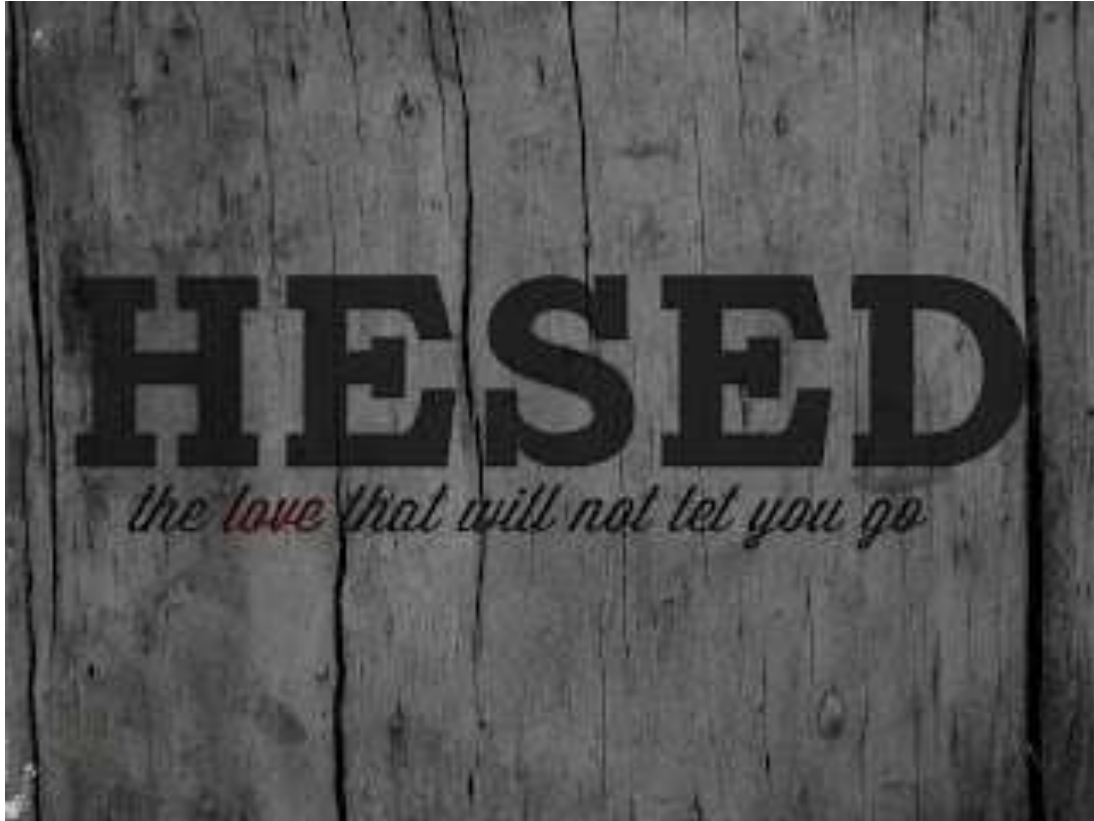


First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 14, 2024

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 “O Filii at Filiae”

A. Guilmant

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace, welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

One: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

All: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

One: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

All: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*HYMN #398 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (The Presbyterian hymnal-Blue)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Holy God, hear our prayer. There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:19

Pastor: Friends in Christ, hear this good news: In Christ God was reconciling the world to Godself, not counting our trespasses against us, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. 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)

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, as the scripture is read, spoken, and heard. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:36b-48

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 1:16-17

SERMON: "Hesed"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

HYMN #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (The Presbyterian hymnal-Blue)

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen) (Please join in unison)

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

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

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Meditation for Easter"

J. Prentiss

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<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)

Minute for Mission

Outreach Committee

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: "The King of Glory"

D. Wells

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Rev. Doreen Sterba Dezur, Dave Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Jonathan Patterson, Barb Reichert, Shirley Ryan, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs
- Jeanette Tyrrell as she recovers from her hospitalization.
- 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 Cindy Gesse in memory of her parents, Nancy and Jerry Kissinger.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
 Preacher
 Organist
 Choir Director
 Liturgist
 Youth Liturgist
 Greeter(s)
 Usher
 Video & Sound Crew

All Members of the Congregation
 Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
 Carol Garrett
 Jennifer Keeley
 Jose Soto
 Kash Williams
 Andrew Grove
 Marilyn Cook
 Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton
 and Antoinette Jackson

MEMORIALS/DONATION

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

2024 Per Capita

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

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”



- ✚ April 14 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed (Cross Borders 2)
- ✚ April 14 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship
- ✚ April 15 Monday Pastor Off
- ✚ April 16 Tuesday, Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ✚ April 17 Wednesday 3 p.m. Deacon's meeting
- ✚ April 17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session's meeting
- ✚ April 17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- ✚ April 18 Thursday 11 a.m. Urban Monks
- ✚ April 18 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- ✚ April 19 Friday Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ April 20 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ April 21 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed (Cross Borders 3)
- ✚ April 21 Sunday 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- ✚ April 21 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship – Choir
- ✚ April 21 Sunday 1:00 p.m. MCCMF
- ✚ April 22 Monday Pastor off
- ✚ April 24 Wednesday 10 a.m. MOPS in Edith Boyd Lounge
- ✚ April 25 Thursday 11 a.m. Urban Monks
- ✚ April 26 Friday Office closed Pastor available by appointment
- ✚ April 27 Saturday 9:30 a.m. Book study in the library
- ✚ April 27 Saturday 10 a.m. Green Clean
- ✚ April 27 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ✚ April 28 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed (Cross Borders 4)
- ✚ April 28 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship-Noisy Offering
- ✚ April 29 Monday Pastor Off

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

Outreach Needs

Shepherding birthday cards: Our shepherding group is in need of birthday cards for men and children. If you have extras to donate please give them to Peggy McAnally or the Sunday usher.
Tissue: We are almost out of individual tissue packets. If you would like to contribute a package please give them to the Sunday usher or any member of the Outreach committee-Michele, Judy, Marilyn, or Peggy.
Thank you for your help.

Michigan City/First Presbyterian Church Green Clean



The Outreach Committee is once again going to participate in the Michigan City Green Clean (organized several years ago by Nora Ryska and our own Mike Kilbourne.) We will target our church's neighborhood in this great spring-cleaning project.

So put on your blue Presbyterian shirt and meet us in the Church parking lot on Saturday morning, April 27 at 10. We'll work for an hour. Bring your work gloves, grabber, and big bucket. We have some grabbers and garbage bags along with a fortification of coffee, juice, and donut holes to get everyone off to a good start.

PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING

PW needs your support to fund projects. We ask that you give as you have been blessed, generously, and as led by the Holy Spirit. Please place your offering in the yellow envelope at church during the month of April, 2024.

One of this year's Birthday Offering recipients is a renovation project in Marthasville, Missouri for \$123,500. A villa will be renovated into 4 apartments and a recreational area for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

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.

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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.



ELEVATE OUR WELCOME

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

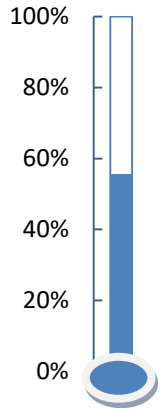
TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$38,967.00 (25.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%)

ACHIEVED WITH GRANT \$88,967.00 (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!



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For prayer requests
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