

CALENDAR

Today – 26 th	Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:15	Prayer
8:15	Worship
9:30	New Member Class
9:45	Adult Sunday School
10:00	Kids Sunday School
10:30	Choir Practice
11:00	Worship Fellowship
Monday	7:00 Bible Study
	7:00 Community Chorus
Tuesday	10:00 Sharenet
Wednesday	12:00 Lunch with Friends
	7:00 Boy Scouts
Thursday	7:00 Choir Practice
Friday	7:00 High School Talent Show
Next Sunday – 27 th	Sunday in Ordinary Time – World Communion & Peacemaking
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8:15	Worship
9:30	New Member Class
9:45	Adult Sunday School
10:00	Kids Sunday School
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The red rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Ryley Arden to Tom & Kelly Imus. Paternal grandparents are Sally & Dick Schallhorn.

Presbyterian Women Fall Tea and Style Show is Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30. Tickets \$8.00. Sales open to the public this year so let your friends know. Reserve seating must be by an entire table. Fashions are provided by Christopher Banks, Crossroads

First Presbyterian Church Paw Paw, Michigan

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 25, 2011
11:00 a.m.

MINISTERS: The People of First Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“A Garden Meditation”
“O For Thy Love”

Edward Broughton
Michael Shea

WELCOME ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ PASSING THE PEACE ~ CHIMES ~
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Matthew 7:24-27)
(Please pass the red friendship pads along the pew)

SONGS OF CELEBRATION:

1. “The Lord Reigns”
2. “Seek Ye First” – p. 333

Call to Confession

Marge McKee

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, our light and our salvation, forgive our lack of faithfulness. Heal the brokenness that separates us one from another and from our own best selves. Rescue us from fears that immobilize and distort. Turn us from quarrels that hurt and destroy. Grant us new depths of caring and fuller encounters with the One who heals and sends us out to tell our joy. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

SUNG RESPONSE: 319 (Verse 4 with chorus)

“Spirit”

OFFERING FOR LAST SUNDAY

General Fund	\$1,555.00	Needed per week \$ 4,456.00
Capital Fund	\$0	

Attendance for Sunday, Sept. 18 was 51.

CHURCH NUMBERS: Voice: 657-3111 – Fax: 657-8969
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CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor Tom Abbott, 657-3788 h.
Ann Hague, Organist/Pianist
Tami Flick, Music Director
Fran Kubicek, Church Treasurer

Bonnie Davidson, Church Secretary
Jim vanWestrienen, Organist
Theresa Vaughn, Pianist
Adam Brown, Youth Director

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination:	Marge McKee
First Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4-8	New Testament p. 245
Choir Anthem "The Kingdom of God"	Stephen L. Lawrence
Second Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:9-20	New Testament p. 199
Children's Sermon	<i>Tom Shoemaker</i>
Third Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12-5:3	New Testament p. 3
Sermon: "Kingdom Living"	Pastor Abbott
☒SONG OF RESPONSE:	"Kingdom"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People - (After each petition please say: "Lord Hear Our Prayer.")

Dedication of New Church Banners

Silent Prayer & Reflection "Sweet Hour of Prayer" **Bradbury-Harris**
(During this time please reflect on the word God is speaking to you.) *(The "Plates of Joy" are in the back. Members and friends, please contribute at the back of the sanctuary, as you feel led. Guests, your presence is gift enough. Please let us know that you were here by signing the red friendship pad at the end of your pew. During the offertory let us reflect on how we are called to be a gift of hope in the world.)*

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.

WE ARE SENT

☒SENDING SONG: 341

"Blessed Assurance"

☒CHARGE & BENEDICTION

☒CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 341 (Refrain Only)

"Blessed Assurance"

POSTLUDE:

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Holden-Birchwood



Clues For Worship

- ☒Those who are able please stand.
- **Bold** print represents congregational participation.
- Children are welcome in worship, but a nursery is available for those who desire one. Please ask greeters for directions to the nursery.
- Whenever possible please limit coming and going from the Sanctuary to times when the congregation is standing.
- Please use this time to reflect on your relationship with Christ and how you have experienced the presence of God in your life through the week.

NEW BANNERS FOR THE CHURCH: Thanks to Sandy and Bill Henson, Karen Christensen, Marlene Tucker, Betty Roberts and Debbie Bitely for their work on the new banners, and to the members of the Worship-Membership Commission for their leadership.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 16, immediately following the 11:00 service. The purpose of the meeting is to change the number of elected elders & deacons, make changes to our by-laws in accordance with the New Form of Government, elect new officers, and to set the terms of call for the pastor.