

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

January 02, 2022

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

COMMUNION SUNDAY



The Annunciation and the Adoration of the Wise Men,"
by Clementine Hunter.
(Photo courtesy of Neal Auctions)

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 “Sages From Afar”

G. Blake

WELCOME

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

One: Come to worship, people of God

All: *We come ready to be embraced by God’s love and grace We come open to the Spirit moving among us*

One: Come to worship, people of God

All: *We come ready to embody God’s love and grace We come open to being Christ’s hands and feet*

*HYMN #151 “We Three Kings” (Verses 1 and 2) **(Please sing quietly)**

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

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

As we enter this New Year, let us pause to confess our old ways of sin and embrace each new opportunity Christ presents us. Let us confess our sins.

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

Christ our Savior, you have empowered us to become children of God, but we doubt our power and our ability to create change. We excuse ourselves from necessary action citing priorities that are not yours. We deny the gifts and talents with which you have blessed us to embody love and work for justice. Forgive us. Merciful God. Remind us how much we have to offer. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Luke 6:37 **(Please quietly join in unison)**

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

*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!*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

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

Meet us in this moment of proclamation, God. Enliven us with your Spirit. Motivate us with your Word. Remind us of your commands. Challenge us to live in your way. Hold us accountable to do more than sing and pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: "Expecting Epiphany Experience"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Brief Statement of Faith) **(Please quietly join in unison)**
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

HYMN: #151 "We Three Kings" (Verse 5)

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "What Star Is This"

R. Graham

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*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 "debt")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

M Costen

Presented by Carol Garrett, Organist

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to the above.

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

* HYMN: #744 "Arise Your Light is Come" (Please sing quietly)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go with the blessing of God that you may find light in your darkness, strength in your weakness, grace when you stumble, joy when you least expect it, peace in the midst of chaos, and hope in the promises of God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: "As With Gladness Men of Old"

setting by M. Burkhardt

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

- Robert Calligari, Rev. Doreen Sterba Dezur, Dave Dougherty, Louise Durlinger, Pat Graham, Sally Hooper, Thelma Stoakes, and Chris Weninger for health needs
- Family and friends of Sharon Bucheit as they grieve the loss of her.
- Darold Gieser, family and friends as they grieve the loss of Ruth Gieser.
- 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.

FLOWERS We express our sincere thanks to all who provided poinsettias for the glory of God and to beautify the sanctuary this morning. Thank you

THE WHITE FLOWER is in memory of Ruth Gieser.

Ministers

Preacher

Organist

Liturgist

Usher

Video & Sound Crew

Child Care during Worship

All Members of the Congregation

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Carol Garrett

Jose Soto

Penny Russell

Rylie Thornton and Stan Holdcraft

Linda Moore and Elisabeth Bohacek

TODAY-----WORSHIP & MUSIC NEEDS YOUR HELP

It is time to 'Put Away Christmas' as we move to Epiphany.

Please plan to stay for 30 to 40 minutes after worship to help us pack up the Christmas decorations.

Thank you,

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

ANNUAL REPORT

Attention committee chairs

It is that time of the year and your reports and needed for the annual report. Your report needs to be turned into Diane Yettaw on or before January 9th, 2022 to allow time for the report to be updated, printed, and distributed to the members for review before the annual meeting on January 30th.

Thank You



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

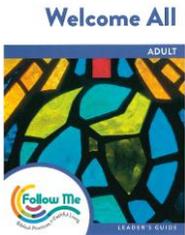
GIVING STATEMENT

Giving statement for 2021 will be sent out in January 2022.

Any questions, please contact the Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant in the church office

150 Year Celebration Trivia

The Christmas Star, or the Star of Bethlehem, behind our cross appears in the nativity story of the Gospel of Matthew where “wise men from the East” are inspired by the star to travel to Jerusalem. There, they meet King Herod of Judea, and ask him: Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.



We will start our third unit on January 9th --Welcome All. This unit will go through the end of January. Guides are in, Amy McDaniel has them. If you haven't already paid, you will need to do so to pick up your guide. You will be notified when it is time to order the next guide and you can use this link <https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7gcygxYEhU6> to place your order if you care to have one.

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MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

The SOUP KITCHEN fund received a donation in memory of Rosemary Mennen from the Frederick & Rosemary Mennen Foundation and two donations from St. Paul Lutheran Church.



The MEMORIAL FUND received a donation in memory of their parents from Marilyn & Don Weninger and a donation from Mark & Lana Petersen in memory of Janet Van Ausdal

The GENERAL FUND received a donation in memory of Rosemary Mennen from the Frederick & Rosemary Mennen Foundation

Thank you for your kindness!



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Prayer Chain



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

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WiFi password: 1holyGod!

