**First Presbyterian Church**

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

**February 09, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

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**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: “Allegro” *A. Corelli*

WELCOME

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

One: Jesus promises that when we gather, God is present.

***All:*** *God is with us here. God is with us today.*

One: Let us praise our Creator, the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty saying,

***All: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”***

One: The Lord of hosts is here. Let us ground ourselves in worship.

\*HYMN #525 “Here I Am Lord” (The pew (Presbyterian) hymnal)

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

Worship begins each week with a communal acknowledgement that we have failed the task set before us. God calls us to live our lives in the way of Jesus, who humbly and justly loved God and neighbor. We are called to set ourselves aside, to make the world a better place. Yet, because the salvation of the world is ongoing, we fall short. Let us confess our sins before our just and merciful Creator so that we may be free to live into our purpose again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

***Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now. Amen.***

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

## Pastor: Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are.

## *All: You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved.*

Pastor: Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God’s kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.

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\*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)

***Holy God, as we prepare to read your living Word, open our hearts, our ears and our eyes that we may encounter your Spirit. Amen.***

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

SECOND READING: Luke 5:1-11

SERMON: “Let Down the Nets” Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Children are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Anne, Ms. Melanie and Ms. Lauren in the lobby

to walk up together as a group.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Join in unison) “[*New Creed*](http://www.united-church.ca/beliefs/creed) of 1968 from the United Church of Canada”

***“We are not alone; we live in God’s world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:  to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.”***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Chorale on ‘Dennis’” *J. Troutman*

Many ways to give and give backpaypal.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 #2279 “The Trees of the Field” (Sing the Faith hymnal)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: “Postlude in C” *R. Martin*

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

* Dave Dougherty, Lavon McEwan, 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 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 Roberta Snyder in honor of her children: Nancy, Mike and Bob and her grandchildren.

**SERVING TODAY**

Ministers All Members of the Congregation

Preacher Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Organist Carol Garrett

Liturgist TBD

Youth Liturgist Daisy Kilbourne

Greeters Brian & Judy Spiece

Usher Peggy McAnally

Video and Sound Team Mark Smith, Rylie Thornton

and Antoinette Jackson



**MEMORIALS/DONATION**

**The Soup Kitchen** received a donation in memory of Andy Casper from Ramona Schultz

**The Elevator Fund** received donations in memory of Andy Casper from

Marcia & Robert Kozelka and Mr. & Mrs. Smith

We are always thankful for your kindness.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Wishing you Very Happy Day!**



Feb 01 Debbie Langley

Feb 01 Carrie Zerbe

Feb 04 Andrew Altherr

Feb 07 Antoinette Jackson

Feb 09 Carol Baker Bulger

Feb 10 Sherry Altherr

Feb 15 Jose Soto

Feb 15 Anthony Yacullo

Feb 16 Rob Seedorf

Feb 19 Mathew Smith

Feb 20 Donald Bowman

Feb 20 David Jackson

Feb 21 Mary Steider

Feb 23 Sebastian Mosher

Feb 27 Lydian DeLeon

***CHURCH* CHAT**

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

**ELEVATOR UPDATE**



We still have to get the new carpet installed and walls repaired in the basement landings, but please use it as needed. Pay attention to weight limits when bringing in heavy items.

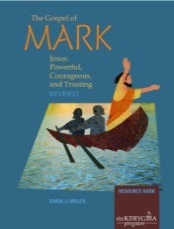
Thank you for your patience and please continue your donations and the brick walkway fundraiser to cover the completion cost.

Thanks again, Building & Grounds

**ATTNENTION ELDERS AND DEACONS**

New and returning Elders, Deacons, and Shepherding friends are reminded that the Outreach Committee would like to meet with you in the library immediately after worship today to go over the Shepherding lists and find out who your new partners are. We will be as brief and efficient as possible. Snacks will be served.

**PW GIVING PROJECT**

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

**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

end Barb Vinson has had health issues for quite some time and is

recuperating at Regency Hospital in Portage. She is ready for visitors, two at

a time, and we hope some of you will be able to make the trip to Portage to

spend some time with her. The address is Northwest Health,

3630 Willowcreek Road, Portage, 46368. Regency, where she is staying, is

on the third floor and she is in room 3308. Also, if any of you would be

available to sit with Barb from 5 PM-8 PM on any given day so that Brock

can run errands and possibly go home for a bit he would be greatly

appreciative. See Peggy McAnally if you have questions or want directio

**FOOD OF THE MONTH**

Thank you to everyone who donated canned fruit last month! This month, we are collecting vinegar. Please drop off your in-kind donations on the table near the coat racks in the narthex area. Monetary donations are always welcome; just be sure to designate them for the Soup Kitchen Fund. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue Ransom.

