ Alice Harbin had a picture of her heart taken, first step toward heart procedures
- ♥ Jim Robb hoping for surgery
- ♥ Jennifer Bruggink for friend Laura (was her Aunt’s caregiver), for guidance and good decisions with her multiple myloma diagnosis
- ♥ Diane Poe for safety for those living in tropical storm paths; family in Florida & Puerto Rico
- ♥ Loren Clifford recently took a fall
- ♥ Kirk Vestal recently took a fall
- ♥ The legacy Dolly Parton left behind such as her literacy programs; Nancy Seminoff volunteers for a nonprofit literacy program
- ♥ Maribeth Larson’s friend, Shelly, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and starting chemo

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 10:00 a.m. 15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Worker God, whose hands built the earth,
molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky,
we gather in your presence this morning
with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds.
Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to work
with you in the building of a world filled with justice and peace. 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 September is Jan Rebers: 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 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 through the end of September. 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 - Kevin Goetz

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

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	<i>Rev. Natalie Handley</i>	Trumpet:	<i>Shawn Nichols</i>
Liturgist:	<i>Karen Blake</i>	Greeters:	<i>FPC Volunteers</i>
Organist:	<i>Lucas Wickstrom</i>	Children’s Message:	<i>Connie Kuzak</i>
Choir Director:	<i>Dr. Andrew Poe</i>	Secure Building:	<i>B & G Committee</i>

Rebecca Circle & Rachel Circle start meeting in September. Rachel meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10am. Rebecca meets the second Thursday at 7pm.

PW study books have arrived for the Rachel and Rebecca Circles. The cost is \$15.40, payable to First Presbyterian Church. Any questions, call Crystal at 225-0595.

THE SESSION meets on Tuesday, September 8 and the time of the is now **6:30 p.m.**

CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR rehearsals resume Wednesday, September 9.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF PICNIC - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: Join the Christian Education Committee for a picnic following worship downstairs in the social hall and on the south lawn. Grilled burgers, hot dogs, side dishes, and fun games for all ages! Another Sunday School announcement coming from Pastor!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - SEPTEMBER 13: All students (any age) as well as teachers, administrators, and others serving in education are invited to bring their backpacks (or briefcases, etc) to worship to be blessed at the beginning of this new school year.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FALL BAZAAR! Saturday, October 24, 2026, 9am - 2pm. If you are interested in being a vendor, please see Peggy or Amanda Gobert for an application. We will also seek donations of baked goods & crafted items for the church table as we near the event.

THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK will be virtual this year. Even though we are not walking as a group, please give to this need in our community! Any questions please call Crystal Swanson at (906) 225-0595. First Presbyterian will be hosting the Crop Hunger Walk in 2027!

MANNA WORSHIP UPDATE - SAVE THE DATE: Starts **October 15** on the **3rd Thursday** of each month with a simple meal at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m.

We are seeking coordinator(s) for simple meals at 5:30 p.m. prior to each Manna worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested or seek more information. 226-6587 or firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY
15th Sunday After Pentecost - September 6, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Prelude” William H. Harris

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Isaiah 49:1-7*) (Leader / **People**)
Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.
God has called each of us before we were even born.
It was God who named us.
It is God who claims us.
The light of God’s love shines in us.
Let’s shine God’s love into all the world!

*OPENING HYMN #32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader / **People**)
On this Labor Day Sunday let us lift up all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, here at home and all around the world.
We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you. We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust labor system. Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. And one where those who serve and care for others - in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places - are also served and cared for. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader)
Our God is a God of grace and transformation. When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary.

** Those who are able may stand.*

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Leader / **People**)
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

TRUMPET - Shawn Nichols "Prayer of St. Gregory" *by Alan Hovhannes*

CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN Connie Kuzak

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

Children are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

Happy are those who have their quiver full of them. They shall not be put to shame they speak with their enemies in the gate.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT (*pew Bible p. 616*) *Ecclesiastes 3: 9-15*

NEW TESTAMENT (*pew Bible p. 202*) *Colossians 3: 23-4:1*

SERMON The Work of Our Hands Rev. Natalie Handley

MUSICAL RESPONSE - HYMN #526	"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"	LINSTEAD
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* *Those who are able may stand.*

(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.)

"Alleluia," words and music by Jerry Sinclair, 1972 Manna Music, Inc.

Any announcements to be made should be cleared in advance with the Liturgist.

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

Praise God, above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

POSTLUDE

Gordon Young