

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

August 01, 2021

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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** Indicates those who are able, please stand*

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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.
(John 6:35)

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Partite on ‘Thy Strong Word’”

J.A. Behnke

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 123:1, 3-4) (Please **quietly** join in unison)

One: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

One: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

All: Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

*HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Please sing quietly)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Romans 8:38-39)

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Assured by these words of promise, let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please **quietly** join in unison)

God of grace, you call us to a new community, where opponents are reconciled, the status quo is overturned, the outcast are restored, and the empty overflow. Yet, we often prefer the old order of things: our familiar privileges, our familiar homogeneity, our familiar comfort zones ... and we remain stagnant. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, restore our hearts and renew our vision, that we might follow Jesus with joy.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE 2 Cor. 5:17 (Please **quietly** join in unison)

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

*SINGING GOD’S GLORY: “Crown Him”

*SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD (Please **quietly** join in unison)

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us all forgive one another,
and pass the peace of Christ to each other.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

People: And also with you!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Worshippers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the greeting “The peace of Christ be with you”, and one may respond with the words, “And also with you”)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please **quietly** join in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 6:24-35

SERMON: "Sacramental Faith"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Kilbourne

The Sacrament of Baptism

McCoy Jude Hendricks, son of Sarah and Wes Hendricks. Sponsors: Carter McFarland and Mallory Mahaffey

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Sloan Mac Hendricks, daughter of Sarah and Wes Hendricks. Sponsors: Kylee and Dan Caudle

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Finley Jo McFarland, daughter of Jen and Eric McFarland. Sponsors: Leslie Ostrander and Wes Hendricks

Grandparents of all three are Judy and Rob McFarland; Great-Grandparents, the late Dorothy and Gordon McFarland

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed) (Please **quietly** join in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Tune for the Oboe"

G. M. Martine

Visitors and members please sign the Fellowship Book. We always like to know who has worshiped with us. Please join us in fellowship following worship!

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**
<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>

OR
[Scan here:](#)



First time visitors-we would love to connect with you.

Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

"Before each worship service, you are welcome to email Pastor at erickapk@fpcmicity.org, in order to make your prayer request (joy/or concern) to be included in the Pastoral Prayer."

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please **quietly** join in unison)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

(...the prayer continues and includes The Prayers of the People)

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Ending with the Lord's Prayer (together, using "debts")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music: "I Come With Joy"

arr. A. C. Lovelace

Presented by Carol Garrett, Organist

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (Please **quietly** join in unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GRATITUDE TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN #529 "Draw Us in the Spirits Tether" (Please sing quietly)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

EP. Karvoner

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

For each of us to share the Gospel with someone this week:

- Louise Durlinger, Sally Hooper, John Jackson, Penny Russell, Chris Weninger and Bill Winfield for health needs
- The Rev. Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Aurelee The Yakan Community in Mindanao, Southern Philippines
- First Presbyterian Church, Michigan City.
- Pray for our Military and their families.
- The world as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic

GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are delighted to welcome you and worship with you today! **First time visitors**-we would love to connect with you. Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Michele Bartels and Peggy McAnally's mother, Pat's birthday.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bobby Altherr from his loving family.

The **SPECIAL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of today's baptisms and memory of Gordon and Dorothy McFarland..

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Preacher
Organist
Liturgist
Usher
Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation
The Rev. Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Carol Garrett
Ree Labaj
Sue Ransom
Stan Holdcraft & Rylie Thornton

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY HAPPY DAY



August 02
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August 03
August 04
August 07
August 07
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August 08
August 09
August 09
August 12

Rachel Langley
Delores Newman
Deborah Schlene
Alexandria Koepke
JoAnn Callegari
Bill Carlisle
Nadia Hoffman
Ann Sweeney
Kyle-Pierre Nfr
Diane Hackl
Johanna Miller
Carol Garrett

August 14
August 14
August 16
August 17
August 17
August 18
August 25
August 25
August 26
August 28

Kristin Gornstein
Jill Redford
Darold Gieser, Sr
Alan Mussmann
Karl Roessler
Hailey Redding
Randy Pals
Joanne Thorne
Tessa Lawrence
Heidi Leach

CHURCH CHAT

MASKS

Although the CDC has determined that masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated
**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO WEAR A MASK
AND CONTINUE TO OBSERVE DISTANCING**
in order to assure that those who cannot be or have not been vaccinated
are safe and feel comfortable when they worship with us.

2021 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2021 is \$42.03 per person. Remember this should NOT be included in your check for regular offering because it goes into a dedicated fund. Thank you



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

The **Soup Kitchen Fund** received a donation from the James Affels
Thank you for your kindness!

