

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

January 05, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Communion Sunday

2nd Sunday of Christmas



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: “Variations on ‘Puer Nobis’”

M. Burkhardt

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: God called Abel, Enoch, and Noah to persevere in their faith.

All: God called Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel to persevere.

One: God told Moses to “fear not” and set God’s people free.

All: God called Deborah, Gideon, Barak, Samson, David, and all the prophets to care for God’s people.

One: God told the wise ones to follow the star and seek the child.

All: The wise ones persevered against King Herod to pay homage to the newborn King.

One: And now God calls us to run with perseverance the race before us.

All: We look to Jesus as the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

One: Let us persist in faith. Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #66 “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (verses 1 and 2) (The Pew Hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Holy One, like the wise ones we are on a journey to find you; however, sometimes we are like King Herod. We want knowledge, power, and the ability to decide for ourselves what our future should be. We forget our limitations and believe we can control those around us and control with whom you share your light and your love. Forgive us for our egos and forgive us for finding it hard to live with uncertainty. Remind us that you are our certain mercy and compassion. Show us that, with you, our journeys will always lead us to encountering you in mysterious and exciting ways. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (sung) (The Pew Hymnal)

Hymn # 40 “Joy to the World” (verse 3)

*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)

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:1-12:2

SECOND READING

Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: Persevere

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Nicene Creed (Please join in unison)

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*HYMN: #66 "We Three Kings (verses 3, 4 and 5)" (The PewHymnal)

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "In Dulci Jubilo"

J. Pethel

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**

<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 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: "Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

R. Williams

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE: "Three Kings"

P. L. Harris

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Dave Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs.
- Sandy Dougherty as she recovers from 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 to honor the memory of Barb Vinson from the Elizabeth Circle.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	TBD
Greeter(s)	Brian & Judy Spiece
Usher	Debbie Langley
Video and Sound Team	Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton and Antoinette Jackson

MEMORIALS/DONATION

Any donations or memorial will be announced in January 12th's bulletin.

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)

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report is due soon. The last day to submit your report is **January 9, 2024**. This will allow time for the report to be created and printed for distribution on January 19th. Thank you.

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



“Stewards of Children” Training TODAY

“Stewards of Children” training on January 5, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a free training offered to us by Dunebrook. All officers (Elders and Deacons) and anyone planning to teach Sunday school or chaperone a children or youth outing or event is asked to come.



ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- ❖ Jan 05 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed – “Caring for God’s creation”
- ❖ Jan 05 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-2nd Sunday of Christmas Communion Sunday
- ❖ Jan 05 Sunday 11:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Stewards of Children Training
- ❖ Jan 06 Monday Epiphany
- ❖ Jan 06 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ Jan 07 Tuesday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B New Session through March 27
- ❖ Jan 07 Tuesday 2 pm Personnel meeting in the library
- ❖ Jan 07 Tuesday 6 p.m. Finance meeting
- ❖ Jan 07 Tuesday 6 p.m. PFLAG
- ❖ Jan 08 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds meeting
- ❖ Jan 08 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ Jan 08 Wednesday 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ Jan 09 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B (through March 27)
- ❖ Jan 10 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
- ❖ Jan 11 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ 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 New Session through March 27
- ❖ Jan 15 Wednesday 4 pm Deacon’s meeting
- ❖ Jan 16 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B New Session 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



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". Below that, 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." There is a photo 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".

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ELEVATE OUR WELCOME

CURRENT STATUS OF OUR ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

TARGET: \$150,000.00 (100%)
CONGREGATION GIFTS ACHIEVED \$64,670.00 (42.7%)
GRANT \$50,000.00 (33.3%)
ACHIEVED WITH GRANT \$114,670.00 (76%)

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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