

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

January 12, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Baptism of the Lord



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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

setting by M. Burkhardt

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: Who made this beautiful day?

All: We believe that God the Creator made this day.

One: God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and delight;

All: God made this day so we can open our eyes and see beauty, and see pain, and see opportunity, and see hope.

One: So let us go into this day with our eyes and hearts and let us worship God.

*HYMN # 554 “Let All Things Now Living” (The Pew Hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Timothy 1: 14-15) (Spoken by liturgist)

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION-United Nations Environmental Sabbath (Please join in unison)

We have forgotten who we are

We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos

We have become estranged from the movements of the earth

We have forgotten who we are.

We have sought only our own security

We have exploited simply for our own ends

We have distorted our knowledge

We have abused our power.

We have forgotten who we are.

Now the land is barren

And the waters are poisoned

And the air is polluted.

We have forgotten who we are.

Now the forests are dying

And the creatures disappearing

And humans are despairing.

We have forgotten who we are.

We ask forgiveness

We ask for the gift of remembering

We ask for the strength to change.

We have forgotten who we are.

Help us to remember, we pray.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Just as the barren winter ends and the first shoots of spring appear, so it is with our God. Life follows what seems to be death; mercy follows confession and the death that is our sin. Sure as the sun rises, sure as winter turns to spring, so sure is God’s love and grace. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Alleluia! 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).

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon Children

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 READING:

Genesis 4b-9

SECOND READING:

John 4b-15

SERMON: "Who? Me?"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Children are excused for Sunday school. Children (K-5) please join Mr. Jason & Ms. Amy and Tweens (6th-12th) join Ms. Jennifer in the lobby to walk up together as a group.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Copyright Lisa Frenz, from a Thanksgiving Liturgy written for the Mount Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon. All Rights Reserved. Used with permission.) (Join in unison)

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God. We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Christ. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit. We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

W. Wold

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 (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

*Hymn #250 "Hymn of Promise" (Glory to God hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Festival Piece on 'Ripley'"

L. Smith

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Dave Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs.
- Janice Casper, the family and friends as they grieve for the loss of Andy.
- 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 **WHITE FLOWER** is in memory of Andrew (Andy) B. Casper who passed away on December 30, 2024.

The CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God from Alice Yacullo to honor the memory of her mother.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Preacher
Organist
Liturgist
Youth Liturgist
Greeter(s)
Usher
Video and Sound Team

All Members of the Congregation
Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Carol Garrett
Jeanette Tyrrell
TBA
TBA
Debbie Langley
Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton
and Antoinette Jackson



MEMORIALS/DONATION

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Wishing you Very Happy Day!



Jan 01 Patty Mershon Schaefer
 Jan 03 Mary Barr
 Jan 03 Mira McDaniel
 Jan 04 Roberta Snyder
 Jan 08 Mike Kilbourne
 Jan 10 Katherine Brennan
 Jan 16 Rev. Kevin Patterson

Jan 18 Eleanora Russell
 Jan 26 Dave Hack
 Jan 27 Mary Ann Pals
 Jan 27 Barbara Reichert
 Jan 29 Craig Molden
 Jan 31 Michael Smith
 Jan 31 Michele Smith

CHURCH CHAT

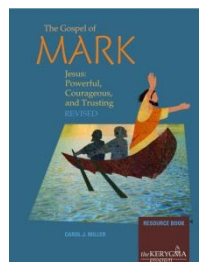
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2025 PER CAPITA

The per capita for 2025 is \$44.66 per person
 The breakdown is as follows: Synod of Lincoln Trails: \$3.81 General Assembly: \$10.84
 Wabash Valley: \$30.01

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all who attended Stewardship Sunday. The finance team appreciates your generosity. The pledges help us create our budget for next year. If you weren't able to attend or have lost your pledge card and still want to pledge, you can email Diane your pledge or use this link to pledge on-line --which is easy for everyone. Thank you again



Join Pastor Ericka and others for this exciting in-depth exploration of the Gospel of Mark!
 Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Library.