**Presbyterian Coffee Project Relaunch!**

[](https://shop.equalexchange.coop/)[](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/hunger-program/sustainable-livingearth-care-concerns/fair-trade-coffee-project)The Mission Committee is excited to relaunch the *Presbyterian Coffee Project* through the Equal Exchange program! This **Fair Trade** initiative ensures that small-scale farmers receive fair prices, work in safe conditions, and sustain their communities. By choosing Fair Trade coffee, you’re supporting ethical practices that align with our faith values.

Join us at our next 3rd Sunday Program on February 16 to enjoy and purchase this high-quality coffee. Members and friends are also invited to place orders and make a difference—one cup at a time (scan the QR code below)!

*“Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.” —Proverbs 31:9*

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**3RD SUNDAY PROGRAM: EXPLORING OUR COMMUNITY, EXPANDING OUR MISSION**

Our next guest speaker is Marguerite Havard, executive director of Last Bell Ministries—U.S. Team since 2024. Marguerite is no stranger to our congregation—raised in this church and daughter of Andy & Janice Casper, we are proud of her ministry leadership supporting Ukrainian orphans. Join us in welcoming Marguerite back on **February 16**, following worship in the Edith Boyd Lounge. Light refreshments and fair trade coffee will be served.

**FEATURED ARTISTS**

We have “new” art work displayed in the Edith Boyd Lounge; the work of Andre Daugavietis and Scott Saporiti. Please take a moment to view their work and read a bit about each of them.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ELECTRIC STRINGS**

Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. the Michigan City Chamber Music Festival (MCCMF) is proud to present a unique concert; the University of Illinois Electric Strings, under the direction of program founder, Rudolf Haken. The concert is FREE, and a “meet the artists” reception will follow immediately! UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ELECTRIC STRINGS will be comprised of Andrew Gagiu, Rudolf Haken, Genevieve Knoebel, Anna Wallace, Olivia Wang.



* Feb 09 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* Feb 09 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-5th Sunday after Epiphany
* Feb 09 Sunday after Worship Outreach to meet with Elders and Deacons
* Feb 09 Sunday Teens meet after Worship
* Feb 09 Sunday 3 p.m. (MCCMF) University of Illinois Electric Strings concert
* Feb 10 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* Feb 11 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* Feb 12 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. “Gospel of Mark” in the library
* Feb 12 Wednesday 12 p.m. Outreach meeting
* Feb 13 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* Feb 14 **Valentine’s Day**
* Feb 14 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
* Feb 15 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* Feb 16 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* Feb 16 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service 6th Sunday after Epiphany
* Feb 16 Sunday after worship 3rd Sunday program in the Edith Boyd Lounge
* Feb 16 Sunday 3-7 p.m. Private party in the undercroft
* Feb 17 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* Feb 17 Monday **President’s Day** **OFFICE closed**
* Feb 18 Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* Feb 18 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle meeting
* Feb 19 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. “Gospel of Mark” in the library
* Feb 19 Wednesday 4 p.m. Deacon’s meeting
* Feb 19 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
* Feb 20 Thursday 10 am- 11 a.m. 3B ( through March 27)
* Feb 20 Thursday 5:30 pm Girl Scout meeting
* Feb 21 Friday Office Closed **Pastor in by appointment**
* Feb 22 Saturday 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Bible Study
* Feb 22 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen



**THE ELEVATOR IS RUNNING AGAIN!**

As of January 31st, here are the numbers:

* We anticipate the final cost of the project is going to come in around $142,000 (about 8K under the original budget).
* We have raised $117,000 (includes a $50K grant).

In order to avoid dipping into our savings, we are still looking to raise an additional $25,000.

Please continue to donate to the elevator fund, and/or buy a brick or two for our heritage garden. Bricks are $100.00 each and can be purchased via this link. You can also pick up a paper form at the display by the garden door or contact Diane for one.

[**https://form.jotform.com/241926284623157**](https://form.jotform.com/241926284623157)

**Thank you for your generosity!**



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For prayer requests

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