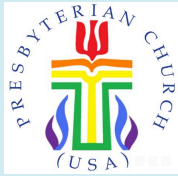


October 16, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWLETTER



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Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10am - 3pm

Pastor: Reverend Natalie Handley, M.Div.

21st Sunday after Pentecost - October 18, 2026

WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:00 a.m.

Sermon: And They'll Know We Are Christians By Our _ _ _ _?

Guest: Mikah Meyer

Rev. Natalie Handley

Liturgist: Karen Blake

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WE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER & MUSICAN, MIKAH MEYER on OCTOBER 18!

Lutheran travel writer, Christian LGBTQ+ advocate, and former National Cathedral vocalist. Mikah set a world record visiting America's 400+ National Park Service Sites. He is in town for his award-winning short films being shown at Marquette's Fresh Coast Film Festival.

Coffee hour is downstairs following worship! Greet one another and our guest, Mikah Meyer, and please support his mission and advocacy work by donating or buying merch as you feel led. We'll show Mikah's film **Canyon Chorus (16 minutes) RIGHT AFTER THE SERVICE!** Deacons have provided the treats.

- Want to see the ***Running Across Mississippi in a Unicorn Dress*** film Mikah mentioned in his sermon? You can, RIGHT AFTER Coffee Hour! **At 12 noon at the Women's Federated Clubhouse across the street.** Fresh Coast Film Festival gave Mikah his very first grant toward helping make the film, way back in August 2025, so they are hosting one of the first public screenings anywhere of it! Full details at: <https://freshcoastfilm.com/films/2026/miss-adventure>

ALL SENIORS ARE WARMLY INVITED to a time of fellowship on **Monday,**

October 19, 1:00-3:00pm. Join us in the church parlors for an afternoon of games, hot coffee & snacks. Invite friends!

NEXT MANNA WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 19: 5:30pm community meal followed by an informal worship service, primarily song and scripture, follows at 6:30pm. invite your friends to one or both!



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

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



FALL BAZAAR at FPC!

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.

CALLING ALL BAKERS...the Youth will be baking cookies for the December 6 sale and needs cookie dough. If you are willing to make dough for us or purchase supplies that is greatly appreciated. Contact Kelsey Nordengren or Lynnea Hosey.

HALLOWEEN EVENT - Saturday, October 31, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Christian Education will have a table of goodies during the Downtown Trick or Treating. Anyone who wants to dress up (not scary) and help us is welcome! Contact Lynnea Hosey for more information.

PRE-THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8!

Join us in the social hall after worship for turkey and all the fixings. Sign up sheets will be provided next Sunday.



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

*You are also invited to join the Earth Care Team by speaking
with John Rebers or Pastor Natalie.*

MONTHLY DEACON ON CALL: *"It is the duty of Deacons, first of all, to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith."* **PC(USA) Book of Order.**

As part of our pastoral care ministries, the Deacons designate a monthly Deacon on Call. 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 held 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 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 of DePaul with the other half of your offerings. Thank you for your generosity!

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS! If you are interested in becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please contact Pastor Natalie at: pastornataliehandley@gmail.com.

PROCEDURE FOR BUILDING ISSUES:

If you encounter something in the church building or property that needs attention, please contact an Elder or a Building & Grounds Committee member.

THE PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT AMOUNT is \$42.00 for 2026 and \$44.00 for upcoming 2027 - Dave Kurtz, Treasurer.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Please scan this code for online giving and to set up your recurring gift:



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*There is nothing to lose...you get full face value...BUT **the church gets 3-10%**, and all profits go into the Reserve Fund! Scrip forms are on the hallway table at the church, or call Jan Rebers at **228-3617**. Thank you!*

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 & updates are regularly 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.



BULLETIN & E-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you have anything that needs to be placed in the Sunday bulletin or weekly E-News, please submit it to the church office by
10am on Wednesday.

Send submissions to: firstpresbyterianmqt@gmail.com. Thank you!

If you would like a person named in the congregation's prayers, please first obtain permission from the person to list his/her name in the E-Newsletter. We will list each person for a short time, then the name will be removed. If the person would like to continue to be listed, please call the church.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

God's strength & healing for Paul & Lisa Hein, and her mother, Edna Dyer, who suffered a femoral-head

break

Cory Steede appreciated the welcome and shared a scripture

Sarah Poe is hospitalized in the rehab unit

Javid - prayer for everyone in prison here and far away

Dan & Maribeth Larson - Cousin's wife Shelly passed away, prayers for all her loved ones

Jenn Bruggink - Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Ukraine and people caught up in wars

Vivian Lasich - prayers for her niece Laura Lee and her brother

Jenn Klipp and Susan Manson for continued good health



**PLEASE BE REMINDED TO DROP OFF
YOUR ECONO FOODS RECEIPTS
in the basket by the mail center.
Thank you!**

Monday, October 19

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

10:00 a.m. - Knitting

1:00 p.m. - Senior Social

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise

Tuesday, October 20

9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry

1:00 p.m. - Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 21

9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

4:30 p.m. - Manna Rehearsal

5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise Training

6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 22

4:00 p.m. - Membership Committee

7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-ANON

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

SUNDAY, October 25 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost - Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP

9:00 a.m. - Building & Grounds Committee
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

MISSION STATEMENT OF 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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