

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

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 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Jamaican Folk Tune

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: Come! Now is the time to worship the living Lord!

All: *We come into the presence of Jesus with joy, ready to hear his voice.*

One: Look! The kin-dom of God is among us, to be shared with the world.

All: *Our eyes are open to see God at work all around us.*

One: Listen! We gather to be nurtured and will be sent to share.

All: *We are ready to come, look, listen, then go out to the world God loves. Let us worship God!*

*HYMN #466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Blue hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Sending God, Jesus told his disciples to go out to the towns and villages, carrying nothing, only trusting in you. We hear this story, and while we admire their faith and commitment, we are certain that we can’t give up the things we carry. We hold on tight to our possessions: not just shoes and purse and cloak but all our closets full of clothing and our homes full of goods. We hold on tight to our convictions too, God, and to our doubts and fears, to our pride and prejudices. We carry our status like a suitcase, and we refuse to see, or to admit, how so much of what we carry weighs us down. Forgive us, God! Help us to travel more lightly, not just in terms of material things, but also in terms of our spirits. Show us how to reach out to the world around us, carrying a message of peace, ready to receive what is offered. Give us the discernment to know when to simply walk away and shake the dust from our feet, letting go of that which no longer serves us but only burdens us. Help us to live into the truth that your kingdom is already at hand through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: There is no struggle that is beyond God’s grace. There is no falling that God will not forgive. Forgiveness is yours, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *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

*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- Noisy Offering

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:1-15

ANTHEM "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

performed by Anne Lute

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON: "Go"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please join in unison) *The Confession of 1967: Inclusive Language Version (Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.], A Corporation on behalf of the Office of Theology and Worship, 9.35–9.38)*

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

HYMN #332 "Live Into Hope" (Blue hymnal)

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

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Spiritual

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

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*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

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*POSTLUDE: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Spiritual

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, 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 Barb and Brock Vinson in honor of son, Jason's birthday.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Preacher
Organist
Choir Director
Liturgist
Greeters
Usher
Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation
Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Carol Garrett
Jennifer Keeley
Laura Kittle
Marilyn Cook
Peggy McAnally
Mark Smith, Rylie Thornton
and Antoinette Jackson

MEMORIALS/DONATION

The Soup Kitchen received a donation to the glory of God from Dunes Woman's Club
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 25 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed (Make Disciples)
- ✚ Feb 25 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service- NOISY OFFERING
- ✚ Feb 25 Sunday 1:30 p.m. Monday Musicale meeting in library
- ✚ Feb 26 Monday Pastor Off
- ✚ Feb 27 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 28 Wednesday 10 a.m. MOPS in EBL
- ✚ Feb 29 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ Feb 29 Thursday 11 a.m. Urban Monks-Rev. Patterson
- ✚ March 1 Friday Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ March 1 Friday 12 p.m. WAM meeting
- ✚ March 2 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ March 3 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ✚ March 3 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service- Communion Sunday
- ✚ March 4 Monday Pastor Off
- ✚ **March 4 Monday DEADLINE TO PLACE LILY ORDER**
- ✚ March 5 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ March 5 Tuesday 5:30 p.m. PFLAG in Undercroft
- ✚ March 7 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ March 7 Thursday 11 a.m. Urban Monks-Rev. Patterson
- ✚ March 7 Thursday 12:30 p.m. PEO meeting
- ✚ March 7 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- ✚ March 8 Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ March 9 Saturday 10 a.m. Tweens Upstairs
- ✚ March 9 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen

LILIES-UPDATED DATE

Sorry, the florist needs the order sooner so the cut off to order is now March 4th instead of the 6th.

If you would like to order lilies, please complete the enclosed order form and return it to the office along with your check by **March 4th**. (Sooner would be better because we have a deadline to place our order to guarantee pick up date). They will be in the sanctuary on March 30th and April 7th. If you would like to take your lily, you can pick it up after worship service on April 7th.

The cost this year is \$15.00 per lily (sorry the florist raised their price).

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thank you, Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant

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 (changed from the third beginning in February) 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.

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

ART DISPLAY IN THE EDITH BOYD LOUNGE – ARTIST KRISTINA KNOWSKI

Kristina Knowski is a watercolorist depicting primarily avifauna. The natural world is her inspiration, drawing from the existing beauty of our environment. As an avid birder, Kristina prefers to work from life and spends most of her time sketching and researching species in the field. She enjoys using observation, anatomical references, and specimens to examine these species with an acute attention to detail.

All works are watercolor on paper. A planned composition is drawn first, followed carefully by several layers of transparent paint. The extant, or existing, bird paintings are usually more illustrational, creating an optimum version of the species similar to that of a field guide. These are made as a formal study of the bird and keeping the background minimal.

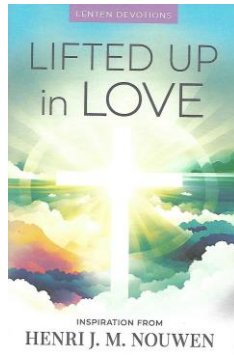
Since graduating Valedictorian from the American Academy of Art in Chicago in 2012, Kristina has participated in numerous shows in Chicago, NW Indiana, and surrounding states.

Giving Back

Kristina Knowski Arts is dedicated to her mission to use her work as a positive change for avifauna. Continuously, Kristina gives back her time and multiple donations to the Indiana Audubon Society and their annual Indiana Dunes Birding Festival. She will also be donating 10% of all sales during this show to the Church's Elevator Fund.

Thank you,
Kristina Knowski

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL



The Outreach committee has a few extra Lenten Devotionals remaining from the bags we prepare for our senior at-home members. If you would like to purchase this little booklet for your own season of Lent, please see Michele Bartels or Peggy McAnally at church with \$2.00 in hand. First come, first served.



ELEVATE OUR WELCOME

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

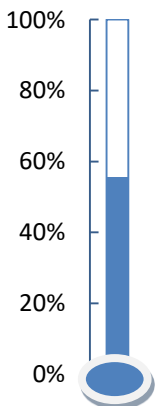
TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$38,647.00 (25.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%)

ACHIEVED WITH GRANT \$88,647.00 (59%)

If you still want to give towards the elevator project, or have an unfulfilled pledge, please make payment before June 2024. Thank you so much!



REMINDER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Spring ~ 2024

March 13th, Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

March 17th, Sunday - Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. and sing at service

April 17th, Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

April 21st, Sunday - Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. and sing at service

May 15th - Wednesday - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

May 19th - Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. and sing at service

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