

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

May 21, 2023

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 “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

J. Kerr

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We sing to the God of New Creation:

All: *The God who returns to us, renews us, and brings us peace.*

One: Come, let us sing to God!

All: *We give thanks for the songs that inspire us.*

*HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORD OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Friends in Christ know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: *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

*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!*

(Worshippers are invited to turn to others and safely show signs of peace by giving a nod, a smile, or a hand gesture of peace).

Passing of the Peace of Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please 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

Isaiah 43: 1-7, 18-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17

SERMON: "Hope Springs Eternal"

Rev. Dr. Ericka Kilbourne

HYMN: #821 "My Life Flows On"

CHILDREN & YOUTH are dismissed for Sunday school (upstairs)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:-inspired by Revelation 21 (Please join in unison)

We believe in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth, Where God's dwelling place will be among the people. We will be God's people, And God will be our God. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes, and there will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain. God is the Alpha and the Omega: the beginning and the end. God gives water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, hope to the hopeless, and love to all.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

R. Farlee

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns – please see green pew cards

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Lord's Prayer (together, using "debts")

HYMN: #80 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Ye Servants of God"

F. Ritter

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, Thelma Stoakes and Barb Vinson for health needs.
- Doug Sims as he is going through cancer treatment.
- Pray for our Military and their families.
- AmeriCorps and Peace Corps workers and their families

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 husband, Jim, and grandson, Zander.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Preacher
Organist
Usher
Liturgist
Youth Liturgist
Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation
Rev. Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Carol Garrett
Penny Russell
Brian Spiece
Annabelle Kilbourne
Stan Holdcraft and Antoinette Jackson

MEMORIALS/DONATION

The Memorial Fund received a donations in memory of Marge Winfield from Gary & Janet Root and Donald & Barbara Streicher.
Thank you for your kindness!



May Birthdays Have a Very Happy Day!

May 01 Nicholas Scott
May 01 Elizabeth Towle
May 02 Deborah Teets
May 03 Nancy Arnold
May 06 Lois Miley
May 06 Susan Wiseman
May 07 Janiece Barbknecht
May 08 Sara Carlisle
May 09 Dina Gasaway



May 11 Doug Baunach
May 15 Sue Ransom
May 16 Brian Spiece
May 18 Cindy Gesse
May 22 Margo Shank
May 23 Sarah Blank
May 31 Damon Gasaway
May 31 Leonard Griswold

CHURCH CHAT

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



- ✚ May 21 Adult Ed "Sing a new Song" Lesson four
- ✚ May 21 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ✚ May 21 Third Sunday after Worship in the Undercroft (CASA)
- ✚ May 22 Pastor Off
- ✚ May 23 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ May 24 10 a.m. MOPS in the Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ May 25 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ May 26 Office Closed- Pastor in by Appointment
- ✚ May 27 11:30 a.m.-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ✚ May 28 NO Adult Ed
- ✚ May 28 8 a.m. Sunday Worship Service Pentecost Sunday Wear Red
- ✚ May 28 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service Pentecost Sunday Wear Red



THIRD SUNDAY SPEAKER

Join us in the Undercroft today after Worship.

REMINDER

Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday so remember to wear **RED**!
The summer 8:00 a.m. Worship Service begins on May 28th.

MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP BEGINNING SOON

Beginning Thursday, June 1st and continuing throughout the summer each Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., please join Rev. Kevin Patterson in the sanctuary for meditation and prayer. If you have any questions, please see Rev. Patterson.

CHURCH DIRECTORY-TOMORROW IS DEADLINE TO SUBMIT

I am hoping to print another church directory around the first of June. If you wish to make any changes to your contact information, it must be submitted to me before **May 22nd**. This will be the last update until next year. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you
Diane C. Yettaw, Administrative Assistant

SAVE THE DATE

PW Wednesday Circle luncheon that was postponed is now taking place on September 23rd in the Edith Boyd Lounge at 12:30 p.m. Details to follow in the near future.

2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES- TOMORROW IS DEADLINE TO SUBMIT

I realize that this might seem a bit early but I have found a new vendor to print our 2024 offering envelopes. They have furnished samples and looks like they can furnish almost the same type of envelopes. I need to work on getting them our list in the near future. If you currently received the envelopes, you will be on the new list. If you did not, please contact me so I can add you to the list. Or if you did and no longer want them, please let me know by **May 22nd**. I know this is early but they need to get us on the production list. Thank you
Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant

GENEVA SUMMER CAMP

It is time to register for Geneva Summer Camp!
Details for camp are located in a brochure located in the narthex or you can visit
<https://genevacenter.org/summer-camp/>



2023 GRADUATES BULLETIN

It's that time of the year to celebrate our graduates. If you have someone you would like included in the bulletin, please email me a picture and a short bio for the bulletin by May 30th. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant.

SPONSORS ARE NEEDED

Interested in sponsoring a summer camper?

Please see the poster located by the glass doors when you come in through the garden doors.

If you have any questions, please see Amy McDaniel or Jennifer Casper.

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.

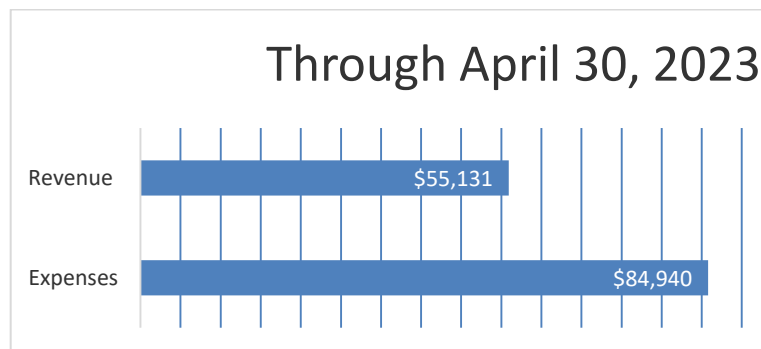
We look forward to socializing once again with our dear Church friends.

We need donations of coffee to serve on Sunday's coffee hour

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 are also available for you to read to learn about the artist. She will be donating 10% of all sales to our Elevator Fund.

APRIL FINANCIALS



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.

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



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%)

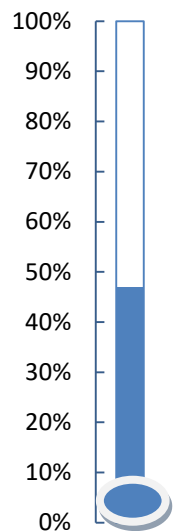
CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$23,230.00 (15.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%) **ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** \$73,230.00 (49%)

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

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Link to schedule appointment with Pastor Ericka:
<https://calendly.com/pastorericka/60min?month=2020-09>

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