

**If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34, NRSV

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
SIXTEENTH 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 *Chorale Prelude on a Melody by Melchoir Vulpus*
Healey Willan

Announcements

Introit *God's Glory Fills the Heavens* (v. 1)
Chancel Choir

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

Reader: Come, people of God, worship the One who listens to our prayers.

People: We will worship the One who hears us.

Reader: Come, people of God, worship the One who watches over us.

People: We will worship the One who cares deeply for us all.

Reader: Come, people of God, worship the One who offered his life for us.

People: We will offer thanks and praise to the One who gives us life.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn

O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me



all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in



hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

Refrain



u-ni-verse dis-played:
feel the gen-tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
take a-way my sin: God, how great thou art!"



thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are easily distracted. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Forgive us when we do not understand what it means to be your disciples. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Children's Message

Pastor Jackie

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Psalm 19:1-14

¹The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

³There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;

⁴yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
⁵which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure,
making wise the simple;

⁸the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹the fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.

¹³Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Second Reading: Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the

sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation *"Following Jesus"* **Rev. Jacqueline Spycher**

Call to the Offering

Offertory *When In Our Music God is Glorified* arr. H. Ziegenhals
Chancel Choir; Jonathan Fontan, trumpet

***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** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (pg. 7)

***Benediction**

***Choral Response** *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Postlude *Toccata in G Major* Dieterich Buxtehude

*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.

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

***To The Glory of God...***

*The flowers in the chancel are given by
 Cal & Carol Strom
 "In celebration of our 64 years together"*

*The flowers in the vase are given by
 Jim & Marilyn Atkinson in loving memory of
 their grandson Trey Atkinson*



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Old Fashioned Church Picnic — TODAY! We will gather after worship service at Waterford Bend Park (at 6 Mile and Northville Rd) for food, fun, games and fellowship.



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

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation is on 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.

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.

Congregational Nominating Committee Update—

Your Congregational Nominating Committee is making good progress filling positions and still has two openings for Deacons.

If you are interested in serving or learning more, please contact a member of the CNC.

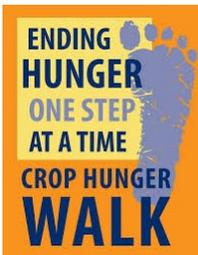
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CROP Hunger Walk—We are hosting walkers from multiple area churches for the Novi/Northville CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. We will gather at First Presbyterian Church of Northville and set out for walks that range from 1 to 5 miles. 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.

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)



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.

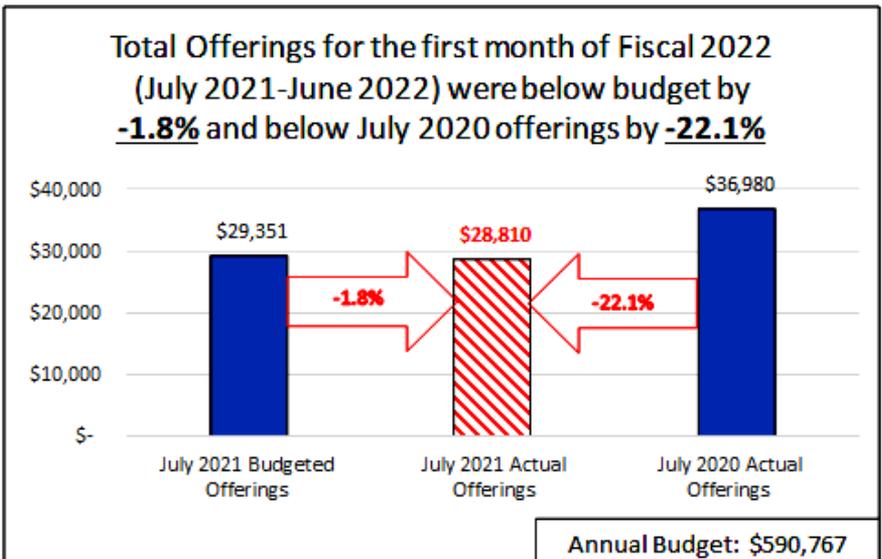
Also, if you have a college student who'd like to receive a package, please send their name and address to Emily Hamilton at emilyhamilton@fpcnorthville.org.

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!

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).

Agape Women’s Bible Study — Please join us on Friday, September 17 for “God of Deliverance – A Study of Exodus” by Jen Wilkin, a 10-session verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1–18.

Get your bundle copy of the book and the DVD digital at Lifeway.com for \$24.99 (set up an account at Lifeway and then order the bundle). We will meet on Fridays at 9:15am - 10:30am in Boll Hall. Coffee and breakfast snacks provided. Please watch session #1 prior to coming. All are welcome, so bring a friend! Please email jsyver@gmail.com to confirm your attendance. For more information contact Gretchen Mizerowski (gmizerowski@yahoo.com) or Carol Maise (Maise729@yahoo.com).





Congregation: all caregivers; Phil & Ginny Cavaretta, Marge Dabney, Al Henry, Donna Kennedy, Chuck & Maxine Lapham, 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); Brian & Kari Clise (just married last week — son of Kent and Paula Clise); 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); Terry Lapham (daughter of Chuck & Maxine); 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.** Thank you.*



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12— SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday 9/12

All Church Picnic

- 8:15 am Kerygma Bible Study, Middle Sch. Rm
- 9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
NO Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am PICNIC, Waterford Bend Park (or CLC-rain)
- 6:30 pm APEX HS Youth Group, CLC
- 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group, Boll Hall

Mon. 9/13

Church Office Closed

Tue. 9/14

- 12:00 pm Rotary, Boll Hall
- 7:00 pm Deacons, Gathering Room
- 8:00 pm AL-ANON, Boll Hall

Wed. 9/15

- 7:00 am Men's Morning Small Group, via Zoom
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Men's Evening Small Group, via Zoom

Thur. 9/16

- 6:00 pm CNC, Gathering Room
- 6:15 pm Yoga, CLC
- 7:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Room

Fri. 9/17

- 8:00 am Heritage Days, CLC
- 9:15 am Agape Women's Study, Boll Hall
- 10:00 am Connections, Music Center

Sat. 9/18

Sunday 9/19

- 8:15 am Kerygma Bible Study, Middle Sch. Rm
- 9:30 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live
- 10:40 am Children's Sunday School, via Zoom
- 6:30 pm APEX HS Youth Group, CLC
- 6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group, Boll Hall

