

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

July 6, 2025

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday

4th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)



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

John Carington, Organist

WELCOME and CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Megan Nibert

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 66:1-4)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: *Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise*

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

People: *All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."*

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

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess
our sin before God and one another. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Galatians 6:1-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:

2 Kings 5:1-14

SERMON: "Christian Life"

Rev. Megan Nibert

No Sunday school (summer break)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Apostles Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he 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

John Carington, Organist

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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

John Carington, Organist

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: #343 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (blue pew hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

John Carington, Organist

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, Donna Wiseman and Kelly, the niece of Peggy McAnally and Michele Bartels for health needs.
- 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 in honor of all July birthdays.

SERVING TODAY

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

All Members of the Congregation
the Rev. Megan Nibert
John Carington
Sue Ransom
Ree & Frank Labaj
Peggy McAnally
Stan Holdcraft, Rylie Thornton
and Antoinette Jackson



MEMORIALS/DONATION

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

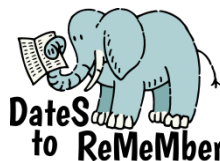
Enjoy your special day!

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 Andrew Ransom
July 08 Kevan Ryan



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Kash Williams
Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
Natalie Yacullo
Elaine Hornyak
Nolan DeLeon
Gerald Anderson
Diane Yettaw
Jacob Jones
Donna Wiseman
Adam Gasaway



- ❖ July 06 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday-The Rev. Megan Nibert
- ❖ July 06 Sunday **NO** 9 a.m. Adult Ed Classes will resume in August
- ❖ July 06 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday-The Rev. Megan Nibert
- ❖ July 06 Sunday Carol Garrett on vacation
- ❖ July 07 Monday **Office Closed** Holiday
- ❖ July 07 Monday **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd**
- ❖ July 08 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 08 Tuesday **NO** 6 p.m. Finance meeting
- ❖ July 09 Wednesday **NO** 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ July 09 Wednesday **NO** 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting (next will be in September)
- ❖ July 10 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 11 Friday Office Closed
- ❖ July 11 Friday Congregational Retreat
- ❖ July 12 Saturday Congregational Retreat
- ❖ July 12 Saturday **NO** 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Bible study
- ❖ July 12 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ July 13 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service-Worship with congregation at St. Giles Cathedral
- ❖ July 13 Sunday **NO** 9 a.m. Adult Ed Classes will resume in August
- ❖ July 13 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service- Worship with congregation at St. Giles Cathedral
- ❖ July 13 Sunday Tweens & Teens meeting

- ❖ July 14 Monday **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd**
- ❖ July 15 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 15 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. NO Elizabeth Circle meeting (next on Sept. 13th (joint meeting)
- ❖ July 16 Wednesday **NO** 4 p.m. Deacon meeting (next August 17th)
- ❖ July 16 Wednesday **NO** 6 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ July 17 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 18 Friday Office Closed
- ❖ July 19 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ July 20 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service "Hymn Sing"
- ❖ July 20 Sunday **NO** 9 a.m. Adult Ed Classes will resume in August
- ❖ July 20 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Worship service "Hymn Sing"
- ❖ July 20 Sunday 11 a.m. Blood pressure screening
- ❖ July 20 Sunday 11:15 a.m. Haiku writing workshop with Suzy Vance
- ❖ July 21 Monday **Pastor on Sabbatical until September 2nd**
- ❖ July 22 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 24 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 25 Friday Office Closed
- ❖ July 26 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ 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 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B LAST CLASS FOR THIS SESSION

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.

FEATURED ARTIST

Artist, Barbara Vinson is a hometown girl from Michigan City. Barbara started her art education in Minnesota as a correspondence course and later with Lee Hammon.

Color pencils were her favorite medium.

Be sure to visit 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.

If you are interested in the book, "A Life of Faith" written by Barbara, please contact Brock Vinson. He is not charging for the book but if you would like to give he would appreciate a donation be made to either FPC's soup kitchen or to the elevator fund. Thank you.





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 July 20, July 27, August 17, August 24, August 31, October 5, October 12, 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!

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