

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

March 01, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

Communion Sunday

2nd Sunday in Lent



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: “Blessed Be the Name”

H. Balcomb

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Psalm 121:1-2) Please join in unison

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills--

All: *from where will my help come?*

One: My help comes from the Lord,

All: *who made heaven and earth.*

*HYMN #2122 “She Comes Sailing on the Wind (Sing the Faith hymnal)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by the liturgist)

We need God’s help. Therefore, let us approach God’s throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from a right relationship.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Micah 6:1-8) please join in unison

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life’s journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don’t run deep enough and don’t last. We come to your well this Lent desperate and thirsty for Christ’s living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from John 3:17)

Pastor: “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

All: *but in order that the world might be saved through him.*”

Pastor: Know that you are forgiven in Jesus Christ, and be at peace. 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

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

NO CHILDREN’S SERMON - \$70.95 was collected for the noisy offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Book of Common Worship) please join in unison

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

SECOND LESSON

John 3:1-17

SERMON "Born from Above"

Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Children (K-5) are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Laura and Mr. Andrew in the lobby to walk up together as a group. Youth (grades 6-12) please join Ms. Jennifer (Communion will be later today).

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Apostles' Creed) please join in unison.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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

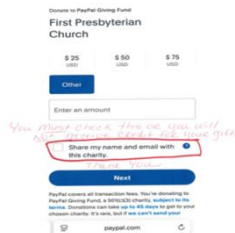
OFFERTORY: "Near the Cross"

F. Binckes

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**

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When giving on PayPal, please be sure to **SHARE** your name and email address so we can give proper credit for the gift!!

*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

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: "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

W. Bradbury

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: #2117 "Spirit of God" (Sing the Faith hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Postlude in G Minor"

G. Blake

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs.
- For the family and friends of Terry Schultz who died last week. Terry grew up in our congregation; was the son of Milo and Mona Schultz and brother of Kathy Davis.
- 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 who support the Children in Need fund by sponsoring the Chancel Flowers each week.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers

Preacher

Organist

Liturgist

Greeter(s)

Ushers

Video and Sound Team

All Members of the Congregation

Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Carol Garrett

Kendra Angelo

Jason and Amy McDaniel

Deb Langley

Mark Smith and Antoinette Jackson



MEMORIALS/DONATION
NO donations were received this week.
 Thankful for your kindness!

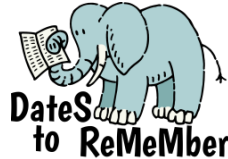


Enjoy your special day!

March 03 Brenda Branch
 March 06 Stan Holdcraft
 March 07 Amy McDaniel
 March 13 Jennifer Blank
 March 15 Rick Blank
 March 20 Walt Barbknecht



March 24 Thea Mosher
 March 25 Sean Towle
 March 26 Nicholas Simpson
 March 28 Andrea Gasaway
 March 29 Linda Jackson
 March 31 James Molden



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.

- ❖ March 01 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 01 Communion Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (2nd Sunday in Lent)
- ❖ March 01 **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES after Sermon**
- ❖ March 02 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ March 03 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 03 Tuesday 6 p.m. PFlag meeting
- ❖ March 04 Wednesday 4:30 pm B&G meeting
- ❖ March 05 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 05 Thursday 11 a.m. WAM meeting
- ❖ March 05 Thursday after 3B Sailboat Church with Alice and Lois
- ❖ March 05 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
- ❖ March 06 Friday "World Prayer Day"
- ❖ March 06 Friday Office closed-Pastor by appointment
- ❖ March 06 Friday 11 a.m. Sailboat Church at Lakeshore Coffee
- ❖ March 07 Saturday 11 a.m. Sailboat Church at Peggy's house 1406 York St., MC with Peggy & Michele
- ❖ March 07 Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ March 08 Sunday 12:01 a.m. TIME CHANGES Spring Ahead 
- ❖ March 08 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 08 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (3rd Sunday in Lent) with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 08 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ March 08 Sunday Teens bowling
- ❖ March 08 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mission meeting in "spare" small office
- ❖ March 09 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ March 10 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 10 Tuesday Zoom Finance meeting
- ❖ March 11 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ March 11 Wednesday at noon Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ March 12 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 12 Thursday after 3B Sailboat Church with Alice and Lois
- ❖ March 12 Thursday Mission meeting
- ❖ March 13 Friday Office closed-Pastor by appointment
- ❖ March 13 Friday 11 a.m. Sailboat Church at Lakeshore Coffee
- ❖ March 14 Saturday 11 a.m. Sailboat Church at Peggy's house 1406 York St., MC with Peggy & Michele
- ❖ March 14 Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ March 15 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 15 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (4th Sunday in Lent) with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 15 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ March 15 Sunday Blood pressure screening
- ❖ March 15 Sunday after worship Mission meeting

