

# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

October 05, 2025

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



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## 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: “A Song of Rejoicing”

R. Thygerson

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 24:1, 116:12-13)

One: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

**All: *the world and those who live in it.***

One: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

**All: *We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.***

\*HYMN #514 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (blue pew hymnal)

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ’s invitation. Let us seek God’s forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

***As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly in the manner of Jesus. Amen.***

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, across time and space and through the generations, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!***

\*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

Pastor: 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.

**All: *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)

***Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

SERMON "Rekindle"

Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Children (K-5) are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Melanie and Ms. Lauren in the lobby to walk up together as a group. Youth (grades 6-12) please remain in the sanctuary for communion.



The children collected \$147.81 on September 28<sup>th</sup>'s noisy offering.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: ((The Nicene Creed))

***We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.***

***We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.***

***We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.***

***We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Little Fugue in F"

G. P. Telemann

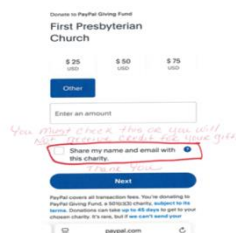
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\*Doxology Song #592

"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.***

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: "The Bread and Wine Are Here"

D. C. Damon

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: #2279 "The Trees of the Field" (Sing the Faith hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: "Postlude in  $\text{D}^b$  (d flat)"

F. von Flotow

### 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 honor of all of our volunteers who help to keep our church running smoothly.

### SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Andrew Grove
Greeter(s)	Diane Hack
Ushers	Peggy McAnally
Video and Sound Team	Rick Blank and Antoinette Jackson

### MEMORIALS/DONATION

No donations were received this week but 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  
Oct 02 Adeline Russell  
Oct 07 Elizabeth Kelly  
Oct 10 Carolyn Kelly  
Oct 17 Michele McGuire  
Oct 18 Darold Gieser, Jr  
Oct 22 Skyler Steele  
Oct 30 Beth Vaughn  
Oct 30 Donna Williams



**EVENTS, DATES AND/OR TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY  
AS OF TODAY, THIS IS THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE.**

- ❖ Oct 05 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Oct 05 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday
- ❖ Oct 05 Sunday School after sermon with Melanie Ledgerwood & Lauren White.
- ❖ Oct 05 Sunday Teens after worship (Fischer Corn Maze)
- ❖ Oct 06 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Oct 07 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 07 Tuesday 2p.m. Personnel meeting
- ❖ Oct 08 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ Oct 09 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 09 Thursday 1 p.m. Mission meeting
- ❖ Oct 10 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Oct 11 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Oct 11 Saturday 3 p.m. Centerstage Youth Theatre (Undercroft)
- ❖ Oct 12 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Oct 12 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
- ❖ Oct 12 Sunday School after sermon with Melanie Ledgerwood & Lauren White.
- ❖ Oct 12 Sunday Teens after worship (Fischer Corn Maze)
- ❖ Oct 13 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Oct 14 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 14 Tuesday 6 p.m. Finance Zoom meeting
- ❖ Oct 15 Wednesday 6:30 pm Session meeting
- ❖ Oct 16 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 17 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Oct 18 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Oct 19 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Oct 19 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
- ❖ Oct 19 Sunday School after sermon with Melanie Ledgerwood & Lauren White.
- ❖ Oct 20 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Oct 21 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 22 Wednesday 4 p.m. Deacons meeting
- ❖ Oct 23 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 24 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Oct 25 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Oct 26 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Oct 26 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Noisy Offering
- ❖ Oct 26 Sunday School after sermon with Melanie Ledgerwood & Lauren White.
- ❖ Oct 26 Sunday Tweens after worship (Friendship Gardens Haunted Trails)
- ❖ Oct 27 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Oct 28 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 30 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Oct 31 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Oct 31 Friday **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**





# CHURCH CHAT

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

## THE CHANCEL FLOWERS

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



## STATEMENT FROM THE FEATURED ARTIST-SHARRON OTT

While using the circus as a metaphor for life, I contemplate the way that an artist attempts to stop time and preserve moments in visual images.

I combine graphite, paper, and acrylic paint to form the richly textured pieces on stretched canvases. Thank you for visiting my display. Sharron Ott.

Please take a moment to visit Sharron's art hanging in the Edith Boyd Lounge.



## 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 PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Thank you for your contributions of salad dressings.

In October we are collecting napkins and Kleenex for the Nest Community Shelter.



## 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

### 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**



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