

*The fear of the LORD
is the beginning
of wisdom;
all those
who
practice
it have
a good
understanding.*

Psalm 111:10, NRSV

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**First
Presbyterian
— Church of Northville**



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Welcome

Thank you for worshiping with us!

We invite you to write your name and contact information on the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew for others to sign.

Currently, we are following recommendations from state and local health officials regarding our Covid-19 policy. At this time we will recommend face masks indoors, refrain from congregational singing and suspend fellowship gathering after the service.

If you would like a children's folder, large print bulletin, *wireless hearing assistance device* or back pillow, the ushers will be happy to assist you. We currently offer two types of hearing assistance devices: one with earphones, and one which works with "T" coil hearing aids.

If you are visiting with us, and don't have a Bible you can read and understand, please take one from your pew as our gift to you!

~ *The prelude is to be a time of reflection and preparation for worship* ~

Welcome

Prelude *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness* J.S. Bach

Announcements

Minute for Mission - Stewardship **Tim Mizerowski**

Introit *O Word of God Incarnate* (v. 1)
Chancel Choir

***Call to Worship** (read responsively)

Reader: From sunrise to sunset,

People: Let us praise God's holy name.

Reader: With the wisdom of the aged and the energy of the young,

People: Let us praise God's holy name.

Reader: In our work and in our homes,

People: Let us praise God's holy name.

Reader: Let us praise the Lord with our whole hearts!

People: **We will worship God now and always.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my



song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of all creation, you have opened the world around us and filled it with wonder, but we confess our eyes are not always open to its harsher realities. Our ears are sometimes deaf to cries of need. Our minds are often shut to opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness. Forgive us when we miss the wisdom you intend us to embrace.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Darleen Sweeney

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Reading: James 3: 13- 4: 3 , 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1} Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.

Second Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation *"Finding the Way"* **Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

Call to the Offering

Offertory *There Is a Balm in Gilead*
Chancel Choir

***Doxology** **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

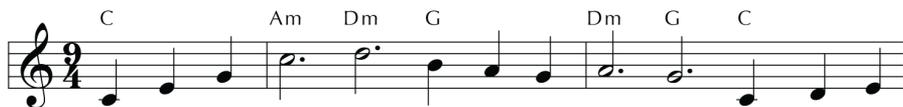
***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

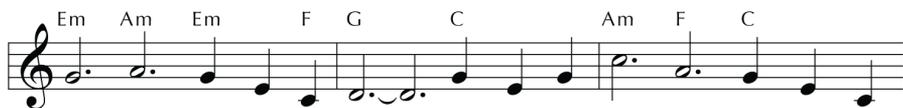
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

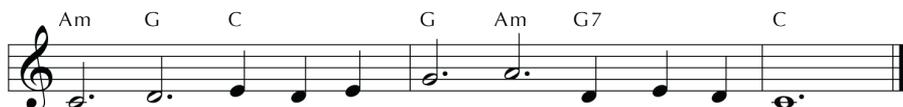
Christ Be Beside Me



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -
3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my
all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.
sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

*Benediction

*Choral Response

O Word of God Incarnate (v. 3)
Chancel Choir

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

*At the close of the worship service, you may depart during the postlude,
or stay to enjoy the music.*



* Please rise in body or spirit.



To The Glory of God...

*The flowers in the chancel are given by Jim & Marilyn Atkinson
“In celebration of our 68th wedding anniversary — we have truly
been blessed”*

Worship Leaders and Staff:

Minister

Rev. Jacqueline Spycher

Liturgist

Anne Vetter

Organist/Accompanist

Dr. Dave Wagner

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Julia Bezems, Vocal Music Associate

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Resources

Family Fall Outing

Meet us at Erwin's Orchard in South Lyon

Wednesday, September 29

From 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Apple Picking Donuts Cider

Bring money for the activities your family wishes to do—



Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

We have craft pumpkins that need decorating!
Please contact Sarah French to make arrangements to pick up a pumpkin. Decorate it and return it to church no later than Sunday, October 3. Voting will take place in October and winners announced (date TBD). Prizes include a gift card!

Questions? please contact Sarah
e-mail: sarahfrench@fpcnorthville.org
First Presbyterian Church of Northville



The Bulletin Board

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is NEXT Sunday, September 26, immediately following worship. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. We will review annual reports, vote to renew the Pastor's call, and confirm officers, deacons and elders.

Church Directory — the updated directory is now complete! Printed copies are available in Boll Hall and in the church office.

Oh, my gourdness — it's almost autumn! Let's 'pumpkin spice' things up a bit—we have craft pumpkins that need decorating for our **Pumpkin Decorating Contest!** If you are fall-inspired, please contact Sarah French to make arrangements to pick up a pumpkin.

