

# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

January 19, 2025

10:00 A.M.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany



## 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: “Brightest and Best”

L. Smith

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: From the mountains in the north,

All: and the deserts to the south;

One: from the seas in the west,

All: and the prairies to the east;

One: God’s people gather to praise and to feast!

All: Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #473 “For the Beauty of the Earth” (The Pew Hymnal)

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

***Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer: Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear, paths that lead to dread and death. Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life, life that is abundant and eternal, life that began at the creation of all things. Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus’ name and for his sake. Amen.***

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: 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!**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

*O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 12:14-26

SECOND READING:

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON: "Sharing is Caring"

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

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

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NEXT WEEK (JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>)**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH —Planet Earth Sunday (Australian Version 1), [www.seasonofcreation.com](http://www.seasonofcreation.com) (Join in unison)

*We believe that God creates all things, renews all things and celebrates all things. We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our kin. We believe that God became flesh and blood, became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation. We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos. We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for the rebirth of creation. We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.*

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Welsh New Year Carol"

C. Simone

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 #708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Glory to God hymnal)

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you,  
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

—adapted from a traditional Gaelic prayer

\*POSTLUDE: "Postlude in A Minor"

*C.H. Rinck*

## 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.
- Pray for all affected by the wildfires in California.
- Pray for all who are battling the Norovirus or who are having other health issues.
- 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 in honor of all members of our congregation and their families.

## 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  
Ree Labaj  
Kash Williams  
Kirk Rodgers  
Debbie Langley  
Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton  
and Antoinette Jackson



## MEMORIALS/DONATION

**The Memorial Fund** received a donation in memory of Andy Casper from Doug Wiseman. 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

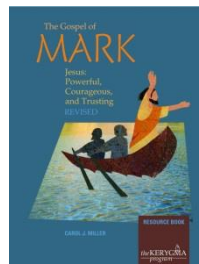
(Any or all information is subject to change without notification)

### 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.

### PW GIVING PROJECT

Please bring boxes of cold cereal for the men and women in the overnight shelter on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. We will collect with love until the end of February. Thank you.



### **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*



### **ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

- ❖ Jan 19 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed - “Caring for God’s creation”
- ❖ Jan 19 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting (was cancelled on January 15<sup>th</sup>)
- ❖ 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-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
- ❖ Jan 26 Sunday NO CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL
- ❖ 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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 dark blue flyer with white and yellow text. At the top, it says "The First Presbyterian Church" in yellow. Below that, it explains the purpose of the fund: "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 the 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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