

# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

May 18, 2025

10:00 A.M.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



## 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: “My Lord, What a Morning!”

R. Thygerson

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: What does the Holy One require of us?

**All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**All: Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

\*HYMN #768 “Somos el cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ” (GtG Hymnal)

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION Heb. 12:1 (Spoken by liturgist)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Please join in unison*)

**"Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen."**

SILENCE IS KEPT

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace 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.***

#### \*Passing of the Peace of Christ

One: Beneath the mantle of peace, Jesus, the bread of life, provides a bounty of fellowship, care, and connection. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Take a moment to greet others with the peace of Christ, which inspires us to care for the needs of our community.

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Children's Sermon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

***Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 27:1-11

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6:20-31

SERMON "Blessings and Woes"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

Children are excused for Sunday school

Please join Ms. Melanie and Ms. Anne in the lobby to walk up together as a group.


\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from The Belhar Confession, BCW, p. 613 (Please join in unison)

***We believe that God wants to bring about true justice and lasting peace on earth; we believe that God is, in a special sense, the God of the suffering, the poor and the downtrodden. We praise God who gives justice to the oppressed and bread to the hungry; who sets captives free and makes the blind to see; who protects strangers, orphans, and widows and obstructs the plans of the wicked. We believe that the Church belongs to God and that it should stand where God stands: against injustice and with those who are wronged. We commit ourselves to reject all forms of injustice in ourselves and amongst us; and to struggle against all forms of injustice and every teaching that allows injustices to flourish. We are called to confess and to do all this in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord, even if authorities or laws oppose this, even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence. Jesus is Lord! We will follow Him! To the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be honor and glory for ever and ever.***

### EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "With High Delight Let Us Unite"

H. Balcombe

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

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>  
OR [Scan here:](#)



**Please be sure to include your email address so we can give proper credit for the gift!!**

\*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")

\*HYMN: #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (Sing the Faith Hymnal)

## WE GO OUT IN GRATITUDE TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: "The Strife Is O'er"

*G. Medlock*

### 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.
- 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 Walt & Janiece Barbknecht in honor of our Church Family.

### 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  
Sue Ransom  
Jerry Kilbourne  
Kirk Rogers  
Ree Labaj  
Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton  
and Antoinette Jackson



### MEMORIALS/DONATION

The Elevator fund received a donation from anonymous donor  
We are always thankful for your kindness.



### 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

### SAVE THE DATE







## Wishing you Very Happy Day!

May 01 Elizabeth Towle  
 May 01 Jennifer Casper  
 May 02 Deborah Teets  
 May 06 Lois Miley  
 May 06 Susan Wiseman  
 May 07 Janiece Barbknecht  
 May 09 Dina Gasaway  
 May 11 Doug Baunach



May 15 Sue Ransom  
 May 16 Brian Spiece  
 May 18 Cindy Gesse  
 May 22 Margo Shank  
 May 23 Sarah Blank  
 May 31 Damon Gasaway  
 May 31 Leonard Griswold



- ❖ May 18 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ❖ May 18 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
- ❖ May 18 Sunday after worship Elevator Brick Dedication
- ❖ May 18 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday program postponed until further notice
- ❖ May 18 Sunday after worship elevator brick dedication
- ❖ May 19 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ May 20 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B (resumes)
- ❖ May 20 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle meeting
- ❖ May 28 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible study POSTPONED until September
- ❖ May 21 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ May 22 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 23 Friday Office Closed **Pastor appointment only**
- ❖ May 24 Saturday 10:30 a.m. Visitation - Joan Mokrycki Celebration of Life  
 11:30 a.m. Service 12:30 p.m. Luncheon
- ❖ May 24 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ May 25 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ❖ May 25 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service NOISY OFFERING
- ❖ May 25 Sunday After Worship 50 Year Membership Celebration
- ❖ May 25 Sunday After Worship Goodbye Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 26 Monday **MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ May 27 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 28 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible study POSTPONED until September
- ❖ May 29 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 29 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
- ❖ May 30 Friday Office Closed **Pastor appointment only LAST day until after Sabbatical**
- ❖ May 31 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen

# CHURCH CHAT

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

## Outreach Needs

**Tissue:** We are almost out of individual tissue packets. If you would like to contribute a package please give them to the Sunday usher or any member of the Outreach committee-Michele, Judy, Marilyn, or Peggy. Thank you for your help.