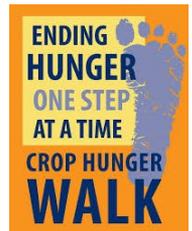


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Blood Drive — The American Red Cross will be at FPCN on Friday, October 1 from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. *Make an appointment today!* Call 1-800-RED CROSS or register online: redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: fpcnorthville)

CROP Hunger Walk—We are hosting walkers from multiple area churches for the Novi/Northville CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather at First Presbyterian Church of Northville and set out for walks that range from 1 to 5 miles. Donations gathered from the walk will benefit local groups (25%) and Church World Services (75%). To register with our team, visit: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/novimi>; register as part of FPC Croppers. Not a walker? Help the team by making a donation. To learn more, visit the registration page or speak to Carol Maise or Pastor Jackie.



Serving at Crossroads — On Sunday, October 10, FPCN is hosting the Sunday Meal at Crossroads of Michigan . We will be providing meals for up to 400 guests, and are looking for volunteers either in the morning (8:30 to 11:30am) or afternoon (11:30-3:00) to help prepare the meal and distribute it. Please sign up in Boll Hall or by using Signup Genius (link is in the Friday e-mail blast or on our website).

College Care Packages — APEX and Middle School Youth Groups will be sending care packages to our college students in the coming months and we need your help to fill their boxes with items they will need and enjoy to help study for finals. Please bring items to church and leave in the donation box in Boll Hall. Suggested items to donate are post-it notes, pens & pencils, fuzzy socks, chapstick, gum, granola bars, hot chocolate packets, and the like. We will be collecting from September 13 to October 3rd.

Also, if you have a college student who'd like to receive a package, please send their name and address to Emily Hamilton at emilyhamilton@fpcnorthville.org.

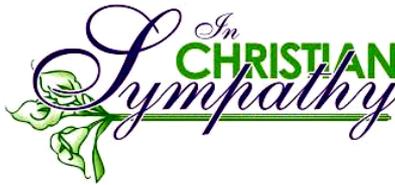
From Civic Concern— Currently, we are collecting these products for our clients: **Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap and Laundry Detergent.** You may bring donations to Boll Hall on Sundays, or drop off in front of the Civic Concern office in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center (7 Mile Rd at Northville Rd.) on Mon-Wed-Fri between 10a.m. & 1:00p.m. We appreciate your dedication and participation especially during the past year — Blessings to you!

The FPCN Chancel Choir has begun weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. in the sanctuary. Due to COVID safety precautions, we will be masked and socially distanced while singing. Please contact Julia Bezems at juliabezems@fpcnorthville.org with any questions! If you like to sing, you are welcome to join! No auditions necessary.



Bottle & Can Fundraiser — APEX and Middle School youth are doing a combined fundraiser for their summer 2022 events. APEX will be going to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium and both APEX and the Middle School youth will be going to Flint, Michigan for a week-long mission trip. If you would like to help us fundraise for this event, we will be collecting returnable cans and bottles near Boll Hall. This will be an ongoing fundraiser for the year. Thank you so much for your support!





Our prayers are with the families of these gentlemen who have entered the Church Triumphant:

Al Gricius

Al Henry

Chuck Lapham



Congregation: all caregivers; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta, Marge Dabney, Donna Kennedy, Marge Longridge, Donald Morgan, Marilyn Overmyer, Rod Tabaczynski, Dick Werther.

Friends and Family: Melissa Altomare (sister of Debby DeLaby); Kimberly Atkinson (family of Jim & Marilyn Atkinson); Patricia Bader (mother of Dave Bader); Michelle Bishop (friend of Beth Heberlein); Claude Coleman (brother of Coline Coleman), Vanessa David (friend of Marilyn Thibodeau); Brant Doty (brother of Tim Doty); Christy Farber (sister of Ann & Dick Werther); Colleen Farber (sister-in-law of Ann & Dick Werther); George and Jill Farris (friends of Adam, Lori and Jacob Danes); Jackie Fisher (mother of Louise Fisher); Sally Gillies (sister of Ron Austin); Dave Gingrich; Rose-Marie Green (mother of Ann Werther); Connie Hassaballa (sister of Sandy Robison & Judy Russell); Mark Ivankovics (brother-in-law of Louise Fisher); Michael Murray (brother of Wanda Moon); Kathy Pflieger (sister of Deb Sopo); Terry Wingblad (friend of Darleen Sweeney); Randy Wisner (cousin of Darleen Sweeney).

All Military Personnel currently serving here and abroad.

*To add a name to this list, please call your Deacon, or the Church office at 248-349-0911. Please note that names are added to the Prayer Ministry list only with the individual's permission. This list will be purged and reprinted periodically. **Kindly let us know when to remove a name.***

