

# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 02, 2023

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday

Palm Sunday



## 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: “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

R. Hughes

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

**All: *God’s steadfast love endures forever!***

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All: *This is the gate of the Lord; let the faithful come and worship God.***

One: Come, people of God, as we present ourselves to God,

**All: *a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable.***

One: Come, people of God, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds

**All: *so that we may discern the will of God—what is good, acceptable, and perfect.***

One: Come, people of God, to be the body of Christ

**All: *though many, we are one, members of the body and of one another. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (GTG Hymnal)

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Rom. 5:5, 8; Heb. 4:16) (Spoken by liturgist)

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.

Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence. Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

***Lord Jesus, Mighty God, Comforter Spirit, each of us knows how we have ignored you, denied you, actively decided against you, and tried to overrule you. Hear us, most gracious forgiver, as in silence we confess our sins and our faithless inclination to repeat them. Amen.***

SILENT IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Please join in unison)

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad!

**All: *God is gracious and offers blessings, calling us to life in the world, offering us the chance to explore how to live out God’s vision.***

Pastor: We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed. Thanks be to God. 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's Sermon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

***Holy One, our strength in suffering and our hope for salvation, lift up your Word of life and pour out your Spirit of grace so that we may follow faithfully on the way to the cross; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:29-40

SERMON: "As Far As it Depends on You"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

HYMN: #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Blue Hymnal)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from a Brief Statement of Faith) (Please join in unison)

***We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "The King Rides In"

L. Smith

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Judy Spiece

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 up 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

*It is traditional in our congregation to share the bread all at once, after everyone has been served. Likewise, we wait to share the cup with each other.*

Communion Music: "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty"

*J.B. Dykes*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

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

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

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: "Fling Wide the Gates"

*J. Stainer*

### SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Dave Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Craig Molden, Jonathan Patterson, Barb Reichert, Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur, Thelma Stoakes and Marge Winfield for health needs
- The family and friends of Phyllis Miller as they grieve for her.
- Doug Sims as he is going through cancer treatment.
- Pray for our Military and their families.
- AmeriCorps workers and Peace Corps workers.

### 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 **WHITE FLOWER** is in memory of Phyllis J. Miller (Tonn) who passed away on March 26, 2023

**The LILIES** are given to the glory of God from those who purchased them in memory or honor of their loved one. (The list will be in Easter Sunday's bulletin)

### SERVING TODAY

Ministers  
Preacher  
Organist  
Liturgist  
Usher  
Video & Sound Crew  
  
Nursery Attendants

All Members of the Congregation  
Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne  
Carol Garrett  
Laura Kittle  
Penny Russell  
Rick Blank, Rylie Thornton  
and Antoinette Jackson  
Dakota Smith and Aria Keith





## MEMORIALS/DONATION



**The Elevator Fund** received donations from Laura Kittle and Margo Shank.  
**The Memorial Fund** received a donation from Audrey Bell & an anonymous donor.



The kids collected \$101.13 on March 26<sup>th</sup> for the Noisy Offering. Thank you so much for your support!

## April Birthdays Have a Very Happy Day

April 02	John Gesse
April 04	Laura Meyer
April 08	Judy Spiece
April 09	Christian McDaniel
April 10	Renee Jackson
April 12	Mark Smith
April 13	James Willis
April 14	Penny Russell
April 15	Kaity Mosher



April 16	Brock Kohler
April 18	Sophia Ortiz-Burgos
April 19	Brandon DeLeon
April 20	Robert Angelo
April 22	Connie McKeague
April 24	Frank Labaj
April 24	Susan Seibert
April 25	Vernon Towle, Jr
April 26	Regan Russell

## CHURCH CHAT

**“ANY OR ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTIFICATION”**



- ✚ April 01 11:30 a.m.-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ✚ April 02 9:00 a.m. Adult Ed (Love God & Neighbor, lesson 6)
- ✚ April 02 10 a.m. Worship Service
- ✚ April 02 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
- ✚ April 03 Pastor off
- ✚ April 03 10:00 a.m. – noon Phyllis Miller visitation
- ✚ April 03 12:00 p.m. Phyllis Miller funeral service
- ✚ April 04 10:00 a.m. Rittenhouse
- ✚ April 04 1:00 p.m. Silver Birch
- ✚ April 05 12:00 p.m. WAM meeting
- ✚ April 05 4:30 p.m. B&G Meeting
- ✚ April 05 5:30 p.m. PFLAG in undercroft
- ✚ April 06 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service
- ✚ April 07 Office Closed – Good Friday -Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ April 07-08 Confirmation overnight and 30 hour famine
- ✚ April 08 10:00 a.m. Faith Foundation
- ✚ April 08 11:30 a.m.-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ✚ April 08 11:30 a.m. Tweens meet upstairs
- ✚ April 09 NO ADULT ED
- ✚ April 09 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Service
- ✚ April 09 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
- ✚ April 10 HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

## COFFEE HOUR

Would you, your family/friends, or your committee be interested in hosting a coffee hour after Worship? Your hosting duties would include fixing a pot or 2 of coffee and lemonade/juice for the kids. If you want to add a sweet treat that would be fine but not necessary. Please sign up on the calendar at the Edith Boyd Lounge doors. We look forward to socializing once again with our dear Church friends.



## EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

The food sign-up sheet is on the Edith Boyd Lounge door.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Spiece.

## HELP NEEDED TO FEED THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

The confirmation class is meeting after church the 4th Sunday of every month. We are looking for people to provide lunch for the class. A few pizzas and a dessert would be great! If you are willing to support the students in this way please contact Jennifer Casper at 219-575-0135

or [mrsghost628@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsghost628@yahoo.com).

## ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (AND MEN)

We are collecting the Birthday offering which has become a tradition for a hundred years. This year's recipients are Making Miracles Group Home in Tallahassee, Florida and Behance Yesus Elementary School Construction in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia.

We will collect the yellow Birthday envelopes through April.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Garrett.

## Presbyterian Green Clean

Please join the Outreach Committee next Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 AM, as we participate in the Michigan City Green Clean project. We will spend the hour picking up garbage around our church and neighborhood. Bring your gloves, grabbers, and buckets. We will provide garbage bags and coffee.

Rain date is the following Saturday, April 15, 10 AM.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO REE LABAJ OUR 2023 WOMAN OF THE YEAR



## THE WEDNESDAY CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Ladies- Mark your calendars!

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Wednesday Circle is sponsoring a luncheon/auction to benefit the Elevator fund. **SAVE THE DATE!**

## ON DISPLAY IN THE EDITH BOYD LOUNGE

Please take a moment to check out Laurel IZARD Art Quilts that are being displayed in the Edith Boyd Lounge. Her bio and artist statement is also available for you to read to learn about the artist. She will be donating 10% of all sales to our Elevator Fund.

## WEEKLY CHURCH ENVELOPES

I spoke with the company and the order is to be shipping on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Once they are received they will be available for pick up on the table by the garden door.

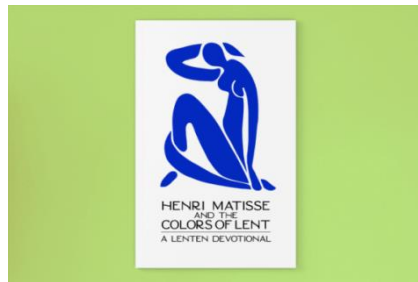
**If you are writing a check, an envelope is not needed unless you feel more comfortable putting your check in an envelope. If so, please use one of the pew envelopes.**

Thank you for being patient. I am looking into a different printer for next year.

## 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

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



If you would like a paper copy or a digital copy of the devotional, please email [dyettaw@fpcmicity.org](mailto:dyettaw@fpcmicity.org) or call 219-879-4501.

All who request or receive a devotional will also be sent the usage, printing, and assembly instructions.

## PALM SUNDAY

[Icarus \(1947\)](#)

[Snow Flowers \(1951\)](#)

[Christmas Eve \(1952\)](#)

[The Horse, the Rider and the Clown \(1947\)](#)

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

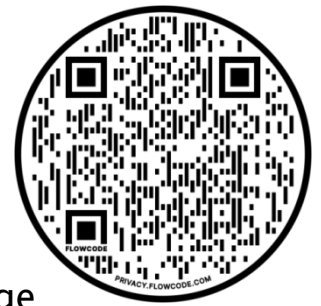
I am hoping to print another church directory around the first of May. If you wish to make any changes to your contact information, it must be submitted to me before April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be the last update until next year. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you

Diane C. Yettaw, Administrative Assistant

**Marge Winfield:** 232 Autumn Trail, Michigan City, IN 46360 Please mail to her home address If you would like to send a note or card to Marge, her family will deliver it to her.

**Family of Joyce Bohn:** Lynn Maritch (daughter) 841 NW Meadowood Circle, McMinnville, OR 97128



## 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** \$21,885.00 (14.54%)

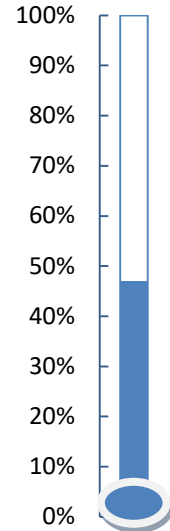
**GRANT** \$50,000.00 (33.3%) **ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** \$71,945.00 (48%)

All pledge amounts are welcome. Your pledge can be for two years

**Payments can be made until May 2024.**

**GRANT:** A grant has been pursued and written by a team including Rob McFarland, Pat Molden, and Pastor Ericka Kilbourne.

Further information will be communicated as it is available to us



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

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