

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 4, 2026



First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens invites you to

“Come as a guest, leave as family.”

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* - Stand if you are able

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Focht

PRELUDE

***SONG**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

STF 2173

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Before the foundation of the world,

All: God destined us for love.

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,

All: God adopted us into her own family.

Leader: From the farthest edges of the earth,

All: God shepherds their family home.

Leader: come let us worship the Lord.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***SONG**

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

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CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress. In all the ways we hurt, and all the ways we hurt others, in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others, in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry, you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account. We hunger for your intervention. In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

"Gloria Patri"

**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.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joel 2:23-30

John 6:25-35

SERMON

"God is like...Bread"

Rev. Kathy Nealand

THANKSGIVING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here
below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against
us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine
is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF PREPARATION "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" # 505

WORDS OF INVITATION & GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(Sanctus)

J. M. S.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most

High. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is He that come - th in the name of the

Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All: Christ has died! Christ has risen! Christ will come again!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of this table precious, prayerful, and poignant like gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Lead us forth by your light to share the gifts of your grace with all people everywhere, giving glory, honor, and praise to Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Go Now in Peace”

Don Besig

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



2025 Decorating Contributions

| <u>Given By</u> | <u>In Memory of</u> | <u>In Honor of</u> |
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| Judi Armstrong | Carol Hacker | |
| Sara Ball | | Nieces and Nephews |
| Gary & Gloria Cynowa | Parents Edmund & Bernice Cynowa, Charles and Bernice Griffith | |
| Diana DuChene & Nora Pijanowski | Gene, Elenore, & Neil Beardslee, & our Husbands Dennis DuChene, Mark Pijanowski | |
| Zac, Nikki, Lilly, Daphne, Mabel Dubs | Grandma Karen | |
| Louise Emerick | | |
| Jane & Mike Ethier | Guy & Sigrid Brown, Arthur & Frances Ethier | |
| Fred Eveningred | Sister who died 9/20 at 100 years old & My wife, Joyce A Eveningred | |
| Robert Fellmy | | |
| Terrie & Dennis Hadel | Lena & Louis Bokas | |
| Gary & Laura Henderson | Beloved Family Members and Friends | |
| Larry & Peggy Huntington | Our Parents | |
| Judy Landuyt | Lisa Woodring | |

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| Norbert and Dorothy Leach | Norb's Borthers John C. Leach | |
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