## BIRTHDAY OFFREING

PW will continue to collect the Birthday Offering for next year's projects until the end of May. If you have any questions, see Carol Garrett. Thank you.

## PW COLLECTION

PW will be collecting coffee and presweetened Kool-Aide or lemonade powdered drink mix for Nest Community Shelter until the end of June. Any questions see Carol Garrett. Thank you.

## ATTENTION CHAIRS OF ALL COMMITTEES

I am starting to work on the calendar for June. If you are taking a break for the summer, please let me know so we can have the correct information on the calendar. If you know when your last meeting will be and for how long your break will be, it would be great if you would share this information with me.

Thank you, Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant.

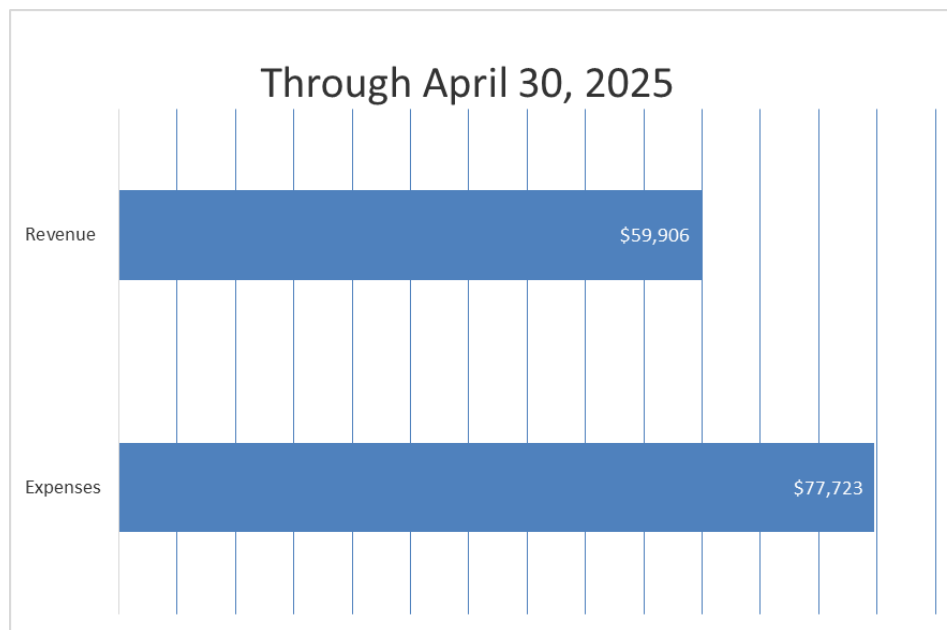
## COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP

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 is covered by the Women's Circles, Deacons, and the Mission Committee but every other third Sunday and the fifth Sundays need volunteers. It would be really great if one group would volunteer for all the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, there are 4. If you are willing to do this, see Jeanette Tyrrell. In the meantime please consider serving your fellow congregants by signing up for a coffee hour Sunday.

## THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you are interested, as of now, we have open dates on June 15, June 29, July 6, July 20, July 27, August 10, August 17, August 24, August 31, October 5, October 19, 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.

## FINANCIALS



# ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN



## WOO-HOO!!!!

We have REACHED our goal! The campaign is fully funded and we did not have to dip into our savings. Thank you all who helped make our fundraiser a success.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick, there is still time. The link is no longer live but you can complete the "blue" form that is located by the garden doors. Turn your completed form(s) along with the \$100.00 per brick to Diane in the office. The bricks will be placed into the Heritage Garden at a later date.

Future sales of the bricks will go into our Capital Project Fund to use for any future "big" projects". Thank you for your generosity!



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For prayer requests  
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