

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 19, 2023

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)



Sieger Köder (German priest-artist, 1925-), "The Last Supper."

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 “Paraphrase on ‘Old Hundredth”

R. Hughes

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: “He Has Made Me Glad”

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: When we call on the Lord,

All: God will answer. God will be with us in trouble

One: God will be with us in trouble

All: to rescue and honor us.

One: Let us make the Lord our refuge, the Most High our dwelling place

All: And be thankful.

One: **Let us worship God.**

*HYMN #209 “My Song Is Love Unknown” (GTG)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God’s mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God’s love for us, let us offer our prayers together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Gord Waldie, www.worshipofferings.blogspot.com) (Please join in unison)

Liturgist: Gracious, loving God, in Jesus of Nazareth you shared our lives.

Congregation: You knew the joys and the sorrows; you felt the sting of death.

Liturgist: Gracious, loving God, in Christ’s resurrection you reveal a new hope;

Congregation: a promise that in the end life wins.

Liturgist: Gracious, loving God, in the healing of souls Jesus reveals your mercy and forgiveness.

Congregation: We are unbound and set free, led into the life of eternity.

Liturgist: God of Life, God of Grace, God of Hope, God who calls us by name;

Congregation: we trust and know your voice, we respond to your call, we rejoice in life renewed.

Liturgist: And so we live as people of hope, citizens of the Kingdom,

Congregation: Each and every day. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Christ journeyed all the way to the cross, Christ faced rejection, betrayal, pain, and death, and never blamed any of us.

All: It is with this mercy that Christ forgives us this day. Let us strive to show such mercy and forgiveness in our own lives, to those we meet and to ourselves. 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!

Passing of the Peace of Christ

(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).

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 55:1-5

ANTHEM: "Lord, I Need You"

arr. by C. Tornquist

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

SERMON: "Do You Remember"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

SPECIAL MUSIC

Children are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Jeanette and Ms. Janiece in the lobby to walk up together as a group.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Avery Smith, www.blessedarethebinarybreakers.com) (Please join in unison)

Liturgist: Alone, we have doubts, and struggle to believe, but in community we have all the faith God requires of us, even if only the tiniest mustard seed. So as one, let us affirm our faith:

Congregation: We believe in the God of Moses, God the Liberator, who revealed their name from a burning bush, who chooses self-restraint in order to leave room for our free will. We believe in Jesus Christ, who opens his arms to our unbelief for he knew what it was to be human, to experience fear, grief, and pain—even the trauma of the cross. Though God, he had no interest in exaltation, but chose self-emptying: In Jesus, divinity stripped of omnipotence becoming utterly dependent on a human womb; he grew, learned, and leaned into interdependence within a human community. We believe in the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus sent to us after his rising to be God in our midst: disrupter of authority, up turner of the status quo, kindler of curiosity, and breath of rebirth in times of upheaval. We believe that this Triune God, whose name evokes steadfastness, dwells in our midst yesterday, today, and for all time, empowering our partnership and renewing all of creation. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns – please see usher for green pew cards

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Steal Away to Jesus"

arr. by P. Keveren

Many ways to give and give back  [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) **Click on link**



<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>

OR Scan here:

*Doxology Song #592

*Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (Announcements)

Minute for Mission

Michele Bartels

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, ending with Our Lord’s Prayer (together, using “debts”)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Hymn: # 834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (GTG)

*POSTLUDE: “The Thankful Heart Rejoices”

L. Smith

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, Penny Russell, Thelma Stoakes and Barb Vinson for health needs.
- Judy Spiece while she recovers from surgery.
- 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 in honor of all members of our congregation.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
 Preacher
 Organist
 Liturgist
 Youth Liturgist
 Usher
 Greeters
 Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation
 Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
 Carol Garrett
 Brian Spiece
 Hannah Kilbourne
 Penny Russell
 Leonard Griswold
 Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton
 and Antoinette Jackson

GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2024 envelopes are in. Please pick yours up on the cart located by the garden door entrance. IF you do not want or use these, please let me know so I can remove your name from the list. If you do not pick them up, we will assume you do not want them and will remove you for future envelopes. Thank you, Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant.

ADULT ED GUIDES

We will be ordering the next two guides (January and Lent). If you are interested in the guides, Please scan this QR code to order your guides online or contact the office to place your order.

