

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

February 11, 2024

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)



15th century painting by Theophanes the Greek.

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 “We Are Marching In the Light of God”

J.A. Behnke

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: *Every time we encounter beauty, God’s perfection shines forth, calling to us.*

One: God’s revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

All: *The heavens declare God’s righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge*

*HYMN #2128 “Come and Find the Quiet Center” (Sing the Faith hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

God is vaster than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways that we see and understand, including Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God’s call to love our neighbor and love the Lord. We can do so knowing that our Creator, who is both the Lion of Judah and the sacrificial lamb, listens.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (John 5:1-18)

Pastor: “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” Jesus says to the crippled man he has healed. We, too, are healed. Transformed by Christ’s redemption, let us get up and walk together.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*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 (1 Kings 19:12) (Please join in unison)

Our God is the God who appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai and revealed God's self to Elijah in a "sound of sheer silence". This is the same God in our midst today. This is the same God who seeks us, who created us, who loves us. Holy Spirit, move in our hearts and minds that we might hear your message for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

SERMON: "Wonder"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

*HYMN #2153 "Transform Us" (Sing the Faith hymnal)

NO Sunday school.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please join in unison)

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

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

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Bless His Holy Name"

Andraé Crouch

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**

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

OR Scan here:



*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH (Announcements)

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

*POSTLUDE: "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"

South Africa melody

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Gerald Anderson, Dave Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Craig Molden, Jonathan Patterson, Barb Reichert, Thelma Stoakes, Barb Vinson and Donna Wiseman for health needs.
- 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 Roberta Snyder in honor of her children, Nancy, Mike and Bob and her grandchildren.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Choir Director	Jennifer Keeley
Liturgist	Sue Ransom
Youth Liturgist	Jerry Kilbourne
Greeters	Judy and Brian Spiece
Usher	Debbie Langley
Video & Sound Crew	Mark Smith, Rylie Thornton and Antoinette Jackson

MEMORIALS/DONATION

The Elevator fund received a donation from Mary Barr in memory of Penny Russell.
Thank you for your kindness

February Birthdays Have a Very Happy Day!

Feb 01	Debbie Langley
Feb 01	Carrie Zerbe
Feb 04	Andrew Altherr
Feb 07	Antoinette Jackson
Feb 09	Carol Baker Bulger
Feb 10	Sherry Altherr
Feb 15	Jose Soto
Feb 15	Anthony Yacullo



Feb 16	Rob Seedorf
Feb 19	Mathew Smith
Feb 20	Donald Bowman
Feb 20	David Jackson
Feb 21	Lydia Scott
Feb 21	Mary Steider
Feb 27	Lydia DeLeon

CHURCH CHAT

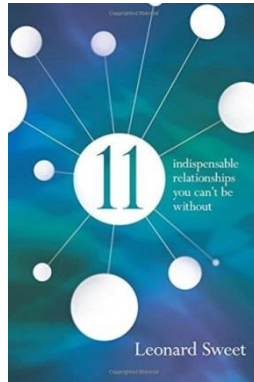


“Any or all information is subject to change without notification”

- ✚ Feb 11 NO Adult Ed until Feb. 18th
- ✚ Feb 11 NO Sunday School until Feb. 18th
- ✚ Feb 11 10 a.m. Worship Service
- ✚ Feb 12 Pastor Off
- ✚ Feb 13 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 13 6 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
- ✚ Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- ✚ Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- ✚ Feb 14 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ✚ Feb 14 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ✚ Feb 14 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ✚ Feb 15 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 15 11 a.m. Urban Monks-Rev. Patterson
- ✚ Feb 16 Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ Feb 16 4:30 p.m. Zoom Mission meeting
- ✚ Feb 17 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ Feb 18 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ Feb 18 10 a.m. Worship Service
- ✚ Feb 18 Sunday School
- ✚ Feb 18 Outreach meeting in the Undercroft after Worship
- ✚ Feb 19 Office Closed for Presidents' Day
- ✚ Feb 19 Pastor Off
- ✚ Feb 20 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 20 Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ✚ Feb 21 3 p.m. Deacon's meeting
- ✚ Feb 22 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 22 11 a.m. Urban Monks-Rev. Patterson
- ✚ Feb 23 Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ Feb 17 9:30 a.m. Book Study in the library
- ✚ Feb 24 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ Feb 25 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ Feb 25 10 a.m. Worship Service- NOISY OFFERING
- ✚ Feb 26 Pastor Off
- ✚ Feb 27 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 28 10 a.m. MOPS in EBL
- ✚ Feb 29 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 29 11 a.m. Urban Monks-Rev. Patterson

2024 Per Capita

The 2024 Per Capita amount is \$43.62 per member.
If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



NEW MONTHLY BOOK STUDY

There will be a monthly book study based on the book “11 Indispensable Relationships You Can’t Live Without” by Leonard Sweet. We will spend each time focusing on a different relationship from the Bible and how that type of relationship can be beneficial in our own lives. The book is available on Amazon or other online bookstores. Even if you don’t have the book yet, please join us at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month. If you have questions feel free to contact Jennifer Casper at 219-575-0135.

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.

APPRECIATION

We would to thank Carol Estes for loaning her wonderful work that was displayed in the Edith Boyd Lounge. If you are interested in purchasing art from Carol, please speak with Patty Mershon Schaefer or scan the below code to visit her site.



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COFFEE HOUR-2024

The Coffee Hour sign up calendar for 2024 is displayed on the Edith Boyd Lounge door ready for sign-ups. There are 24 Sundays left for volunteers (you, your family, friends, or church committee) to host. Hosting duties include fixing a pot or 2 of coffee and a drink for the kids. A sweet treat would be great, too. Please sign up now to make sure you get your special date.

PW PROJECT

Between February 11th and March 3rd Presbyterian Women will be collecting toilet paper for “The Nest”, the overnight shelter on 8th Street. Please place the toilet paper on the table next to the coat racks.

Thank you,
Carol Garrett
PW Coordinating Moderator

WORSHIP AND MUSIC NEEDS HELP

Are you interested in arranging flowers? The vases in the front of the church need to be changed every 4-6 weeks. Please talk to Rylie Thornton, Chair of WAM, if you are interested or have any questions. There are plenty of artificial flowers in the WAM closet that will be available for you to use. Thank you.



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

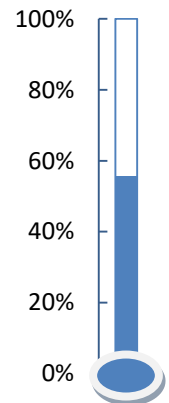
TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$38,447.00 (25.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%) **ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** \$88,447.00 (59%)

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

Payments can be made until May 2024.



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For prayer requests
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