

# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 7, 2024

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday



Reunion - Thomas and Christ  
Photo by Wolfgang Sauber 1926 Barlach, Ernst, 1870-1938

## 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: “Fanfare Prelude on ‘Gwalchmai’”

D. Paxton

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: How shall we live when shadows gather?

**All: *Drawn to God’s unquenchable light, we are also drawn into one another’s presence.***

One: What was hidden has been revealed; we are woven together with all Creation.

**All: *When we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other.***

One: Let us worship God, who is our Light and Salvation.

\*HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Glory to God Hymnal)

## 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, we confess our doubts. When our childhood understandings fall away, we feel naked. When our long-held beliefs seem to crumble, we feel lost. When our convictions are questioned, we feel ashamed. Guide us into right paths, O God. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Guide our hands to care for others. Guide our hearts to love our neighbors. Call us back to You, O Christ, and renew our faith. When the ground is unsteady, loving God, put us back on right paths by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You. Amen.***

SILENT IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The Lord is our chosen portion and our cup.

**All: *God binds us in, counsels our minds and instructs our hearts.***

Pastor: God helps us to stand firm for justice, mercy, and peace.

**All: *When we fall, God lifts us up, forgives us, and remembers our sins no more.***

Pastor: Know that we 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***

Passing of the Peace of Christ

\*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!***

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
Amen.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 133

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-31

SERMON "Who is the Twin?"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

No Children Sunday school

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from 1 Corinthians and Colossians) (Please join in unison)

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**People:** *Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.*

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "The Strife Is O'er"

G. Medlock

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\*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*It is traditional in our congregation to share the bread all at once, after everyone has been served. Likewise, we wait to share the cup with each other.*

Communion Music: "This Is the Feast of Victory"

R. Hillert

### 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: #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (Blue Presbyterian Hymnal)

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

L. Smith

### 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
- Jeanette Tyrrell as she recovers from her hospitalization.
- 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 CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from Mary Jo McDonald in memory of Jim McDonald.

**The LILIES** are given to the glory of God from those who purchased them in memory or honor of their loved one. Please remember to take your plant home today after service.



### MEMORIALS/DONATION

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

## 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  
Sue Ransom  
Andy & Janice Casper  
Marilyn Cook  
Rick Blank, Antoinette Jackson  
and volunteer(s)

## 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 7 Sunday 9 a.m. NO Adult Ed
- 📅 April 7 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship -Communion Sunday
- 📅 April 8 Monday Pastor Off
- 📅 April 9 Tuesday 2:30 p.m. Personnel meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Friday 4:30 p.m. Mission Zoom meeting
- 📅 April 13 Saturday 10 a.m. Tweens (upstairs)
- 📅 April 13 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- 📅 April 14 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed (Cross Borders)
- 📅 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
- 📅 April 21 Sunday 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 📅 April 21 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship - Choir
- 📅 April 21 Sunday 1:00 p.m. MCCMF

## **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

### **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.

### **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.

### **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

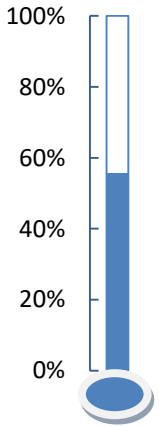
**TARGET:** \$150,000.00 (100%)

**CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED** \$38,707.00 (25.7%)

**GRANT** \$50,000.00 (33.3%)

**ACHIEVED WITH GRANT** \$88,707.00 (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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