CHILDREN IN NEED FLOWER CHART

There are still days available in the following months:

August 29th, and October 24th. If interested in a day, please call Diane at the office for the available days or contact Penny Russell. Thank you

PW NEWS

September 11, 2021 will be the All-Circles Bible Study Meeting at the church. Pastor Ericka will lead us in the first lesson of our new study. What My Grandmother's Taught Me. Bring a sack lunch.

Meals on Wheels, LaPorte County is in need of volunteers. For more information, please contact them at 219-872-9117 or 219-369-6483. More information is available at www.laportecountymealsonwheels.org or by emailing them at lpcow@laportecountymealsonwheels.org

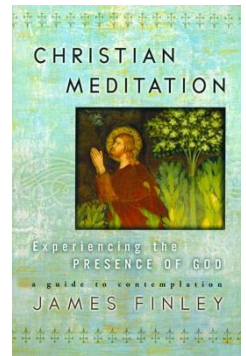
MEDITATION FELLOWSHIP

Do you want to meditate but you don't know how? Is your life confused? Is your prayer life non-existent or noisy? Do you want to become closer to Christ?

Christian Meditation is an ancient tradition brought into the new church. To begin our study in meditation, we begin on our knees as Christ taught us to meditate when we pray. To meditate is to enter the mind of Christ in freely choosing to realize our oneness with the Christ the Word's oneness with the Father. Meditation practice is a way of opening ourselves to this graced realization of this oneness with God that is the very person that we are.

Please join us on Wednesdays at 10am starting August 18th
. Come dressed comfortably.

Rev. Kevin Patterson, Order of St. Luke



The Food Task Force

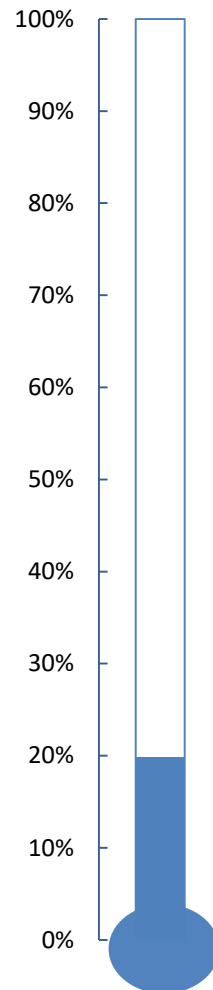
Much of our local mission efforts involve food - food preparation, food storage, food distribution, food delivery. This all adds up to a lot of packing, unpacking, carrying, lifting and just plain schlepping. Right now, all this work is being done by two or three people. They could really use some HELP! This would involve short-term commitments of an hour or two on any given project.

Here are just a few of the tasks that need some helping hands:

- Receive and unload deliveries of food from Food Bank (every 4-6 weeks) and food rescue groups (usually weekly).
- Pack and deliver emergency food boxes to neighbors (as needed)
- Help our dear Blanche - "Carte Blanche" - fill Blanche's shopping cart with surplus items from our pantry to share with members of our congregation (weekly)
- Identify and contact families in need, and offer help.

If you can help fight hunger in our community, PLEASE sign up. Sheets will be posted in the church, or call Janice Casper (219 204-0494) or Debbie Langley (219 874-6326) for more information.

CELEBRATE!



AS OF TODAY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED 22% OF OUR GOAL (same as last week)

To **carry on** the celebration of the 150th birthday of First Presbyterian Church in Michigan City, we are **continuing** our 150-150-150 stewardship celebration plan.

- Goal: to raise \$22,500 to ensure a fully funded budget, since a deficit is forecasted for 2021.
- Plan: 150 church members contribute \$150 over and above their pledge or regular giving.
- Deadline: We continue to welcome any additional payments you wish to make throughout 2021.

Please direct your check to the office or use the PayPal link. Be sure to indicate in the memo or in an email (dyettaw@fpcmicity.org) that your contribution is for the 150-150-150. Each week, the progress toward the goal for 150-150-150 will be reported in the bulletin and through email, text, social media, and on the church website (www.fpcmicity.org)

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Prayer Chain



For prayer requests
Contact Brian Spiece at
jspiece@hotmail.com

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E-mail – dyettaw@fpcmicity.org

Web Site Address – <http://www.fpcmicity.org>

Link to schedule appointment with Pastor Ericka:

<https://calendly.com/pastorericka/60min?month=2020-09>

YouTube – First Presbyterian Church Michigan City

Facebook – First Presbyterian Church Michigan City

WiFi password: 1holyGod!

