

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

July 27, 2025

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

7th Sunday of Pentecost



“But the greatest of these is love.”

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: “Prelude on Two American Hymn Tunes”

H. Livingston, Jr.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Anne Lute

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

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

All: *We are the salt of the earth.*

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

All: *We are the light of the world.*

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

All: *The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.*

One: Come; let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

All: *Come; let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.*

~ written by Rev Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken the liturgist)

Brothers and sisters,

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

We come before God this morning aware that we have fallen short of what God desires of us. We have not loved God with all our heart and soul and mind, nor have we loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. So, let us come before God to confess where we have failed, and to seek God’s forgiveness. --- From re: Worship (<https://re-worship.blogspot.com>)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Please join in unison*)

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors. . .only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen. —written by Laura Jaquish Bartlett

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S PARDON:

One: People of God, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be rescued and healed! His mercy is not rationed out in qualified amounts, but overflows the banks of history with prodigious generosity. You are a forgiven family.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

— written by Bruce Prewer

*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 OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us then 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 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Gracious Lord, like Nicodemus, we come to the word with many questions. Like the Pharisees, we can be captivated by correctness, intent on right answers. As we turn to your word, Spirit of God, do not let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Let us hear the word and be moved to greater faith and obedience. Amen.

- Courtesy of Caldwell Presbyterian Church

NOISY OFFERING

FIRST READING

1 John 4:7-12

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:14-13

SERMON: "What About the Hard Days?"

Elder Anne Lute

COMMISSIONING FOR TRIENNIUM PARTICIPANTS:

One: It is almost too good to be true, after six years the church is about to welcome many of its young people to join in fellowship, worship, and community at the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville, Kentucky. Is this really happening?!

All: It is as if we were dreaming.

One: Together we will travel, learn, make new friends, and praise God in ways that some of us have never experienced.

All: It is as if we were dreaming.

One: For over two years, people whom we have never met have been praying for us, planning and working for us; seeking the guidance of God's Spirit to create an event that will transform our lives.

All: It is as if we were dreaming.

One: And here at home, our congregations have found ways to organize and support us in our desire to attend this amazing event. Truly the whole community of faith has rallied to make this happen.

All: It is as if we were dreaming.

One: On this day as we prepare for this new adventure, we seek the prayers of this gathered community knowing that they represent so many unseen people of faith who have been praying for us all along. With gratitude we acknowledge their support. With open hearts we commit ourselves to growing in faith as we encounter the love of God in exciting new ways.

All: It is as if we were dreaming.

One: We commission these young people and their adult advisors – seeking God's protection as they travel God's grace when patience wears thin, God's overflowing joy as they become community with the great, big family of God's people, and God's love as they deepen their faith and learn in new ways how to be followers of Jesus Christ.

All: It is not a dream. It is real. We commit ourselves to the work of God's Spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen

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

No Sunday school (summer break)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed-Ecumenical version (Please join in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, is only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

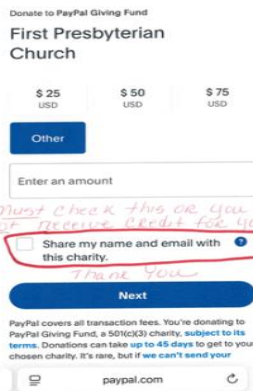
OFFERTORY: "Consolation"

R. Graham

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*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

MOMENTS OF SILENT PRAYER

A PASTORAL PRAYER

Our Lord's Prayer (together, using "debts")

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

*POSTLUDE "The Heavens Are Telling"

L.V. Beethoven

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Don Bowman, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs
- Stan Holdcraft as he recovers at home after a brief stay in the hospital for health needs.
- Jose Soto as he adjusts to his new life in Kalamazoo and in his search for a stable job.
- Pastor Ericka and her family for safe travels.
- 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 memory of her parents on their 71st anniversary.

SERVING TODAY

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

All Members of the Congregation
Elder Anne Lute
Carol Garrett
Rylie Thornton
Brian & Judy Spiece
Ree Labaj
Mark Smith and Antoinette Jackson



MEMORIALS/DONATION

No donations were received this week.
We are always thankful for your kindness.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We seem to be having a problem with individuals loitering (squatters) on church property. They have been seen sleeping and loitering on the sidewalk of the garden entrance, in the steps around the church and in other places. They are leaving trash on the grounds and some have been leaving their belongings. Many of them have been asked to leave and or pick up their trash but it continues to be an issue. If you see this happening, please do not approach them but PLEASE CALL the non-emergency number for Michigan City police department at 219-874-3221.

They will dispatch an officer out to have them leave. Several of our members have been cleaning up after them and this needs to stop!

IF WE DO NOT ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, IT WILL NEVER GET RESOLVED.

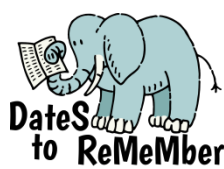
Thank you

ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!



