

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

June 1, 2025

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter



“Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.”
(Hymn #314, Glory to God)

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: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

L. Smith

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

God asks, "Why are you here?"

Because we need God like a deer needs water.

God asks, "Why are you here?"

Because we want to hear the story of what Jesus has done for us.

God asks, "Why are you here?"

Because we are heirs of God's promise. Praise be to God!

*HYMN #192 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (GtG hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

We come to this moment with our own personal baggage, our histories, our experiences. God invites us to come as we are, and unburden ourselves of our past and know that we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Holy and Beloved God, it is hard to hope when all seems lost. The darkness has a way of fuzzing our vision, of taking our eyes off of your holy light. It's hardest to see your light when our eyes are shut – shut to you, shut to each other, and shut to the suffering that is just barely disguised by thin smiles and haunted eyes. Yet, your light shines. Your hope abides with us, awakening us to your love, and calling us to share your light with each other. Help us prepare a way for you in our hearts, that your love might open our hearts to see you fully in the world.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The Light has come into the world and the darkness shall not overcome it!

God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Rejoice! Beloved children of God, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

*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 on May 25th the children collected \$120.98!



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Lord of light, shine your light on us now. As you spoke your word of creation in the beginning, speak your creative word to us now. As you gave us your word through prophets and teachers, give us your word in our worship this day. As you yourself read the scroll and claimed its promises, read your word into our hearts and claim us with your promises. As your disciples, we gather around your word, in your name. Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Psalm 36:5-9

SECOND LESSON:

Matthew 5: 14-16

SERMON: "Shiny Objects"

Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis,
Visioning and Connecting Leader, Presbytery of Wabash Valley

No Sunday school (summer break)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Our hope is God, our holy Parent,
who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow.
God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope.
Our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
More than a teacher,
His life, death, and resurrection giving meaning to our existence.
Christ's faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery.
Our trust is in the Holy Spirit.
Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed,
The Spirit stirs forgiveness, fruitfulness, and creates families.
The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future.
Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you are the light of our faith. Amen.*

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Sing to the Lord"

L. Smith

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*Doxology Song #592
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
**Lord Jesus, you are the Messiah, the savior of the world.
We dedicate these earthly things to your use,
that they and all the world might shine with your light.
We celebrate the gift of life abundant,
in your holy name. Amen.**

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, Share the Lord”

B. J. Leech

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

***We give you thanks, O Lord, for once again you have filled us with good things—
not just bread and wine, but your very self.***

***Now may this glimpse of your kingdom sustain us, and give us eyes to see you at work in every
place, and strength to be your body in the world.***

***As you have blessed the bread and broken it, you have blessed us and let light shine through the
cracks. Make us your people, again and again, light for the world.***

In Jesus name. Amen.

*HYMN: #314 “Christ Be Our Light” (GtG hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE: “Fanfare and March”

H. Purcell

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Don Bowman, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Levon McEwan, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, 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 Sue Ransom in honor of all May birthdays.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Preacher
Organist
Liturgist
Greeter(s)
Usher
Video and Sound Team

All Members of the Congregation
The Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis
Carol Garrett
Walt Barbknecht
Jeanette Tyrrell
Alice Yacullo
Mark Smith, Rylie Thornton
and Antoinette Jackson



MEMORIALS/DONATION

Outreach received a donation from Don & Marilyn Weninger
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



Enjoy your special day!

June 01 Pam Thornton
June 02 Becky Smith
June 02 Demetrius Holly
June 02 Everly Luncsford
June 03 Kaila Gieser
June 03 Conner Jackson
June 03 Scott Jackson
June 08 Jerry Jackson
June 09 Janice Casper

June 09 Stephanie Russell
June 09 Jamie Williams
June 10 Kelli Kelly
June 11 Dawn Gieser
June 12 Gretchen Gallois
June 15 Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
June 25 Darold Gieser III
June 25 Charlotte DeLeon
June 29 Brian Bulger

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Who are We Presbyterians?

- June 1: Old Testament through New Testament; Early Church through Constantine;
Constantine to Pre-reformation
June 8: John Knox film
June 15: John Knox film
June 22: Dr. Elsie McKee presents: John Calvin's Theology and his influence on John Knox
and the Church of Scotland
June 29: Dr. Elsie McKee presents: The influence of Reformed Theology upon The Church
of Scotland and upon the United States, then and now.



- ❖ June 01 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service Communion -The Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis
- ❖ June 01 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed "Who are We Presbyterians?"
- ❖ June 01 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion -The Rev. Jennifer Burns Lewis
- ❖ June 02 Monday
- ❖ June 03 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ June 05 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ June 06 Friday Office Closed **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd.**
- ❖ June 07 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ June 08 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service-Elder Sandy Carlson
- ❖ June 08 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed "Who are We Presbyterians?"
- ❖ June 08 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service- Elder Sandy Carlson
- ❖ June 08 Sunday Pentecost Labyrinth Walk at Friendship Gardens (pending)
- ❖ June 09 Monday
- ❖ June 10 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ June 11 Wednesday
- ❖ June 12 Thursday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ June 12 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ June 13 Friday Office Closed **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd.**
- ❖ June 14 Saturday 10:30 a.m.-noon Writing Workshop with Suzy Vance (Signup sheet on the Edith Boyd Lounge door.
- ❖ June 14 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
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- ❖ June 14 Saturday 1-8 p.m. Pride Fest
- ❖ June 15 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service-Elder Ryan Shelley
- ❖ June 15 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed "Who are We Presbyterians?"
- ❖ June 15 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service- Elder Ryan Shelley
- ❖ June 15 Sunday after worship- blood pressure screening Mary Barr will be in the library
(This will continue each month on the third Sunday)

CHURCH CHAT

"Any or all information is subject to change without notification"

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Time to break out your RED outfits.

We are encouraging everyone to wear RED in recognition of Pentecost which is next Sunday, June 8.

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.

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.

FEATURED ARTIST

Be sure to come to the Edith Boyd Lounge to witness the artwork of our dear sister Barbara Vinson. Her artwork is a reflection of God's handiwork and the ways in which Barbara used her talent to share love and beauty. You will not want to miss this particular display in the Edith Boyd Lounge.

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 5th 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 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.



We reached our goal for the elevator campaign but 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. Please 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 now go into our Capital Project Fund to use for any future "big projects".
Thank you for your generosity!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Beginning June 15th and continuing every third Sunday each month, Mary Barr will be doing blood pressure screening in the library after Worship and before coffee hour. You do not have to sign up, just show up. Remember, it is best NOT to drink coffee or eat before you have your pressure checked.
If you have any questions, please see Mary Barr. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE JULY 11-12



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Vacation Bible School

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Michigan City, invites children ages 4-11 (or just completed 5th grade) to join us at our Vacation Bible School program, **Wonder Junction, June 23-27, 8:30-11:30 a.m., at 1237 E. Coolspring Ave, Michigan City (at the corner of Woodland & Coolspring Aves.)**. There's no greater joy than to praise the name of the Lord all day long. But how can your kids do that if they don't know who Jesus is or what He's done for them? Here at *Wonder Junction*, kids will discover the wonder of who Jesus is as we travel through the Old West while marveling at Jesus' birth, childhood, ministry, death and resurrection, and coming return. **Pre-registration is recommended. You can register online at immanuelmc.com or call the office at 219-872-4419. One form is needed for EACH child.**

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