

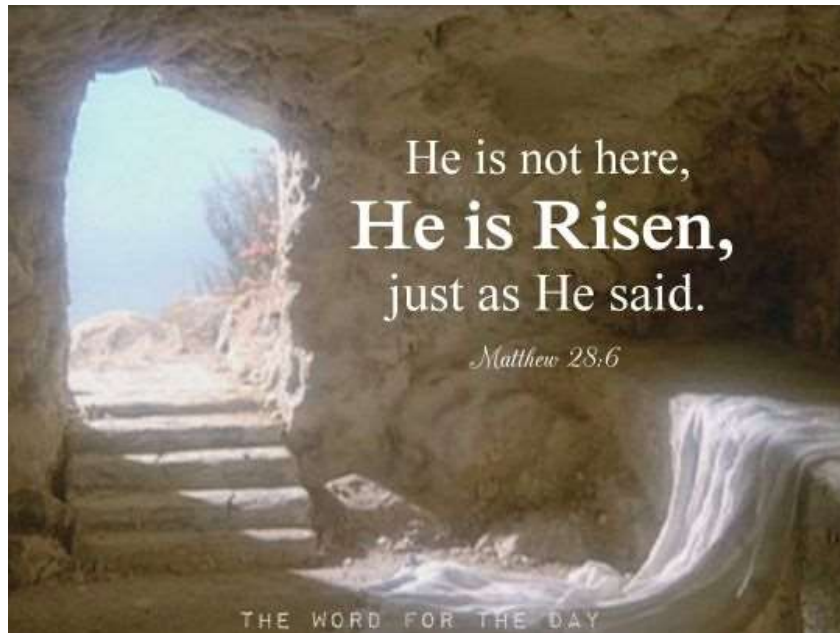
First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

March 31, 2024

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

EASTER SUNDAY



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’ and she told them that he had said these things to her.”

(John 20:18)

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

H. Balcombe

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” Christ is risen!

All: *He is risen indeed! We have seen the glory of God.*

*HYMN #151 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (The Presbyterian Hymnal-blue)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

The psalmist prayed: Open to me the gates of righteousness, O Lord that I may enter through them and give thanks to you. We give thanks that God has answered us, and has become our salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. With gratitude for God’s life-giving love, let us confess our sin. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Please join in unison)

Pastor: Hear the word of the Lord: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth: the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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!*

(Worshippers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the greeting “The peace of Christ be with you”, and one may respond with the words, “And also with you.” Worshippers may also share a handshake, hug or other expression of Christ’s peace.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

POEM: "I Thank You God For Most This Amazing"

E.E. Cummings

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Doxology)"

arr. Lari Goss

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

SERMON: "Because I Believe in the Resurrection"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from a Brief Statement of Faith) (Please join in unison)

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Christ the Lord, Is Risen Today"

R. Williams

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

(...the prayer continues and includes The Prayers of the People)

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever....(ending with the Lord's Prayer). (Together, using "debts")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music: "This Is the Feast of Victory"

R. Hilbert

Presented by Carol Garrett, Organist

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

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

*HYMN: #123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (The Presbyterian Hymnal-blue)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia"

E. Broughton

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
- Jason McDaniel and family, as he and they grieve for his mother.
- Dave Hack, recovering from knee 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 LILIES are given to the glory of God from those who purchased them in memory or honor of their loved one.



MEMORIALS/DONATION

The Endowment Fund received donations in memory of William R. Carlisle from Sara Carlisle
Thank you for your kindness



SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Choir Director	Jennifer Keeley
Greeter(s)	Anne Lute
Liturgist	Brian Spiece
Usher	Marilyn Cook
Video & Sound Crew	Stan Holdcraft, Antoinette Jackson and a volunteer
Poetry Reading	Micah Spiece
Special Music	Kaity Mosher, Judy Spiece and Micah Spiece

April Birthdays Have a Very Happy Day

April 02 John Gesse
April 04 Laura Meyer
April 08 Judy Spiece
April 09 Christian McDaniel
April 10 Renee Jackson
April 12 Mark Smith
April 13 James Willis
April 15 Kaity Mosher



April 16 Brock Kohler
April 18 Sophia Ortiz-Burgos
April 19 Brandon DeLeon
April 20 Robert Angelo
April 22 Connie McKeague
April 24 Frank Labaj
April 24 Susan Seibert
April 25 Vernon Towle, Jr
April 26 Regan Russell

CHURCH CHAT

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



- 🚩 March 31 8:30 a.m. Easter breakfast in the undercroft
- 🚩 March 31 NO ADULT ED
- 🚩 March 31 10 a.m. Worship Service Easter Sunday (Communion)
- 🚩 April 1 Monday Office Closed (Easter Holiday)
- 🚩 April 1 Monday Pastor Off
- 🚩 April 3 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds meeting
- 🚩 April 4 Thursday 11 am Urban Monks
- 🚩 April 4 Thursday 12:30 p.m. PEO in Edith Boyd Lounge
- 🚩 April 4 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 🚩 April 5 Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- 🚩 April 6 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- 🚩 April 7 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- 🚩 April 7 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship -Communion Sunday
- 🚩 April 8 Monday Pastor Off
- 🚩 April 2 Tuesday 2:30 p.m. Personnel meeting (2nd Tuesday, this month only)
- 🚩 April 9 Tuesday 6 p.m. Finance meeting
- 🚩 April 10 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- 🚩 April 10 Wednesday 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- 🚩 April 11 Thursday 11 a.m. Urban Monks
- 🚩 April 12 Friday Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- 🚩 April 12 4:30 p.m. Mission Zoom meeting
- 🚩 April 13 10 a.m. Tweens (upstairs)
- 🚩 April 13 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen

MESSAGE FROM CLERK OF SESSION

Dear Congregation members,

As your session elders met last evening (Wednesday 3/27), it was an unusually brief meeting. Here are some highlights:

*Though we continue a monthly shortfall in donations, we did experience a slight uptick from this time last year.

*We wish you all a Happy and blessed Easter season and thank the deacons for working very hard to organize the breakfast prior to today's service.

*Elder Rylie Thornton will be taking a brief hiatus from her duties videotaping and linking the service to YouTube. There are a few people who will be able to help out in her absence, but volunteers are needed.

*Session approved our congregation's participation in Pride Fest in MC this summer on June 15th. Volunteers will be needed to work the table.

*Elevator update - 80% of electrical work is completed. New fire alarm will be installed soon and early April is the possible start of the construction phase.

*Session approved the start of the Brick Path Fundraiser - more info to follow!

Many blessings to you and your family,

Laura Kittle

Clerk of Session

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

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.



The kids collected \$82.59 on March 24th. Way to go!

2024 Per Capita

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

EASTER OFFERING

Members and friends,

Today's offering collection will be dedicated toward our congregation's Help Fund and for PC(USA) mission co-workers in honor of the Rev. Cathy Chang who currently serves in the Philippines. Give joyfully and generously to local and global missions!

*Checks: First Presbyterian Church
Memo: Easter Offering*

Easter Blessings,
— Jose Soto
Mission Committee chair

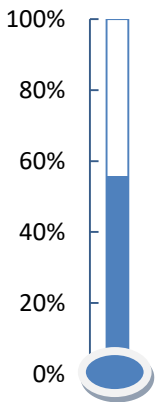


ELEVATE OUR WELCOME

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)
CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$38,697.00 (25.7%)
GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%)
ACHIEVED WITH GRANT \$88,697.00 (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!



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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