

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. - Men’s Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. - Mqt Geneaological Society
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 7

- 9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 12:00 - 3:00pm - Solace in the Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise Training
- 6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 8

- 5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise Training
- 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, October 9

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

Saturday, October 10

- 9:15 & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
- 10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. - BLT Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 11 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Natalie Handley

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour



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

ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
Worship – 69 Nursery - 2

PLEASE PRAY FOR....

- ♥ Cheryl Kuzak - for loved ones of friend Cori’s mother in law who passed away
- ♥ God’s strength & healing for Paul & Lisa Hein, and her mother, Edna Dyer, who suffered a femoral-head break
- ♥ Jim Robb - anniversary of the Sunday preaching without notes, God was with him
- ♥ Vivian Lasich - niece Laura Lee is going through more treatment but is in good spirits; brother is ill and not doing well
- ♥ Javid - prayer for everyone in prison here and far away
- ♥ Dan Larson - update on Shelly who is at home under hospice care
- ♥ Diane Poe - new medication causes dizziness; prayers for less side effects.
- ♥ Pastor Natalie - gratitude for funding approved by the Presbytery for the Director of Spiritual Formation position; she is now Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery
- ♥ Lucas Wickstrom - joy of playing the organ after the restorative work



OCTOBER 4, 2026

10:00 a.m.

19th 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

God Almighty, today by the power of Your Holy Spirit we unite in prayer and at the table this World Communion Sunday. We unite with all our sisters and brothers in Christ.
We unite with siblings from all Christian churches and denominations.
We unite with all who are joined by the Holy Spirit of God.
We unite with followers from every nation and continent.
We unite with God’s children from every creed and culture.
Make us one, O Lord, we pray. 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.

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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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.

FROM THE DEACONS: Today, the loose cash that is collected is used by the Deacons to support those who need our care. Donations in envelopes will go to the general fund unless *specifically designated to the Deacons*. Thank you for your generosity as we minister to one another. 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 October is Lisa Potvin: 414-630-8180.

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!

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:	Rev. Natalie Handley		
Liturgist:	Kelsey Nordengren	Greeters:	FPC Volunteers
Organist:	Anne Perket	Children’s Message:	Pastor Natalie
Choir Director:	Dr. Andrew Poe	Secure Building:	B & G Committee

SOUP MAKING TODAY! Please join the Deacons in soup-making immediately following worship downstairs in the social hall kitchen. The soup will be served at the Manna Community Dinner, and remaining soup will be frozen for home deliveries.

NEXT WEEK IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY! Please plan to return your pledge cards on October 11 during a special time in worship. Pledge cards are available on the entry tables. Thank you for your generosity!



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 for December, March, April and May. The church will cover the expense of the meal. Please contact the church office if you are interested or seek more information: 226-6587 or firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com.

CULTIVATING THE GIFT OF PREACHING MINI-CONFERENCE: A ministry of the Synod of the Covenant, will hold a “pop-up” event at FPC **October 16-17** (Fri evening - early Sat afternoon) for lay preachers, CREs and others wishing to hone preaching skills. The event includes worship and preaching workshops. All costs covered: Housing (at a local hotel), meals, and milage reimbursed. If you wish to attend or have questions, please contact CGPI Director Dr. Matthew Aragon Bruce (matt@synodofthecovneant.org/609-712-4258) by October 10 to guarantee housing.

ON OCTOBER 18, WE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER & MUSICAN, MIKAH MEYER, a Lutheran travel writer, Christian LGBTQ+ advocate, and former National Cathedral vocalist. Mikah set a world record visiting America's 400+ National Park Service Sites in one year. He is in town for his award-winning short films being shown at Marquette's Fresh Coast Film Festival.

PASTOR NATALIE will be on Continuing Ed leave **October 20-27** for the CREDO Conference.

THE MARQUETTE COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK is virtual this year. Please give to this need in our community. Any questions on how to give, call Crystal Swanson at 225-0595.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD’S DAY
19th Sunday After Pentecost - October 4, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” *arr. John Carter*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader / People)**
We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
from all over the world to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our daily living.
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God’s name! Alleluia!

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

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader / People)
Faced with God’s goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God’s wide mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In confidence as God’s children, let us confess our sins.
Heavenly Father, Jesus asked that His Church be one as You and He are one, but Christians have not been united as He prayed. We have isolated ourselves from each other and have failed to listen to each other. We have misunderstood and excluded and even gone so far as to attack each other. In doing so we have offended against You, against all our siblings in the Church and against all who have not believed in You because of our disunity. Forgive us Father, and make us fully one. Blot out our sins, renew our minds, rekindle our hearts, and guide us by Your Holy Spirit into the oneness that is Your Will. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader / People)
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven in Christ and be at peace.
Thanks be to God! 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**)
 Let us be salt and light to each other, giving and receiving forgiveness in the name of Christ.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

COMMUNITY		
CHORAL ANTHEM	“Prepare The Way”	<i>arr. Morten J. Luvaas</i>
CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN	<i>(children remain in worship)</i>	Pastor Natalie
*HYMN #188 <i>(verse 1)</i>	“Jesus Loves Me!”	JESUS LOVES ME

THE WORD		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
OLD TESTAMENT	<i>(pew Bible p. 163)</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 6: 1-9</i>
	<i>(pew Bible p. 537-538)</i>	<i>Psalms 78: 1-7</i>
NEW TESTAMENT	<i>(pew Bible p. 46)</i>	<i>Mark 10: 13-16</i>
SERMON	From Generation to Generation: Where We Stand	Rev. Natalie Handley

RESPONDING		
MUSICAL RESPONSE		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE’S CREED <i>(hymnal page 34)</i>		
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, 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	“In Remembrance”	<i>Beryl Red</i>
OFFERTORY		

*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)*
Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table, where all are welcomed and all are fed. Use these offerings to grow your family in practices of mutuality, generosity and justice, sowing seeds of peace in every action we take. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SENDING		
*SENDING HYMN #462	“I Love to Tell the Story”	HANKEY
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL BENEDICTION #538	“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”	
POSTLUDE	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	<i>arr. Don Hustad</i>
