

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 12, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

2nd Sunday of Easter



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: “My Lord, What a Morning!”

R. W. Tygerson

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Please join in unison

One: Great is the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

All: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN #368 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God’s gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: The scriptures teach: “If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

All: We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Pastor: Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (Please join in unison)

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 58: 1-9

SECOND READING:

Acts 1: 1-9

SERMON: "And You Will be my Witnesses"

Youth of the church

Children (K-5) are excused for Sunday school. Please join Ms. Debbie in the lobby to walk up together as a group. **NO** Youth (grades 6-12).

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Philippians 2:5-11) please join in unison

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

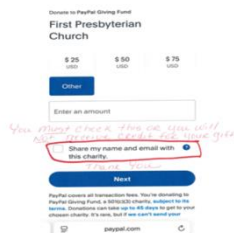
OFFERTORY: "Rise and Yet Arise!"

G. Marlin

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*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord's Prayer (together, using "debts")

*HYMN: #260 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)" (Glory to God hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

H. Balcomb

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Gerald Anderson, Jennifer Arnold, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider, Donna Wiseman and Jerry Yacullo for health needs
- Michele Bartels as she is recovering from surgery
- 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.

LILIES

Thank you to all who purchased a lily. Please take your plant(s) home today after service.
Thank you.

COFFEE HOUR TODAY

Our dear friends Brian and Judy Spiece will be leaving us soon to head back to their home state of Michigan to be closer to family. Join us in coffee hour today to wish them well as they prepare for their next adventure.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers
Preachers

Children's Sermon
Organist
Liturgist
Youth Liturgist

Greeter(s)
Ushers
Video and Sound Team
Cover Art

All Members of the Congregation
Oliver Cuadra, Daisy (Tazz) Kilbourne,
Jerry Kilbourne and KC Williams

Natt Kilbourne
Carol Garrett
Youth Sunday
Annabelle Kilbourne
Kirk Rodgers
Sue Ransom
Mark Smith and Antoinette Jackson
Natt Kilbourne



MEMORIALS/DONATION

No Donations were received this week.
We always appreciated your kindness when giving



Wishing you Very Happy Day!

April 02	John Gesse	April 19	Brandon DeLeon
April 04	Brad Dezur	April 20	Robert Angelo
April 08	Judy Spiece	April 22	Connie McKeague
April 09	Christian McDaniel	April 24	Frank Labaj
April 12	Mark Smith	April 24	Susan Seibert
April 15	Kaity Mosher	April 25	Vernon Towle, Jr
April 18	Sophia Ortiz-Burgos	April 26	Regan Russell



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.

- ❖ April 12 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ April 12 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Youth Sunday
- ❖ April 12 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ April 12 Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mission meeting
- ❖ April 12 Sunday after worship Pastor leaves for Platinum Rule Workshop
- ❖ April 13 Monday Pastor at Platinum Rule Workshop
- ❖ April 14 Tuesday through April 19 Sunday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 14 Tuesday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 14 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Finance zoom meeting
- ❖ April 15 Wednesday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 15 Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ❖ April 15 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting CHANGED TO Wednesday April 22.
- ❖ April 16 Thursday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 16 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
- ❖ April 17 Friday Office closed-Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 18 Saturday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 18 Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ April 18 Saturday 3 p.m. MCCMF rehearsal and 7 p.m. free concert
- ❖ April 19 Sunday Pastor on vacation
- ❖ April 19 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with guest leader Pastor on vacation

- ❖ April 19 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with guest preacher
- ❖ April 19 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ April 19 Sunday after worship Blood pressure screening
- ❖ April 20 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ April 21 April 21 Tuesday 11 a.m. WAM meeting
- ❖ April 22 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ April 24 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ April 25 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ April 26 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ April 26 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka **NOISY OFFERING**
- ❖ April 26 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ April 27 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ April 30 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting

CHURCH CHAT

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



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.

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 powdered drink mix for the overnight shelter. Thanks for your generosity.

Carol Garrett
Coordinating Moderator

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. We have April 26 available. 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

GRADUATION BULLETIN

If you have a child, grandchild or family member who will be graduating this year and would like them included in our graduation bulletin, you will need to have their photo and bio emailed to me **on or before May 18th** at dyettaw@fpcmicity.org

If you have questions, please contact me. Thank you, Diane Yettaw, Administrative Assistant.



RECYCLE BINS

We have three recycle totes in the hallway by the women's bathroom. You will notice they are now LABELED for what we would like put into them.

- One is for cans and bottles only. Please make sure the containers are empty with the labels and bottle tops removed and they need to be rinsed out.
- Another is for paper only
- The last one is for cardboard only

Thank you for helping us by sorting your recyclables.
Building & Grounds Committee



Do you keep your bread tabs? Bring them here and we will take them for recycling to the LaPorte County Solid Waste District! Especially this month, we are using them for our table at the Earth Month Extravaganza. There is a canvas box in the entryway. Thank you!



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.

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