Deadline to place your order is December 10, 2023. Thank you



November Birthdays Have a Very Happy Day!

Nov 02 Elizabeth Sullivan
Nov 04 Leah Alexander
Nov 04 Kelly Mahaffey
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 20 Elizabeth Gesse
Nov 20 Haley Gesse
Nov 20 Laura Kittle
Nov 20 Ryan Towle
Nov 21 MacKinley Mosher
Nov 27 Erin McGuire

CHURCH CHAT

“any or all information is Subject to change without notification”



- ✚ Nov 19 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ✚ Nov 19 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- ✚ Nov 19 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ✚ Nov 19 10 a.m. Choir performs during Worship Service
- ✚ Nov 20 Pastor off
- ✚ Nov 20 Diane off (Office volunteer from 10am-1 pm)
- ✚ Nov 20 Pastor off
- ✚ Nov 21 10 a.m. 3B Edith Boyd Lounge (Ends on Nov. 21st)
- ✚ Nov 21 Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ✚ **Nov 23 Office closed Thanksgiving day**
- ✚ Nov 23 **NO** Meditation Prayer Rev Kevin Patterson
- ✚ **Nov 24 Pastor off for Day after Thanksgiving**
- ✚ Nov 25 1:30 a.m.-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ✚ Nov 26 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ✚ Nov 26 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- ✚ Nov 26 Noisy Offering
- ✚ Nov 26 11:30 Confirmation Class
- ✚ Nov 26 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Church Architectural Tour
- ✚ Nov 27 Pastor off
- ✚ **Nov 27 Office Closed Thanksgiving Holiday**
- ✚ Nov 29 10 a.m. MOPS in EBL
- ✚ Nov 30 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting

COFFEE HOUR

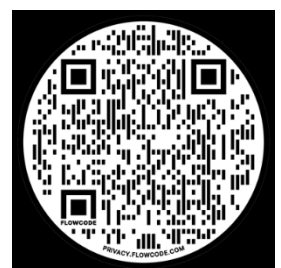
Good news! Presbyterian Women are going to host Coffee Hour every month with the Elizabeth Circle hosting the first Sunday and the Wednesday Circle hosting the second. So we will always have at least 2 coffee hours a month and hopefully more if you, along with your family, friends, or church committee will volunteer to host one of the other Sundays. Your hosting duties would include fixing a pot or 2 of coffee and a drink for the kids. If you want to add a sweet treat that would be fine but is not necessary. Sign up on the calendar at the Edith Boyd Lounge doors.

HELP NEEDED TO FEED THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

The confirmation class is meeting after church the 4th Sunday of every month beginning September 24th. 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who attended Stewardship Sunday. The finance team appreciates your generosity. The pledges help us create our budget for next year. If you weren't able to attend or have lost your pledge card and still want to pledge, you can email Diane your pledge or use this link to pledge on-line --which is easy for everyone. Thank you again!



MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE



Join our Finance Committee for a series of enlightening educational sessions designed to empower you with the knowledge you need to make a lasting impact through your financial contributions. Discover the power of giving through your IRA, unlock the intricacies of effective estate planning, and explore the world of restricted and unrestricted gifts. Understand the tax benefits that come with strategic giving, and pave the way for a brighter financial future.

We want to hear from you, so let us know what you're interested in. Contact Andrew or Amy with your ideas. Together, we'll navigate the world of philanthropy and financial stewardship to make your charitable intentions a reality. Join us on this educational journey and take control of your financial legacy.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION

Dear Congregation Members,

Your session met on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30pm.

Here are some highlights of the meeting:

* Elder Kittle attended the record review on November 14th at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Schererville, IN and our records were approved and certified.

*Elder Kittle reported that there are policy updates that need to be included as per the last General Assembly in our policy and procedure book, which will include an Anti-racism policy.

*Elder Jose Soto gave a report from his participation in the ministry formation program.

*The session approved a motion to approve the marriage of Andrew Altherr and Jamie Lynn Housel on January 6, 2024.

*Elder Debbie Langley graciously accepted the role of being the wedding coordinator as she had previously done so.

*The Longest Night service will be held on 12/23 at 6pm.

