

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 27, 2022

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

First Sunday in Advent



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 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

J. Walther

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Advent Wreath Lighters: Walt & Janiece Barbknecht

Pastor: Where do we hear of hope?

People: *Those who place their hope in the Lord will renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.*

Pastor: Surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,

People: *plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

Pastor: On this first Sunday of Advent, let us light a candle to *hear* hope.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Keep alert, for the day is coming soon..

All: *Now the earth and heavens tremble.*

One: Pray for the gift of hope from God:

All: *Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.*

*HYMN #15 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION ((Spoken by liturgist))

In this season of waiting, in this time of preparation, we long to draw closer to God, as a comfort and as our Savior. So often, we get in our own way; we make choices that trip us up as we move toward God. So then, let us make our confession together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Please join in unison)

Pastor: Friends, hear this good news:

All: *in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and freed to love and serve.*

Pastor: Alleluia! Amen.

*SINGING GOD’S GLORY: Gloria Patri “Glory to the Father” #567 (Please 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

Passing of the Peace of Christ

*SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD (Please 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

Children Sermon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:1+5

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON: "Be Prepared"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

CHILDREN AND YOUTH are dismissed for Sunday school (upstairs)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please join in unison)

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Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust, life from lifelessness. In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us. Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves. In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ, whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ, back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Anonymous

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, ending with the Lord's Prayer



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

HYMN: #301 "Let Us Build a House" (GtG Hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Prepare the Way"

Swedish Folk Tune

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Bill & Sara Carlisle, Dave Dougherty, Nancy Kissinger, Phyllis Miller, Craig Molden, Jonathan Patterson, Thelma Stoakes and Laurie Wilson for health needs
- Doug Sims as he is going through cancer treatment.
- 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 from Mary Barr in memory of Zander Barr.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers

Preacher

Organist

Advent Candle Lighters

Liturgist

Usher

Video & Sound Crew

Nursery Attendants

All Members of the Congregation

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Carol Garrett

Walt & Janiece Barbknecht

Jose Soto

Penny Russell

Rylie Thornton, Rick Blank, and Antoinette Jackson

Dakota Smith and Aria Keith

2023 ONLINE PLEDGE FORM

The following link is made available for those who would like to enter their 2023 pledge online. Please click on the link or scan the QR code to complete the form. We will also be printing forms for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

<https://forms.gle/72QL9QWYZdLxZbmi8>



THERE IS STILL TIME TO PAY YOUR 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



Nov 02 Elizabeth Sullivan
 Nov 04 Leah Alexander
 Nov 04 Kelly Mahaffy
 Nov 06 Elise Nothstine
 Nov 07 Shirley Bowman
 Nov 10 Robert McGuire
 Nov 10 Donna Ogle
 Nov 11 Dave Dougherty
 Nov 12 Brock Vinson
 Nov 13 Hannah Kilbourne
 Nov 14 Joyce Bohn
 Nov 14 Catherine Tempel

Nov 15 Joanne Mahaffey
 Nov 15 Aaron Tempel
 Nov 20 Laura Kittle
 Nov 20 Elizabeth Gesse
 Nov 20 Haley Gesse
 Nov 20 Ryan Towle
 Nov 21 MacKinley Mosher
 Nov 22 Robert Tempel
 Nov 27 Erin McGuire
 Dec 01 Ree Labaj
 Dec 02 Andrew Grove

CHURCH CHAT

"ANY OR ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION"



- ✚ November 27-9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ November 27-10 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
- ✚ November 27- after service Hanging of the Greens
- ✚ November 27-Live at Five
- ✚ November 28-OFFICE CLOSED and PASTOR ERICKS OFF
- ✚ November 30-10 a.m. MOPS in EBL
- ✚ December 02- Office Closed, Pastor Ericka available by appointment
- ✚ December 03-11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ December 04-9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ December 04-10 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary
- ✚ December 05- Pastor Off
- ✚ December 05-5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 56002 in Undercroft

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 28TH FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

USHER HAS ORDER FORMS

Order your poinsettia in memory and/or in honor of a loved one this Christmas Season. Cost per plant is \$15.00. When you purchase a poinsettia, we will include your name and the name(s) in whose memory or honor the donation is made in our Christmas bulletin.

Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mail to: Attn: Diane Yettaw, 121 W. Ninth Street, Michigan City, IN 46360 or place in the offering plate. **Deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 18th.** You will be able to take your poinsettia after service on December 25th.

Thank you
 Worship & Music



HANGING OF THE GREENS

This Sunday, November 27th, please plan to stay after worship to help decorate the sanctuary as we prepare for Advent. Light refreshments will be served following. Thank you,
Worship and Music Committee

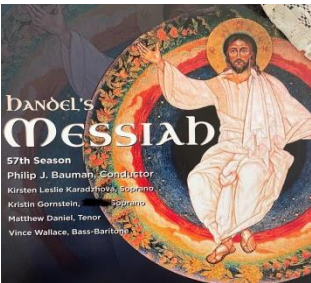
SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

We want YOU! Volunteers are needed on the second and third Saturdays of the month to help with this vital mission. Bring your family, bring your friends, and feed the hungry of our community.
Talk to Sue Ransom - 219 561-1877

Gratitude Marketplace 2022 - Holiday Shopping for Good

Reduce stress * Increase impact * Change the world

- Order exquisite crafts from **SERRV**. Your purchases of Fair Trade items provide employment for struggling communities worldwide, AND help to *Elevate Our Welcome* when you shop at SERRV International! Shop online with this link www.serrv.org/?a=1stPresMission, and we'll earn 20% of your purchase. The link will be good throughout the holiday shopping season, and special discounts are offered too, so PLEASE **shop shop shop**.
- The easiest holiday shopping! Check the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog** to find a truly meaningful gift for friends or family. We have Gift Cards to honor your donation. And be sure to add your name to our Links of Love.



57th Handel's Messiah

7pm Sat., Dec. 3, 2022 ~ 3pm Sun, Dec. 4, 2022

Holdcraft Performing Arts Center

1200 Spring Street, Michigan City, IN

General Admission - No Tickets required ~ mcmessiah.com

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...HIGHLIGHTS FROM A MESSAGE FROM OUR CLERK OF SESSION

Dear Congregation,

Our session met on Nov. 16th and here are some notes that were discussed during our meeting:

* We have a shortfall in offering donations. Please, if you have not made your weekly, monthly donation, we appreciate you doing so at this time.

*There was a motion and session approval by Worship and Music to approve an announcement for patronage of the Messiah concert. Keep in mind, this is not a church sponsored event, the announcement is simply letting people know that the Messiah group is looking for patrons for their event.

*There were several building use requests approved by session, they are as follows: Girl Scouts new meeting dates on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; MOPS for the dates, 11/16, 11/30 and for a December event (TBD); undercroft use for a private family dinner of a congregation member; PEO (Janiece Barbknecht -sponsor) for 1/19 and/or 1/20/23; PFLAG meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month starting on 12/7/22.

*December 21, 2022 the Longest Night service will be held at 6pm.

Our next session meeting will be held on December 21, 2022.

Thank you all for your prayers and support of our session members and our Pastor.

Yours in Christ,

Laura Kittle



Clerk of Session

ELEVATE OUR WELCOME”

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex. If you prefer to pledge online, please use the QR code or use this link:

<https://forms.gle/72QL9QWYZdLxZbmi8>

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

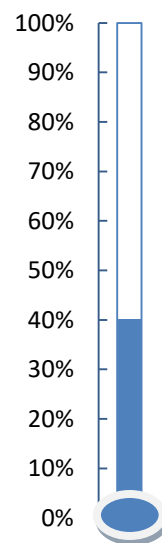
TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED

\$10,335.00 (6.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%) **ACHIEVED WITH**

GRANT \$60,335.00 (40%) All pledge amounts are welcome. Your pledge can be for two years (Until May 2024)



We hope to have all pledges turned in by December 2022 to enable us to budget accordingly. Payments can be made until May 2024.



For prayer requests
Contact Brian Spiece at
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Link to schedule appointment with Pastor Ericka:
<https://calendly.com/pastorericka/60min?month=2020-09>

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