

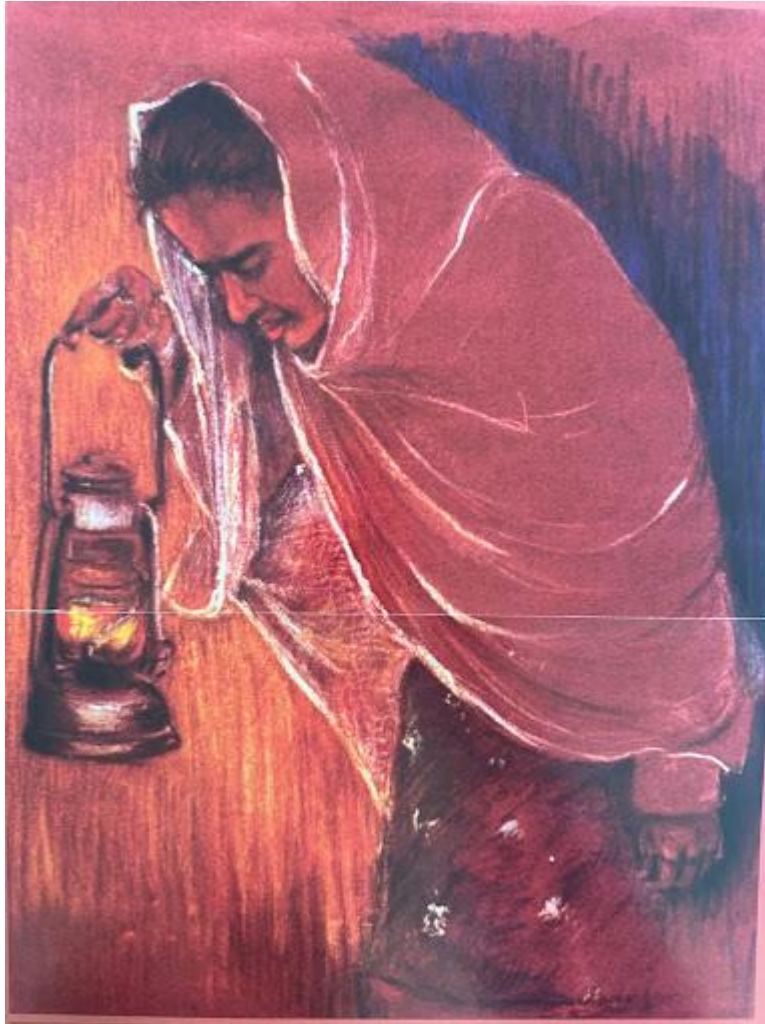
# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

September 14, 2025

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost



The Lost Coin, by Joseph Scott, Pakistan 1991

## 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: “Meditation on ‘Crimond’”

R. Wilson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Please* join in unison (Based on Galatians 3:25-29; as written in PW Horizons Magazine)

One: Our God who creates the world and all that is in it, the one who redeems us and all of creation; the one who sustains and enlivens us for faithful living

**All:** *is the source of our life and the beginning and end of our identity.*

One: We who have been baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ.

**All:** *There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.*

One: Baptized into Christ, we seek to serve him and witness to his way in all that we say and do.

**All:** *May our worship this day reflect the way of Christ and encourage us as we seek to serve him here and now. Let us worship God in whom we live and move and have our being.*

\*HYMN #2236 “Here in This Place/Gather Us In” (Sing the Faith hymnal)

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken the liturgist)

Mr. Rogers, was an ordained Presbyterian Pastor, once said, “Listening is where love begins, listening to ourselves and then to our neighbors.” It is time to listen to that voice within us that names our mistakes, the ways in which we have disregarded or hurt others. It is time to listen to the voices of our neighbors when we have ignored needs or done things that damage our community or our world neighbors. Love blossoms and flourishes when we can forgive and be forgiven. Let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

*Gracious God, we are listening, and yearning for love, from you and with those closest to us and neighbors far away. Forgive us when we build walls around our hearts, keeping you and others at a distance. We build those walls because we are afraid to show our need or we have been hurt and want to protect ourselves. We turn away from the needs of our neighbors because they will take our time. We act in ways that hurt the earth. We dominate or discredit the lives of others because we care more about our own comforts. Help us build bridges of connection, gardens of peace, and playgrounds of joy and laughter where love and understanding can thrive. Amen.*

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Please join in unison)

Pastor: Friends and neighbors, hear the good news: We are living stones being built into a spiritual house. We are God's own people so that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God who called us out of darkness into light.

**People:** *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.*

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

\*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)

***Holy One, open our ears and hearts this day, that as scripture is read, we may hear and feel your word spoken. Stir within us a clear understanding of our identity and vocation as your people that we may be faithful to your claim on our lives in all we say and all we do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.***

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

SECOND READING

Luke 15:1-10

SERMON: "Lost and Found"

Rev. Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Children (K-5) are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Michele and Ms. Peggy in the lobby to walk up together as a group. Youth (grades 6-12) are excused to go with Ms. Jennifer.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please join in unison)

***In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

\*HYMN: 386 "O for a World" (pew hymnal)

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

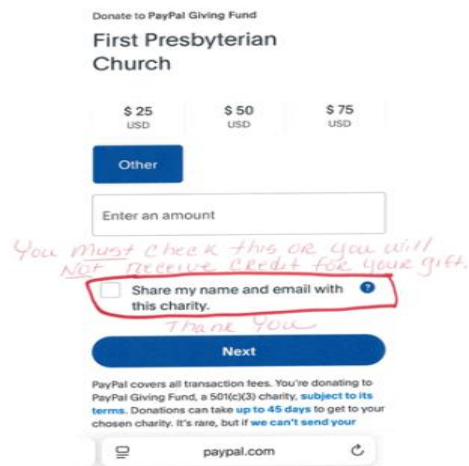
OFFERTORY: "Reverie"

*J. Roff*

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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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord’s Prayer (together, using “debts”)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

\*POSTLUDE “Fanfares”

*J.R. Mouret*

**SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:**

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

- Don Bowman, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, 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 in memory of my grandparents, Harry and Bertha Kirk, who were members of this church from 1917-1955. Grandpa sang in the choir and Grandma sat primly in the pew wearing her hat and gloves. I still miss them. Marilyn Cook.

## SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Sue Ransom
Greeter(s)	Melanie Ledgerwood & Lauren White
Ushers	Deb Langley
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack, Rylie Thornton and Antoinette Jackson



### MEMORIALS/DONATION

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

## Enjoy your special day!

Sept 01 Alice Yacullo  
Sept 02 Patricia Bracken  
Sept 02 Elizabeth Choate  
Sept 02 Stephanie Livingston Nfr  
Sept 08 Rev. Bud Ogle  
Sept 10 Michael Hoffman  
Sept 11 David Wilson  
Sept 13 Jeanette Tyrrell  
Sept 14 Jeffrey Thorne  
Sept 15 Sandra Dougherty



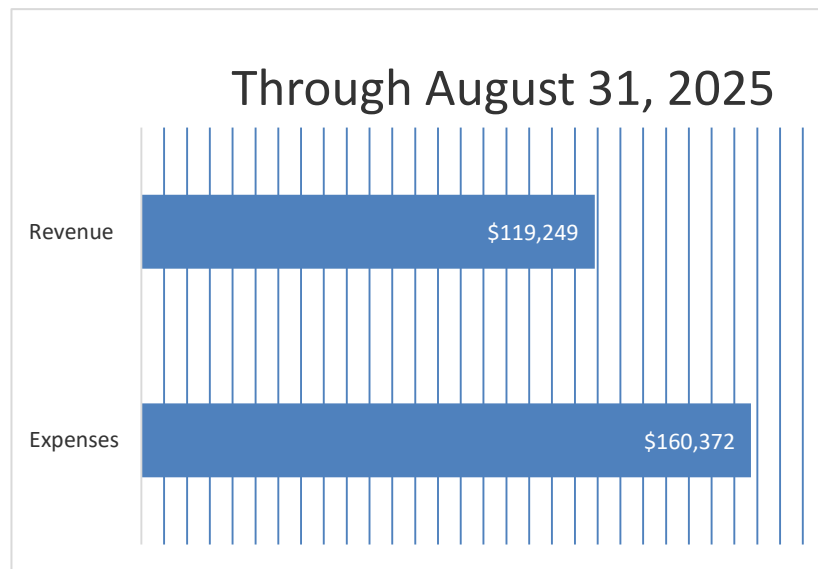
Sept 16 David Miller  
Sept 17 Maxine Schwartz  
Sept 17 Annabelle Kilbourne  
Sept 17 Jerry Kilbourne  
Sept 21 Sarah Jones  
Sept 21 Nora Mosher  
Sept 24 Jacob Luncsford  
Sept 26 F. Scott Winfield  
Sept 28 Marilyn Cook



- ❖ Sept 14 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Sept 14 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
- ❖ Sept 14 Sunday School after sermon with Peggy McAnally & Michele Bartels
- ❖ Sept 14 Sunday Teens meet after worship (game day-Porter Starke)
- ❖ Sept 15 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Sept 16 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 16 Tuesday 6 p.m. Finance "zoom" meeting
- ❖ Sept 17 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ Sept 18 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 19 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Sept 20 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Sept 21 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Sept 21 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service

- ❖ Sept 21 Sunday School after sermon with Peggy McAnally & Michele Bartels
- ❖ Sept 21 Sunday 11 a.m. Blood pressure screening with Mary Barr
- ❖ Sept 22 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Sept 23 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 25 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Sept 26 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Sept 27 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Sept 28 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Sept 28 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service-Noisy offering
- ❖ Sept 28 Sunday School after sermon with Peggy McAnally & Michele Bartels
- ❖ Sept 28 Sunday Tweens meet after worship (game day)
- ❖ Sept 29 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Sept 30 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B

### FINANCIALS



## CHURCH CHAT

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



### OUTREACH NEEDS

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 FOOD OF THE MONTH PROJECT

We are collecting bottles of Italian, Ranch, and French salad dressings now until the end of September for Nest Community Shelter. Thank you for your contributions.



### THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have open dates October 5, October 12, November 9, and November 23. If you are interested in any of these dates, please contact the office. The cost is \$35.00.  
Thank you.

### HELP NEEDED WITH COFFEE HOUR



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.

## HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

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### 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](http://MCMessiah.com) or [tickets@mcmessiah.com](mailto:tickets@mcmessiah.com). Tickets go on sale August 1.



### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### **Calling All Crafters!**

We are hosting a **Craft Fair** on **Saturday, November 8**, from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall.

We're currently seeking talented artisans and creative individuals to showcase their handmade goods and unique creations. If you or someone you know would like to participate, we'd love to hear from you!

To register or for more details, contact Lori Dobkins at 219-575-1506

**A FLYER IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD BY THE GARDEN DOOR**

### 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.



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