*Christmas Eve service will be held on 12/24 at 5pm

*Session approved a fundraiser to sell engraved bricks for the garden walk to raise money for the elevator renovation.

*Session approved Peggy McAnally as chair of the Nominating committee. Michele Bartels and Jennifer Casper will be At Large committee members.

*11/26 Community Church tour

*11/28 Presbytery meeting in Lafayette.

Our next meeting will be December 20th. Please keep your session elders in prayer as we continue to work for the good of our congregation and the community.

Blessings,

Laura Kittle, Clerk of Session

CHOIR REHEARSAL AND PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

See the rehearsals schedule under upcoming events. There will be a rehearsal November 19th and December 10th & 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room with

Jennifer Keeley, Choir Director. The choir will be presenting the third Sunday of November and December.

Child care will be available during rehearsal. If you will be requiring childcare at 9:00 a.m. please e-mail Pastor Ericka at erickapk@fpcmicity.org by the Friday prior to the rehearsal.

A Little Bit of Carol World (Featured artist)

Carol Estes is a Missouri girl that found her way to Indiana in 1982.

After several losses, she was in need of an outlet for deep grief.

One day, watching her birds, a small camera in hand, she started on a journey.

Immersing in the knowledge, she became a self-taught photographer.

She was published in Birds and Bloom Magazine about the journey of her strength over grief. Later, they published her bird photography, and Carol

became internationally published with her beauty and fashion work.

Entering the Art World late in life, Carol has been fortunate to exhibit in Montana, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. She is also a writer of poetry & prose, performing on the infamous Green Mill stage in Chicago.



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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

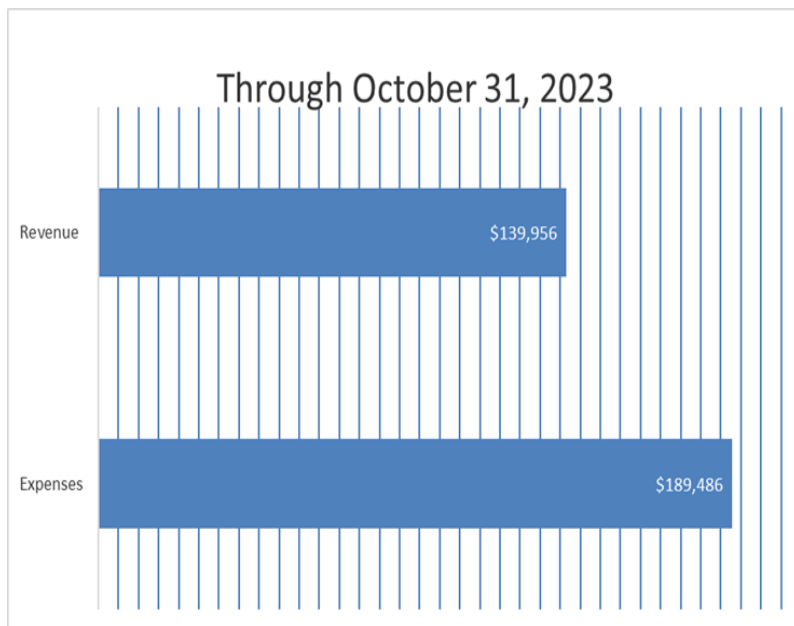
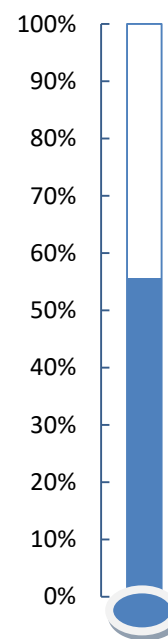
TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$33,667.00 (22.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%) **ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** \$83,667.00 (56%)

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

Payments can be made until May 2024.



MEMORIALS/DONATION

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

Michigan City Sacred Architecture Tour

Learn the fascinating architectural highlights & history of our local churches

Participating churches:
United Church of Christ, Queen of All Saints,
First Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal, St. Paul Lutheran,
St. Mary, St. Stanislaus

The tour begins at United Church of Christ
101 St John Rd, Michigan City
Bus ride and refreshments provided
Reserve your space for the tour
RSVP lucia@qas.org or call 219-872-9196 Ext 107

Sunday, November 26, 2023
2:00 - 5:00 PM

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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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