THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, November 9
9:15am & 5:30pm- Jazzercise
10:00 a.m. - Knitting
4:30 p.m. - UC Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 10
9:00 a.m. - Men's Ministry
10:00 a.m. - Rachel Circle
3:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercize
6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 11
9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise training
6:15 p.m. - Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 12
4:00 p.m. - Membership Committee
5:30 p.m. - Jazzercise
7:00 p.m. - GA & GAM-ANON
7:00 p.m. - Rebecca Circle

Friday, November 13
9:15 a.m. - Jazzercise

Saturday, November 14
8:00 a.m. - Sanctuary Cleaning
9:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. - Jazzercise
10:30 a.m. - AA Big Book Meeting

SUNDAY, November 15 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Natalie Handley
10:00 a.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour

Next Sunday, November 15, there will be a photographer here capturing a few photos for our website and social media to share the life of our community!

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

ATTENDANCE
NOVEMBER 1, 2026
Worship – 64 Nursery - 1

PLEASE PRAY FOR....



- ♥ Loved ones of Charles Bersinger who passed away October 30
- ♥ Chip O'Neill's sister is battling two cancers
- ♥ Lori's nephew Scot who is putting up a good fight against throat cancer
- ♥ Continued prayers for Sarah Poe who is at MediLodge in Munising for rehab care
- ♥ God's strength & healing for Paul & Lisa Hein, and her mother, Edna Dyer, who suffered a femoral-head break
- ♥ Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Ukraine and people caught up in wars
- ♥ All people battling anxiety from global instability and uncertainty
- ♥ Victims of a building collapse in Nairobi, Kenya and others suffering world tragedies

NOVEMBER 8, 2026 10:00 a.m. 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own.
Help us to seek and be able to follow your will.
May our prayers be joined with those of our siblings in the faith,
that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship today and always.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

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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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THE UNIVERSAL CHRIST WEEKLY BOOK DISCUSSION is held each **Monday at 4:30 p.m.** in the couch room downstairs. *Tomorrow, chapters 3-4 will be discussed. It's not too late to join! If you wish to join virtually, this link is included in the E-News:* https://meet.google.com/meet/fff-zkoy-iqy

HELP US SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER to 100 active-duty Air Force members serving overseas in Turkey! We are collecting goodies, snacks, and small gifts to fill stockings with love and a little taste of home. **Have leftover Halloween candy?** Don't let it go to waste - donate it to our troop stockings (drop box in hallway) and help sweeten someone's holiday! Together, we can remind these service members that they are appreciated, remembered, and prayed for this Christmas season!

***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 November is Cathy Crimmins: 869-2555.

***FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE*:** Please scan this code for on line giving and to set up your recurring gift. **Pledges for 2027 are still being accepted** and can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church at your convenience. **The fall 2026 church giving statements with your current balances have been mailed.** The final 2026 giving statements will be mailed in January, 2027. If you have any questions, contact Dave Kurtz, FPC Treasurer.

Looking ahead at upgrades to our audio/visual system, we also plan on moving our live streaming to YouTube. We need to reach 50 subscribers on YouTube to do so. Please subscribe! Scan the QR code or go to youtube.com/@fpcmarquette and click the Subscribe button. There is no cost. Thank you!

STAY CONNECTED TO THE WIDER CHURCH VIA FACEBOOK (FB):

- Our local church FB page is ***"First Presbyterian Church of Marquette"*** where we regularly post updates and events as well as live-stream our worship services.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF:

PASTOR - Rev. Natalie Handley, M. Div.
Choir Director - Dr. Andrew A. Poe, CP
Treasurer - David Kurtz
Music Admin./Organist - Lucas Wickstrom
Office Manager - Lori Hicks
Custodian – Kevin Goetz
Interim Director of Spiritual Foundation & Outreach / Campus Ministry - Kelsey Nordengren
Nursery Facilitator - Amanda Fruehling
Commissioner for the Presbytery of Mackinac - Amanda Gobert

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,

SERVING TODAY			
Leading Worship:	*Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP*		
Liturgist:	*Diane Poe*	Children's Message:	*Kelsey Nordengren*
Organist:	*Lucas Wickstrom*	Greeters:	*C. Travis & W. Maki*
Choir Director:	*Dr. Andrew Poe*	Secure Building:	*B&G Committee Member*



JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL DOWNSTAIRS AFTER WORSHIP FOR THE PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER!

Sadly, Charles "Pete" Bersinger passed away on Friday, October 30 at Mill Creek Assisted Living. A funeral service was held November 5 at Silver Creek Church.

Pastor Natalie is taking time away **November 8-12**. Please contact Andy Poe for pastoral care concerns or the Deacon on Call.



NEXT MANNA WORSHIP - NOVEMBER 19: 5:30pm community meal followed by an informal worship service at 6:30pm, primarily song and scripture. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the meals for March - June of 2027. Please call the church if you are interested: 226-6587.

NEW STAFF! We are pleased to announce two positions have been filled:
Organist/Music Administrator: Lucas Wickstrom to carry the music forward! His role includes three new areas: Children/Youth music (parents, spread the word!); Organ Scholars program (mentoring 1-2 budding organists); and organizing a Concert Series.
Interim Director of Spiritual Formation and Outreach: Kelsey Nordengren is back on staff in a full-time role that dedicates 15 hours to Campus Ministry at NMU. The remainder of the role covers Christian Formation for all ages in the church, as well as outreach events and communication.
(Note: This is an interim position and the permanent search remains open with the next round of applicants reviewed in January.)

CALLING ALL BAKERS: The Youth will be baking cookies for the December 6 sale and needs cookie dough or baking supplies. Contact Kelsey Nordengren or Lynnea Hosey.

UPCOMING EVENTS: November 15 - Troop Stockings
December 5 - Christmas at Church / Play Practice
December 6 - Christmas Play / Cookie Sale
December 21 - Christmas Caroling
See the bulletin board for more information!

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
24th Sunday After Pentecost - November 8, 2026

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Prelude on Blessed Assurance" *Gordon Young*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Psalm 78)* (Leader / **People**)
Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth.
We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.
Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.
As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.
We come together to worship the living God.

*OPENING HYMN #299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER

CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader / **People**)
If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.

God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Leader / **People**)
Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

*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 Christ be with you.

And also with you.

COMMUNITY

CHORAL ANTHEM "Turn Back O Man" *Clifford Bax & Gustav Holst*

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 *(children go downstairs after)* Kelsey Nordengren

PSALM 70: 1-5

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'
But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

*HYMN #384 "Soon and Very Soon" SOON AND VERY SOON

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

* *Those who are able may stand.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT *(pew Bible p. 854)* *Amos 5: 18-24*
NEW TESTAMENT *(pew Bible p. 28)* *Matthew 25: 1-13*
(pew Bible p. 204-205) *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

SERMON "Something's Coming" Dr. Andrew Poe, CLP

RESPONDING

MUSICAL RESPONSE

THE MINISTRY AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

OFFERTORY / OFFERING "And the Peace May be Exchanged" *Dan Locklair*

*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)*

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

*SENDING HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" ASSURANCE

*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C (BVW553)" *J. S. Bach*

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