July 01	Daisy Kilbourne
July 02	Jerry Yacullo
July 03	Marianne Meyer
July 03	Michael Yacullo
July 04	Independence Day
July 04	June Tietzer
July 05	Rylie Thornton
July 06	Derrick Mosher
July 08	Kevan Ryan
July 08	Andrew Ransom

July 08	Kash Williams
July 09	Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
July 09	Natalie Yacullo
July 10	Elaine Hornyak
July 16	Nolan DeLeon
July 17	Gerald Anderson
July 22	Diane Yettaw
July 22	Jacob Jones
July 25	Donna Wiseman
July 31	Adam Gasaway
Aug 02	Rachel Langley



- ❖ July 27 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service-Elder Anne Lute
- ❖ July 27 Sunday **NO** 9 a.m. Adult Ed Classes will resume in August
- ❖ July 27 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Worship service-Elder Anne Lute
- ❖ July 28 Monday **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd**
- ❖ July 29 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 30 Wednesday Diane off - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- ❖ July 31 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B **LAST CLASS FOR THIS SESSION**
- ❖ Aug 01 Friday Office Closed
- ❖ Aug 02 Saturday 9:30 a.m. book study
- ❖ Aug 02 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 03 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service-Rev. Megan Nibert
- ❖ Aug 03 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Classes-discussion on the Sabbath with Jennifer Casper (Will meet Sundays at 9a.m.)
- ❖ Aug 03 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday-Rev. Megan Nibert
- ❖ Aug 03 Sunday 11:15 a.m. Haiku writing workshop with Suzy Vance. Everyone is encouraged to attend no matter if they did or didn't attend the last one.
- ❖ Aug 04 Monday **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd**
- ❖ Aug 05 Tuesday **NO** 10 a.m. 3B (See you next session on Sept. 9th)
- ❖ Aug 05 Tuesday 2 p.m. Personnel meeting
- ❖ Aug 06 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. B&G meeting
- ❖ Aug 07 Thursday **NO** 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Aug 07 Thursday noon-3 p.m. PEO Chapter BA meeting in the Edith Boyd Lounge
- ❖ Aug 08 Friday Office Closed
- ❖ Aug 09 Saturday 10:30 a.m. Presentation from Father Brian (see below)
- ❖ Aug 09 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Aug 10 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service-Deacon Christian McDaniel
- ❖ Aug 10 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Classes-discussion on the Sabbath with Jennifer Casper
- ❖ Aug 10 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-Deacon Christian McDaniel.
Prelude-Nic Orbovich
- ❖ Aug 10 Sunday after worship Teens & Tweens meeting

PRESENTATION FROM FATHER BRIAN

2) August 9th at 10:30 we will have a presentation from Father Brian, an episcopal priest who walked the Camino and then walked through Scotland on his sabbatical. He will be focusing on his time in Scotland. Bring a sack lunch and then stay and do some fun Celtic crafts led by Amy McDaniel. Any questions, contact Jennifer Casper

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.



THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you are interested, as of now, we have open dates August 17, August 24, August 31, October 5, October 12, and November 9. If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact the office. The cost is \$35.00. Thank you.

If you know the whereabouts of the recipe book that was displayed in the Edith Boyd Lounge with Barbara Vinson's art please let Brock Vinson know. The picture Barb painted of the book cover was found but the actual recipe book is missing. Thank you.



FEATURED ARTIST

Artist, Diane Grams earned a BA in Fine Art (1981) at Indiana University Bloomington where she studied under Chicago artist Robert Barnes; and a Master's degree (2001) and PhD (2004) in cultural sociology at Loyola University Chicago where she was awarded a Schmidt Dissertation Fellowship for her research into Chicago art networks. She is an author of two academic books: [Producing Local Color: Art Networks In Ethnic Chicago](#) (University of Chicago Press 2010) and [Entering Cultural Communities: Diversity and Change in the Nonprofit Arts](#) (Rutgers University Press, 2008) and the award winning academic article, [Freedom and Cultural Consciousness: Black Working Class Parades in Post-Katrina New Orleans](#). (Journal of Urban Affairs, 2013) She is married to photographer Timothy D. Lace. They live in northwest Indiana where they share Somersault Studio 12, a studio in St. Mary's Studios, a former elementary school in Michigan City, IN.

Be sure to visit the Edith Boyd Lounge to witness her artwork and read more about Diane.

If you are interested, most of her pieces on display are for sale. There are eight prints of various sizes located on the table outside of the library that are "cash & carry" for \$20 each. If you would like to purchase one, please bring it into the office along with your payment. Thank you.

2025 TX Hill Country Flooding

Forms are on the usher's table and will be emailed with the weekly bulletins.



THE MERRION AWARD

Our church received this award from Nest Community Shelter at the 2025 Appreciation Event on July 1st. It is on display on the usher's table.

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!



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.



MICHIGAN CITY CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

First Presbyterian Church will be hosting the MCCMF again this year. There is a list as to when and what area of the church they will be using in August along with concert dates on the bulletin board outside the Edith Boyd Lounge. If you need more information, please visit their website at www.mccmf.org. Thank you.

MICHIGAN CITY MESSIAH

Hallelujah Gala will be on Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Senior Center located at 2 On The Lake, Michigan City, IN. For details, see the flyer on the bulletin board outside the Edith Boyd Lounge or visit MCMessiah.com or tickets@mcmessiah.com. Tickets go on sale August 1.

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