

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

March 24 2024

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Palm Sunday

Holy Week Begins



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 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

J.W. Kerr

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: Hosanna!

All: *Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.*

One: Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN #89 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (The Presbyterian hymnal -Blue)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

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 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: *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)

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 9: 9

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

SERMON: "The Messiah Enters the Holy City"
(Has the Praising and Rejoicing Stopped?)

Reverend Kevin Patterson

HYMN #88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (The Presbyterian hymnal -Blue)

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)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, and true God from true God. Begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

J. Pethel

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: "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

R. Koury

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Jennifer Casper, Rev. Doreen Sterba Dezur, Dave Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Craig Molden, Jonathan Patterson, Barb Reichert, Shirley Ryan, Mary Steider, 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 Leonard Griswold in memory of wife, Jane Griswold, Grandson, Ben, Son-in-law, Bobby and grandson, Alex.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Guest Preacher	Reverend Kevin Patterson
Choir Director	Jennifer Keeley
Liturgist	Jeanette Tyrell
Greeters	Marilyn Cook
Usher	Ree & Frank Labaj
Video & Sound Crew	Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton and Antoinette Jackson

MEMORIALS/DONATION

No donations received this week
Thank you for your kindness

March Birthdays Have a Very Happy Day!

March 1 Brenda Branch
March 6 Stan Holdcraft
March 7 Amy McDaniel
March 10 Mary Jo McDonald
March 13 Jennifer Blank
March 15 Rick Blank
March 17 Molly Wray



March 19 Joleen Jackson
March 20 Walt Barbknecht
March 24 Thea Mosher
March 25 Sean Towle
March 26 Nicholas Simpson
March 28 Andrea Gasaway
March 29 Linda Jackson

2024 Per Capita

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

CHURCH CHAT

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



- ✚ March 24 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed-Make Disciples
- ✚ March 24 Palm Sunday 10 a.m. Worship Service-Noisy offering Guest Pastor, Rev. Kevin Patterson
- ✚ March 25 Monday Pastor Off
- ✚ March 27 Wednesday 10 a.m. MOPS in EBL
- ✚ March 28 6p.m. Maundy Thursday
- ✚ March 29 Good Friday Office closed
- ✚ March 29 Friday, 12:00 p.m.-3 p.m. Prayer Walk at First Methodist with Pastor Nancy and Pastor Ericka
- ✚ March 30 11:30 a.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ March 31 8:30 a.m. Easter breakfast in the undercroft (see below)
- ✚ March 31 NO ADULT ED
- ✚ March 31 10 a.m. Worship Service Easter Sunday
- ✚ April 1 Monday Pastor Off
- ✚ April 1 Monday Office Closed (Easter)
- ✚ April 2 Tuesday 2:30 pm Personnel meeting
- ✚ April 2 Tuesday 5:30 pm PFLAG (Undercroft)
- ✚ April 3 Wednesday 4:30 pm Building & Grounds meeting
- ✚ April 4 Thursday 11 am Urban Monks
- ✚ April 4 Thursday 12:30 pm PEO in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ April 4 Thursday 5:30 pm Girl Scouts
- ✚ April 5 Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ April 6 Saturday 11:30-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ✚ April 7 Sunday 9 am Adult Ed
- ✚ April 7 Sunday 10 am Worship -Communion Sunday
- ✚ April 8 Monday Pastor Off
- ✚ April 9 Tuesday 6 pm Finance meeting
- ✚ April 10 Wednesday 10 am Outreach meeting
- ✚ April 10 Wednesday 12 pm Wednesday Circle meeting
- ✚ April 11 Thursday 11 am Urban Monks
- ✚ April 12 Friday Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ April 12 4:30 pm Mission Zoom meeting
- ✚ April 13 10 am Tweens (upstairs)
- ✚ April 13 11:30 am Soup Kitchen

Easter Egg
Candy
Donations



CANDY DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Please put individually wrapped & small enough
to fit into plastic eggs candy into the “Bunny Box”
by the garden door entrance

by Sunday, March 24th

Any questions, contact Amy McDaniel.

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SIGN UP SHEET FOR EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

There are still several items that are still needed to make the breakfast a success. Please sign up on the list hanging on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge. A Deacon will have the sign-up sheet on Sunday morning asking for a food donation for the breakfast. Please consider bringing one of the items on the list. Thank you for your contribution.



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

March 31st in the Undercroft at 8:30 am

Please have your food donation in the Undercroft by 8:15 a.m. to allow time for set up.

Thank you and hope to see you there.



GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Good Friday Walk for Peace and Justice using the format of the Stations of the Cross.
First United Methodist Parking Lot, Franklin and 7th

We have been invited to join 1st United Methodist for Good Friday this year. This interactive worship experience will give us the opportunity to walk, give witness to our faith, and pray for our community, world, churches, and selves. While the stations will be up all day, Pastors Nancy and Ericka will be present at the stations between 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm.

ADULT CURRICULUM GUIDES

It is time to place your order for the next set of guides. **The final date to place your order is March 25th.** This will allow time for shipping so that the guides will be ready when the classes start in on April 7th. Please either go to PayPal to make your payment, mail a check to the church, put payment in Sunday's offering plate or drop it off at the office. If paying by cash you **MUST** have exact change, we do not have a way to make change.

We will post when the guides are in and are ready for pick up.

Please use the link below to place your order or contact Diane Yettaw in the office.

Use this link to reserve your \$8.00 copy

<https://forms.gle/HnAUDV7qcyqxYEHU6>

This can also be found on Facebook or scan this bar code:

We are again ordering two guides. Please pay \$16.00 if you want the April and May guides.



REMINDER CHOIR SCHEDULE

Spring ~ 2024

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



ELEVATE OUR WELCOME

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

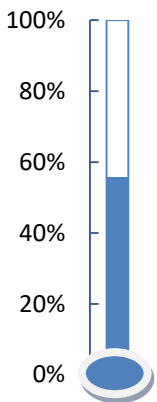
TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$38,687.00 (25.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%)

ACHIEVED WITH GRANT \$88,687.00 (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!



The Play's the Thing

Are you looking for something to do with your family and friends over the next few weekends? A number of our very talented Presbys are acting in plays and musicals in up and coming weeks and they would love to see you in their audiences.

The full schedule is available by the usher's table.



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.

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.

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