

We Are Glad You Are Here!

Come Connect with Us....

- There is a Congregational Meeting this Sunday, November 27 immediately after worship to elect 2023 officers and approve Pastor Kip Murphy's Terms of Call for 2023.
- Sunday School for ages 3-7th Grade// Sundays at 10am// in the lower level.
- Nursery is Open: Christopher Coleman & Savannah Maki, attendants.
- Family Praise Music & Fellowship continues the 1st Friday of each month: Fri. Dec. 2 at 7pm here at FPCHS. On Fri. Jan 6, we will begin at 6pm with a soup supper.

Come Serve with Us....

- Volunteer Opportunity from Your Mission Team: Christmas Tea Party at the Senior Center on Fri. Dec. 9, 12-1pm. Sign up to help on posterboard in narthex.
- Wishlist/Ingathering 2022: Watch for ways to be involved with our Thanksgiving and Christmas support of families in this area. Donations can be made by check to FPCHS with "Wishlist or Ingathering" in the memo area.

Come Grow with Us....

- Playgroup will continue every Monday here at the First Presbyterian Church from 10 am -11:30 am in the FPC Kids Zone.
- Men's Fellowship & Bible Study // Tuesdays at 8:00am //Gathering Place// Hey, Men: looking for some fellowship & some spiritual food? Join our weekly Bible Study group. 11/29 Scripture: Matthew 24:36-51.
- Women's Bible Study Fellowship// Tuesdays at 10am // Gathering Place//BSF or is a Christian, nondenominational Bible study. We are grateful that FPCHS is hosting a woman's group. The study this year is focused on People of Promise-Divided Kingdom. It is a four layered study that includes reading independently from scripture, group discussion, a lecture and notes. Each step leads to deeper understanding and gratitude for God's abundant gifts. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Sue Stackhouse at 517-937-2287 or go to BSF.org.
- Kids Club is every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 in the FPC Kids Zone. Kids Pre-k through 5th are welcomed! Register with Renee at renee@fpchs.org
- Community Bible Study at Perry Farm // Wednesdays at 2pm// Currently studying the books of Samuel led by Pastor Kip. All are welcome!
- Men's Bible Study Group // Thursdays at 8:30am//Gathering Place// Currently studying the book of Hebrews.
- Caregiver & Grief Support Group // 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 5:30pm // Nursery at FPCHS // We are a support group for these life changing experiences that include death. If you find yourself in this setting as both a care giver and trying to find that new normal after death has occurred, you are invited to meet with us for this supportive time. Next meeting: Dec. 13 at 5:30pm.

Stewardship Update

YTD 2022 Income = \$ 290,062
 YTD 2022 Expenses = \$ 403,300
 \$ (113,238)

Prayer List

Please honor the confidentiality of this list. If you have additional prayer requests, or feel it is time to remove your name or request, please contact the church office.

At Home/Long Term Care:

Kathy Bultman Shirley Clarke (Dave Clarke)

Hospitalized:

Bob Brown Dave Borchers
 Herb Carlson

Sympathy to the Family and Friends of:

John Sneden (Lee & Kip Murphy) Michelle Slebiska (Pat Slebiska)
 Ken Burnett (Shirley Anderson) Madonna Sussex (Judy Wilson)
 Tom Blanck (John's father) Marion Lamy (Laurie Ford)
 Jerry Kaiser (Sharon Van Buren)

General Support:

Dorothy Litzer Bette Shelton
 Lizann Donley Jamie & Deb Sears (Lizann Donley)
 Nate Rice Amy Richardson (Linda Rosenow)
 Irene Wehner (David & Sharon Knoodle) Marty & Cheryl Zofchak
 Liz Frey Malcolm Snyder (Ima Williams)
 Travis & Debra Carpenter (Roy Tipton) Carolyn & Jim Cloutier
 Bob Christians Michael Baity
 Kabel Sheehan (Karen Bezilla) Diane Burns (Kathy McCreight)
 David Borchers Jim (Melanie Manary)
 Bill Patberg Ciara Raymond (Judy Wilson)
 Dave Williams Jacob Malley (Kathy McCreight)
 Gabby Guthrie (Kathy McCreight)