FOOD ITEM OF THE MONTH

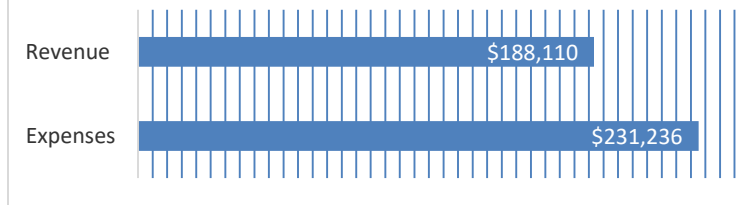
We have recently been requesting donations of food supply items to stock our inventory. Many of you have graciously and generously donated plastic silverware, biodegradable plates, and cups. These contributions help us offset the costs of purchasing supplies, allowing us to keep our Soup Kitchen Fund sustainable.

Now that our inventory of supplies is looking good, we are shifting our focus to food donations. For January, the "food item of the month" is canned fruits. As usual, please drop your donated goods on the table in the narthex near the coat racks.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this." —Galatians 5:22-23

FINANCE MONTHLY REPORT

Through December 31,
2024



ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- ❖ Jan 12 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – “Caring for God’s creation”
- ❖ Jan 12 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-Baptism of the Lord
- ❖ Jan 12 Sunday after worship Teens & Tweens meet
- ❖ Jan 13 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ Jan 14 Tuesday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 15 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. “Gospel of Mark” in the library
- ❖ Jan 15 Wednesday 4 pm Deacon’s meeting
- ❖ Jan 16 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 17 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
- ❖ Jan 18 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Jan 19 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – “Caring for God’s creation”
- ❖ Jan 19 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-2nd Sunday after Epiphany
- ❖ Jan 19 Sunday Third Sunday after worship
- ❖ Jan 20 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ Jan 21 Tuesday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 21 Tuesday 6:30 Elizabeth Circle meeting
- ❖ Jan 22 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. “Gospel of Mark” in the library
- ❖ Jan 23 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 23 Thursday 5:30 pm Girl Scout meeting
- ❖ Jan 24 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
- ❖ Jan 25 Saturday 9:30 am Faith Formation Bible Study
- ❖ Jan 25 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Jan 26 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – “Caring for God’s creation”
- ❖ Jan 26 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-3rd Sunday after Epiphany
- ❖ Jan 26 Sunday Congregational meeting after worship
- ❖ Jan 27 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ Jan 28 Tuesday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 29 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. “Gospel of Mark” in the library
- ❖ Jan 30 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 31 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
- ❖ Feb 01 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Feb 02 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – to be announced
- ❖ Feb 02 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-4th Sunday after Epiphany
- ❖ Feb 03 Monday **PASTOR OFF**



ELEVATOR BRICK FUNDRAISER

For over fifty years, our heritage garden has been a resurrection symbol of new life and of welcome, as each spring its buds peek up from the ground, even after the harshest of winters. In all seasons, it is the place where our visitors enter our building for the first time.

The garden's brick path will soon represent the confident hope that, with a refurbished elevator, we will continue to tell the resurrection story to ALL. Each contribution to the brick fundraiser will be directed to our elevator fund. The cost is \$100.00 per brick. With this link, you are invited to enter the words you would like to be written on your brick. You may choose to make your payment online, or you can bring or send your check to First Presbyterian Church, 121 W 9th St. Michigan City, IN 46360.

<https://form.jotform.com/241926284623157>

A flyer with a dark blue background and gold text. At the top, it says "The First Presbyterian Church" in gold. Below that, in white text, it explains the purpose of the fundraiser: "of Michigan City is raising funds to pay for the update and repair of our elevator. Not only is the elevator essential to our church but also essential for many community programs. By purchasing a \$100 brick on the Gratitude Pathway in the Heritage Garden you will not only have a permanent memory of a loved one or event you will be helping fund a necessary element to our church". It then lists "Some ideas for your commemorative brick inscription are:" followed by a list of suggestions: "Your family name.", "An inspirational message.", "Honoring a special family member or fellow church member.", "Honoring a relative that is with God.", "Your favorite Bible passage.", and "A special event in your life." To the left of this list is a photograph of a brick path in a garden. At the bottom, it says "Be one of the first to show your commitment and create a lasting memory by filling out the form below or contacting us at (219)879-4501 | dyettaw@fpcmicity.org".

ELEVATE OUR WELCOME

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)

CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$66,541.00 (44.7%)

GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%)

ACHIEVED WITH GRANT \$116,541.00 (78%)

The elevator work is coming to an end and payments will need to be made.

Remember, this project will come in around \$150,000. So if you haven't fulfilled your pledge, or would like to give to this project, please turn in your gifts to the office soon and note that they are for the elevator project. Thank you so much!

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For prayer requests
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