**First Presbyterian Church**

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

**April 27, 2025**

**10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)**



**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 “Christ Ist Erstanden!” *Pethel/Smith*

WELCOME

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

Leader: We have come to Michigan City, seeking to worship the God of all Creation.

***People: We have come to stand on holy ground!***

Leader: We have come to sing God’s praises as the crocuses and the lilies sing God’s praise with their blooming.

***People: We have come to sing praises to our Creator!***

Leader: We have come to experience the mighty rush of the Spirit like the flowing waters of Lake Michigan.

***People: We have come to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit!***

Leader: We have come to experience the God of Creation in this sacred space.

\*HYMN #473”For the Beauty of the Earth” (blue pew hymnal)

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE**

CALL TO CONFESSION (James 4:8) (Spoken by liturgist)

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you. Let us confess our sin together. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

***Almighty God, we who have too quickly embraced definitions of power that serve dreams of dominance; we who have preferred the supposed strength of kings to a Savior of grace and gentleness, selflessness and self-giving, humbly gather with all creation, joining the trees of the forest, flowers of the field and the very soil from which we have been made in giving praise on earth as in heaven. In need of a renewable vision of power, we pause today to reflect on a renewed way of being, a faithful way of living that reflects your call to care and protect, to give and to glorify. Revitalize our spirits with your sustaining love as a reminder that we are called not to dominance but participation, not to extraction but renewing action. Fill us anew with the energy to love as you have called us to love so that we might be part of your healing work in this wounded world. Amen.***

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Please join in unison)

Pastor: The God who creates in love has the power to heal, restore, renew and resurrect. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and renewed.

***All: Alleluia***

\*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!***

(*Worshippers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the greeting “The peace of Christ be with you”, and one may respond with the words, “And also with you.” Worshippers may also share a handshake, hug or other expression of Christ’s peace*.)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

CHILDREN’S SERMON-NOISY OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (written by The Rev. John Buchanan, former Pastor Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago) (Please join in unison)

***Startle us, O God, with your truth and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love. Speak your word to us; silence in us any voice but your own and be with us now as we turn our attention, our minds and our hearts, to you, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

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FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 5:27-32

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 21:1-4

SERMON: “A New Heaven and A New Earth” Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

Children are excused for Sunday school

Please join Ms. Jennifer in the lobby to walk up together as a group.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Psalm 145: 9-10, 15-16, 19) (Please join in unison)

***The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. You fulfills the desire of all who fear you; you also hears their cry and saves them. Amen.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Christ Is Risen Today” *arr. G. Krapt*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, ending with Our Lord’s Prayer (together, using “debts”)

Words of Institution

**WE GO OUT IN GRATITUDE TO SERVE IN GOD’S NAME**

\*HYMN: #267 “All Things Bright and Beautiful!” (blue pew hymnal)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” *H. Balcomb*

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

* Michele Bartels, Don Bowman, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Levon McEwan, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs.
* For the family of Joan Mokrycki as they grieve for the loss of Joan.
* Pray for our Military and their families.
* AmeriCorps and Peace Corps workers and their families.

**GUESTS AND VISITORS**

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**The CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in honor of all who serve our church.

**SERVING TODAY**

Ministers All Members of the Congregation

Preacher Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Organist Carol Garrett

Liturgist Anne Lute

Greeter(s) Marilyn Cook

Usher Debbie Langley

Video and Sound Team Rick Blank, Rylie Thornton

and Antoinette Jackson

**MEMORIALS/DONATIONS**

**The Elevator Fund** received a donation from Rev. Bud & Donna Ogle.

**Missions** received a donation from Rev. Bud & Donna Ogle.

**The Soup Kitchen** received a donation from Dunes Woman’s Club

Thank you for your kindness



**Wishing you Very Happy Day!**

April 02 John Gesse

April 03 Joan Mokrycki

April 04 Laura Meyer

April 04 Brad Dezur

April 08 Judy Spiece

April 09 Christian McDaniel

April 10 Renee Jackson

April 12 Mark Smith

April 15 Kaity Mosher

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 Scott Beatty

April 26 Regan Russell

May 01 Elizabeth Towle

May 02 Deborah Teets



* April 27 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
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* April 28 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* April 30 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible study resumes
* May 01 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
* May 02 Friday Office Closed **Pastor appointment only**
* May 02 Friday 5p.m.-7p.m Edith Boyd Lounge (private function)
* May 03 Saturday 9 a.m.-noon cleaning and grounds work
* May 03 Saturday 9:30 a.m. book study
* May 03 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* May 04 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* May 04 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday
* May 04 Sunday Dunebrook Foundation
* May 05 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
* May 06 Tuesday 2 p.m. Personnel meeting
* May 06 Tuesday 6 p.m. Finance meeting
* May 07 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible study
* May 07 Wednesday 4:30 a.m. B&G meeting
* May 07 Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Faith Formation meeting
* May 09 Friday Office Closed **Pastor appointment only**
* May 10 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
* May 04 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
* May 11 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday

**CHURCH CHAT**

“Any or all information is subject to change without notification”

**B&G Cleaning and Grounds Work**

This coming Saturday, May 3, from 9:00 to noon is set for inside and

outside work to be done.  If your gift is cleaning inside or working

outside, we welcome your help to make our building and grounds attractive.

Refreshments and supplies will be available. Check in with Mark

for assignments. See you there!

r Sign-Up

Our 2025 Coffee Hour sign-up chart is posted on the Edith Boyd Lounge

door, ready for you along with your family, friends, or committee to pick a

date to sponsor coffee hour. Remember, it doesn't have to be extravagant.

Coffee, a drink for the kids, and a treat is all that's needed. Most of the year

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If you are willing to do this, see Jeanette Tyrrell. In the mean time please

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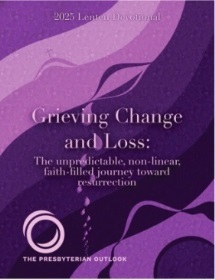
**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS**

If you are interested, as of now, we have open dates on June 8, June 15 June 29, July 6, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 17, August 24, August 31, October 5, October 19, October 26, November 9 and November 30. If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact the office. The cost is $35.00. Thank you.

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**GRIEF GROUP**

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance,” (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)

This spring, Pastor Ericka is hosting a Grief Group, which will meet twice a month on Sundays, after worship. Whether your grief is new or has been for many years; whether you are grieving a loved one or a situation, our God offers compassion through scripture, prayer, and through conversation with others. Copies of the “Grieving Change Loss” Lenten devotional are available in the Narthex for your personal use or for use in a group.  If you would like to join and attend, please speak with Janice Casper, Brock Vinson, or Pastor Ericka.

**SAVE THE DATE**





**ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN**

As of April 22nd, the numbers are:

* 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 $136,509 (includes a $50K grant).

In order to avoid dipping into our savings, we are still looking to raise an additional $5,491.

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. Thank you for your generosity!

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



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For prayer requests

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