This Week at FPCHS

10:00am Monday, November 28
 FPCHS Kids Zone Playgroup
 Tuesday, November 29
 8:00am Men's Fellowship
 9:00am Women's Study Group
 10:00am Women's Bible Study Fellowship
 11:00am Personnel Team
 7:00pm AA
 Wednesday, November 30
 2:00pm Community Bible Study at Perry Farm
 3:00pm Kids Club
 4:30pm Chancel Choir
 5:00pm Mere Christianity Book Study
 6:15pm Kirk Ringers
 Thursday, December 1
 8:30am Men's Bible Study
 Friday, December 2
 12:00pm Alanon
 7:00pm Family Praise Music
 Saturday, December 3
 8:00am AA
 6:00pm Parents Night Out
 Sunday, December 4
 10:00am Worship
 10:00am Sunday School
 11:00am Fellowship Hour
 3:00pm Little Traverse Choral Society Concert

First Presbyterian Church Harbor Springs

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:00am Service

“God Is Like a Fort”

Pastor Kip Murphy



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Gathering in God's Name

Music for Meditation
Maureen Delaney-Lehman
Kirk Ringers

Greeting
Leader: The Light shines in the darkness.
People: **And the darkness cannot overcome it.**
(please sign and pass the fellowship pads)

Introit "Gabriel's Message" Todd Marchand
Brass Ensemble

Call to Worship
Leader: As we enter this season of Advent, may the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.
People: **Amen!**

Advent Candle Lighting
The God who makes us feel safe is the God who gives us hope.
Today we light the first Advent candle: the candle of hope.

***Opening Hymn #66** With Joy I Heard My Friends Exclaim (Psalm 122)

Advent Litany
In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,
We trust the Lord's goodness.
We rely on God's mercy.
We find shelter in God's steadfast love.
In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,
We walk in the Lord's way.
We follow God's example of love. We keep our covenant promises.
In this Advent season of waiting,
Remember your love.
Remember each one of us. Remember your people everywhere. Forgive us our sins.
In this Advent season of waiting,
Lord, we wait for your salvation. We wait for your leading.
We wait for your coming. Amen.

Song of Praise #61 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God of mystery and wonder,
forgive us for thinking we can contain you and control you.
We confess that we forget who you are—
a God of delightful surprise and deep belly laughs.

Forgive us for assuming you are distant,
and for forgetting you know what it's like to be in our skin.
You are bigger than what we can imagine,
but you know every trial and temptation we face.
Revive our imaginations,
restore our childlike faith,
and renew us with wonder and joy,
all for your name's sake. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness
In Jesus, God came into our world and is coming again.
In Jesus, all things will be made new.
In Jesus, we are forgiven and can be at peace.
Thanks be to God!
Together we remind ourselves what it means to live
as God's forgiven children by singing the words of Jesus:
Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

***Gloria #77** Glory
Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

***Passing the Peace**
Leader: As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us be at peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem "The World's Been a-Waitin' So Long" Larry Shackley

Sharing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination (Adapted from Psalm 25:4-5)
Show us the right path, O Lord;
point out the road for us to follow.
Lead us by your truth and teach us,
for you are the God who saves us.
All day long we put our hope in you.

Scripture Reading Psalm 46 pg 455
Leader: And all God's people said
People: **Amen**

Sermon "God Is Like a Fort" Pastor Kip Murphy

Responding to God's Word

Song of Response #65 Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land

Prayers of the People

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.

Call for Offering

Offertory "Ride On, King Jesus" arr. by Hall Johnson
Steve Spencer, solo

***Doxology #70** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (v. 5)
All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

***Offertory Prayer**

Going in God's Name

***Closing Hymn #61** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

***Charge to the Congregation & Benediction**
Leader: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?
People: **God calls us to be a Christ-centered, missional church that proclaims the Word of God and demonstrates the relevance of his Word to all people.**

Benediction Response sung by Choir

Postlude Toccata on Savior of the Nations, Come
arr. by Kenneth Kosche

Congregational Meeting

Let our worship continue in service!

* Please rise in body or spirit

Lay Leader: Teresa Crouse