

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

January 16, 2022

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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** Indicates those who are able, please stand*

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Mansfield/Balcombe

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: **(Please quietly join in unison)**

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

People: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

Leader: For he satisfies the thirsty,

People: And the hungry he fills with good things.

All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

*HYMN #338 “Kum ba Yah” **(Please sing quietly)**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION **(Spoken by liturgist)**

We turn to God in prayer not because we are compelled but because God invites us. We come to God not because of our righteousness but because of God’s grace. In that spirit, we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening.

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

Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth prophets to proclaim your word. We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your reconciling love. We confess that too often enough is not enough. We confess our unwillingness to live with less, to part with possessions. We confess that too often we sacrifice what is sacred for that which is profane. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: **(Please quietly join in unison)**

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive and God’s promise of restoration is for all people. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*SINGING GOD’S GLORY: Gloria Patri “Glory to the Father” #567 **(Please quietly join in unison)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen Amen Amen

*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!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

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

Lord of all creation, we acknowledge that there are many times when we never make a connection between you and our vocation, between your will and our daily work. And so now as we approach your Holy Word, may your Spirit speak to us in such a way that the connection will be clear, your will may be set forth, and our hearts may be willing to follow. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10

SERMON: "Even in the Darkest Hour"

Rev. Kevin Patterson

HYMN: #525 "Here I Am, Lord" **(Please sing quietly)**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **(Please quietly join in unison)**

Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need, and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. The Spirit thrusts God's people into worldwide mission. He impels young and old, men and women, to go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace with the good news of God's grace. The Spirit goes before them and with them, convincing the world of sin and pleading the cause of Christ. The Spirit's gifts are here to stay in rich variety--fitting responses to timely needs. We thankfully see each other as gifted members of the fellowship that delights in the creative Spirit's work. He gives more than enough to each believer for God's praise and our neighbor's welfare. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Christians, Be Joyful"

J.S. Bach

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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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, ending with The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

MASKS

The Session, by recommendation of the COVID response team of the First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City has made the decision that **MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES WHILE YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING, EVEN IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED.**

FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL, PLEASE WEAR A MASK AND CONTINUE TO OBSERVE DISTANCING

We would like for all to feel safe and comfortable when they worship with us. Thank You

HERE WE GO AGAIN.....

Just as many of us were becoming comfortable with hosting family get-togethers, returning to work or rejoining the gym, a new variant of the coronavirus is creating fresh uncertainty.

Not knowing what's in store with Omicron can take us back to other turbulent times during the pandemic, when confusion was a regular part of life.

Wear your mask, get your vaccine, and stay home if you're not feeling well. Let science not Facebook dictate your decisions.

Dina Gasaway, RN

Clinical Supervisor

Beacon Health System

Beacon Medical Group-LaPorte

150 Year Celebration Trivia

This information comes from a sermon given on July 2, 1876 by Rev. John Q. Hall that is found on pages 5-8 of A Church History: First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City, Indiana.

Our church's "origin arose from a dissatisfaction which existed in the minds and hearts of some of the members of the 1st Congregational Church in this city during the latter part of the year 1870 and the first part of 1871." Our church officially began on May 9, 1871 when a committee from the Logansport Presbytery came to accept 39 charter members who had requested to start a new church.

There is more interesting information about our church's beginnings on pages 5-8 of A Church History: First Presbyterian Church of Michigan City Indiana.

If you would like to borrow a copy, it is in the Heritage Room. Please let Diane know if you take it.



January 01 Patty Mershon Schaefer
January 03 Mira McDaniel
January 04 Roberta Snyder
January 05 Norma Sipress
January 08 Mike Kilbourne
January 10 Katherine Brennan
January 16 Brett Parker
January 16 Rev Kevin Patterson
January 18 Emily Seibert

January 10 Bart Tyrrell
January 24 Kathy Angelo
January 26 David Hack
January 27 Barbara Reichert
January 27 Mary Ann Pals
January 29 Theodore Molden
January 31 Natalie Hellenga
January 31 Michael Smith
January 31 Michelle Smith

CHURCH CHAT

2022 PER CAPITA

Per Capita for 2022 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

GIVING STATEMENT

Giving statement for 2021 will be sent out in January 2022.
Any questions, please contact the Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant in the church office

ADULT CURRICULUM GUIDES



We will start our fourth unit on February 6th--Confess. This will go through the end of February. This time we are ordering two guides at once, when you place your order, please note that you are ordering for February and March (Baptize), units four and five. We decided that



sometimes it is a rush to get the order in that it would be best to order two units at a time. This order MUST be submitted online or through Diane, by January 18th to allow for shipping time. Please use this link below to place your order if you care to have one or contact Diane Yettaw in the office

Please use this link to reserve your \$8.00 copy <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcygxYEhU6>
(This can also be found on Facebook) or scan this bar code:



MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

No donations were received this week.
We are always thankful for your kindness!



PLEASE READ



The Pastor will be having surgery on Friday, January 21.

Kevin Patterson will be preaching on January 16 and 30, and Alice Yacullo will be preaching on January 23.

During the week prior, she will be working from home (in order to quarantine after a Covid test) and will be available on the phone and regular electronic communications. She will be attending the zoom Deacon meeting in the 19th, and will be moderating the zoom session meeting that evening as well.

Following the surgery, for 7-10 days, she will be less available. For Pastoral care, be contact Pastor Nancy Nichols, First Presbyterian of Michigan City.
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Prayer Chain



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

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WiFi password: 1holyGod!