- ❖ March 16 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ March 17 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 18 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ❖ March 18 Wednesday 6:30 Session meeting
- ❖ March 18 Wednesday 8 p.m. Sailboat Church book study at TBD with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 19 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 19 Thursday after 3B Sailboat Church book study with Alice and Lois
- ❖ March 19 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
- ❖ March 20 Friday "Mr. Rogers Day"
- ❖ March 20 Friday Office closed-Pastor by appointment
- ❖ March 20 Friday 11 a.m. Sailboat Church book study at Lakeshore Coffee with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 21 Saturday 11 a.m. Sailboat Church book study at Peggy's house 1406 York St. with Peggy McAnally and Michele Bartels
- ❖ March 21 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ March 21 Saturday Tweens to Kroc Center
- ❖ March 22 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 22 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (5th Sunday in Lent) with Pastor Ericka NOISY OFFERING
- ❖ March 22 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ March 23 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ March 24 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ March 25 Wednesday Sailboat Church book study groups will be **COMBINED** for the last meeting in the the church undercroft **DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON**
- ❖ March 26 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B **LAST CLASS FOR THIS SECTION**
- ❖ March 27 Friday Office closed-Pastor by appointment
- ❖ March 28 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ March 29 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 29 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (PALM SUNDAY) with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ March 29 Sunday Holy Week Begins
- ❖ March 29 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ March 29 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Palm Sunday event in Valparaiso (see Pastor for details)
- ❖ March 30 Monday of Holy week
- ❖ March 30 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ March 31 Tuesday of Holy Week
- ❖ April 01 Wednesday of Holy Week
- ❖ April 01 Wednesday April Fool's Day
- ❖ April 02 Thursday Maundy Thursday
- ❖ April 03 Friday Good Friday
- ❖ April 04 Saturday Great Vigil of Easter
- ❖ April 04 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ April 05 Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast (FOOD SIGN UP SHEET ON EBL DOOR)
- ❖ April 05 **NO** Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ April 05 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service (Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day) Communion Sunday with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ April 05 **NO** Sunday school after sermon

CHURCH CHAT

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

LILY ORDERS

Order forms are available by the usher's table. The cost this year is \$10.00 per plant and you will be able to take yours after worship on April 5th. Please be sure to check the box at the bottom of the form to let us know if you will or will not be taking your plant(s)

Deadline to order and pay for your lily will be on March 29th.

If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The committee is collecting shampoo and conditioner for the YMCA care closet.

Thank you in advance for your donation.

PW PROJECT

During the month of March until after Easter we are collecting boxes of kleenex and powered drink mix for the overnight shelter. Thanks for your generosity.

Carol Garrett
Coordinating Moderator

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a fulfilling way to serve your church community? Would you find joy in keeping organized records of session minutes and congregational statistics? We are now in an active search for a new Clerk of Session. And if you choose to step up to the task, you have the great opportunity to learn from our most recent Clerk, Laura Kittle, and also Alice Yacullo, who served before her. You would not be alone! Please prayerfully consider serving the congregation in this way. If you have any questions, you can direct them to Pastor Ericka, Laura Kittle, or Alice Yacullo.



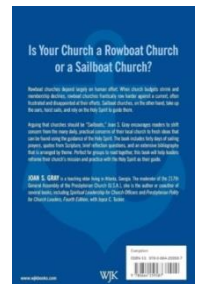
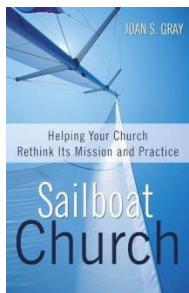
JOIN US FOR A LENTEN STUDY 2026

SAILBOAT CHURCH BY JOAN S. GRAY

WEEKLY STUDY GROUPS FOR SAILBOAT CHURCH:

Dates:

- March 4th Wednesday 8pm Hacienda with Pastor Ericka
- March 5th, Thursday 11am after 3B with Alice Yacullo and Lois Miley
- March 6th, Friday 11AM Lakeshore Coffee with Pastor Ericka
- March 7th, Saturday at Peggy's house 1406 York St. MC with Peggy McAnally and Michele Bartels



Books are available online at amazon.com or can be arranged with Diane in the church office.
FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER

For a church to learn to sail, we need to be willing to consider what it would be to become sailors. Beginning February 18th, we invite you to join us in using the guide to Forty Days of Prayer found at the end of Gray's book. We will also be posting this prayer practice daily through Lent. Where will the Holy Spirit take us in this thoughtful study? How can you be part of this prayer and study opportunity?

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

A brochure with information and different ways to give is included in today's bulletin. There are envelopes for giving in the pews and on the usher's table.

Thank you, Mission Committee



LIGHTS

As a commitment to care for our earth and with the ever rising cost of NIPSCO, we are asking that you **PLEASE** turn lights off when you are exiting a room at the end of your meeting/gathering. Thank you.



CHANCEL FLOWERS

We have the following dates available if you would like to sponsor the Chancel Flowers in honor or memory of someone or something. The cost is \$35.00 and the money goes to our Children in Need fund. In March and April the available dates are March 8, April 19 and April 26. If you would like one of these dates or have additional questions, please contact me in the church office. I will post dates for upcoming months in the near future.

Thank you, Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant

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