

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

November 02, 2025

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY
PROMISE AND BRING YOU
BACK TO THIS PLACE.
FOR SURELY I KNOW THE
PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,
SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR
YOUR WELFARE AND NOT
FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU
A FUTURE WITH HOPE.

+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11

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: “Now Thank You All Our God”

R. Hughes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The changing colors of leaves, the laughter of children playing dress-up, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures.

All: *Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.*

One: The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello.

All: *Lord, your creation boasts of your love.*

One: Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

*HYMN #504 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” (blue pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by the liturgist)

Let us confess our shortcomings as a community that we may be free to live into our God-given purpose again.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Beloved, God hears us when we cry out. God knows our hearts, despite our failures, and treasures the beings that we are. You are forgiven. We are forgiven. You are loved. We are loved.

All: *Let us live in this peace and find the courage to try again to bring God’s kingdom into being, knowing that we will fail again but we are transformed by our small acts of trying.*

*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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Kathy Angelo and Kendra Angelo

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Amy McDaniel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: A variation on Psalm 19:14 (Please join in unison)

Lord, may the words of our mouths and the meditation of all of our hearts be pleasing and acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our foundation. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

SECOND READING:

Luke 19:1-10

SERMON "The Son of Man Came to Seek"

Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

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



The children collected \$82.96 on October 26th's noisy offering.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (A Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

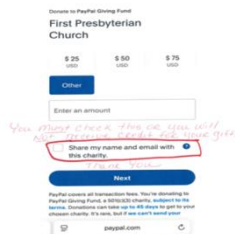
OFFERTORY: "We Thank Thee, Lord"

R. Hughes

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*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*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: "Come to the Table"

C. Lee

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: #2068 "I Love You, Lord" (Sing the Faith hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Procession"

C. Sergisson

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
- Dani Nicolichchia and her baby. Dani is the daughter of Pam Thornton and granddaughter of Margo Shank.
- 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 those watching over us from Leonard Griswold.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Sue Ransom
Greeter(s)	Janice Casper
Ushers	Deb Langley
Video and Sound Team	Rick Blank, Antoinette Jackson



MEMORIALS/DONATION

THE SOUP KITCHEN received a donation from the United Way
of LaPorte County

THE TWEENS & TEENS FUND received a donation from
Laura Kittle

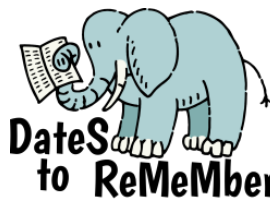
We are thankful for the kindness!



Enjoy your special day!

Nov 02 Elizabeth Sullivan
Nov 07 Shirley Bowman
Nov 10 Robert McGuire
Nov 10 Donna Ogle
Nov 10 Kirk Rogers
Nov 11 Dave Dougherty
Nov 12 Brock Vinson

Nov 13 Natt Kilbourne
Nov 20 Laura Kittle
Nov 20 Elizabeth Gesse
Nov 20 Haley Gesse
Nov 20 Ryan Towle
Nov 21 MacKinley Mosher
Nov 27 Erin McGuire



**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.**

- ❖ Nov 02 Sunday 12 a.m. Daylight Savings Time ends
- ❖ Nov 02 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Nov 02 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday
- ❖ Nov 02 Sunday School after sermon with Ms. Janiece and Mr. Brock
- ❖ Nov 03 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Nov 04 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Nov 04 Tuesday 2 p.m. Personnel meeting
- ❖ Nov 04 Tuesday 6 p.m. PFlag meeting
- ❖ Nov 05 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds meeting
- ❖ Nov 06 Thursday -Diane off. Volunteer will be in office to answer phones
- ❖ Nov 06 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B



- ❖ Nov 07 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Nov 08 Saturday 11:30-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Nov 09 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Nov 09 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
- ❖ Nov 09 Sunday School after sermon with Ms. Janiece and Mr. Brock
- ❖ Nov 09 Sunday after worship Teens meet with Ms. Jennifer
- ❖ Nov 10 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Nov 11 Tuesday Veteran's Day Thank you for your service
- ❖ Nov 11 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Nov 11 Tuesday 12p.m.-2p.m. Friendship Garden volunteer luncheon in library
- ❖ Nov 11 Tuesday 6 p.m. Finance Zoom meeting
- ❖ Nov 12 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ Nov 12 Wednesday 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ Nov 13 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Nov 13 Thursday 1 p.m. Mission meeting
- ❖ Nov 13 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
- ❖ Nov 14 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Nov 15 Saturday 11:30-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Nov 16 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Nov 16 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
- ❖ Nov 16 Sunday School after sermon with Ms. Janiece and Mr. Brock
- ❖ Nov 16 Sunday Mission meeting after worship
- ❖ Nov 16 Sunday 11 a.m. Blood pressure screening
- ❖ Nov 16 Sunday Third Sunday program
- ❖ Nov 17 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Nov 17 Monday-Diane off (Volunteer will be in office to answer phones)
- ❖ Nov 18 Tuesday- Diane off (Volunteer will be in office to answer phones)
- ❖ Nov 18 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Nov 19 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- ❖ Nov 19 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Elisabeth Circle meeting in the library
- ❖ Nov 19 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ Nov 20 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ Nov 21 Friday Office Closed-Pastor available by appointment
- ❖ Nov 22 Saturday 11:30-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Nov 22 Saturday Teens & Tweens Mission (Thanksgiving baskets)
- ❖ Nov 23 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Nov 23 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Noisy Offering
- ❖ Nov 23 Sunday School after sermon with Ms. Janiece and Mr. Brock
- ❖ Nov 24 Monday **Pastor off**
- ❖ Nov 25 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B (last class of this session)
- ❖ Nov 26 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- ❖ Nov 27 Thursday Office closed-Happy Thanksgiving
- ❖ Nov 28 Friday Office Closed Thanksgiving holiday
- ❖ Nov 29 Saturday 11:30-1:00 Soup Kitchen
- ❖ Nov 30 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class
- ❖ Nov 30 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (First Sunday of Advent)
- ❖ Nov 30 Sunday School after sermon with Ms. Janiece and Mr. Brock

CHURCH CHAT

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

REMEMBER NOVEMBER 2ND



PW PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Presbyterian Women are collecting money for the Thank Offering which goes to various projects in the U.S. and the world. One project is for play area fencing at Dessie Scott Campus in Compton, Kentucky. Please use the blue envelopes for your donation.

HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

FREE CPR CLASSES

Michigan City Fire Department is offering free CPR classes on the following Saturdays.

All classes are from 9:00 a.m. until noon:

November 8 at the Salvation Army

November 15 at the Fire Department's Administration Building located at
2510 E. Michigan Blvd. (across Carol Ave. from the McDonalds)

December 6 at the Salvation Army

You **MUST** be preregistered to attend.

If you are interested, please let me know which day you would like to attend and I will email Tia, Administrative Assistant for the Fire Department

Please furnish your name and email address so the Fire Department can send you additional information about the class and a reminder.

If you have any questions, please contact me in the office, by phone or email.

Thank you, Diane Yettaw

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 FPC'S BULLETIN BOARD BY THE GARDEN DOOR



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