

# First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 26, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## PSALM 23 <sup>MV</sup>

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.



Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.



You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



## 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: “Fanfare Prelude on ‘Gwalchmai’”

*Medlock/Paxton*

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: “Closer to Fine”  
Joyful Noise Singers

*Indigo Girls*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (adapted from Glory to God #93) please join in unison

One: Lit up your heads, ye mighty gates!!

**All: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

One: Fling wide the portals of your hearts!

**All: Let us feel the presence of God's grace and love!**

One: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship:

**All: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

\*HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing” (pew hymnal)

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (Spoken by liturgist)

Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me” (John 10:14). In confession, we trust God to know us fully: the good and the bad, the faithful and the sinful. But we also know God's faithfulness, God's mercy, and God's power to redeem us and lead us into new life. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

*Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, and our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.*

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Pastor: The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us, Christ died for us, and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to life, abundant life!

**All: Alleluia! 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON-Noisy Offering

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (sung) please join in unison  
"Rest on Us".

Maverick City Music and Upper Room

*As the Spirit was moving over the waters*

*Spirit, come move over us*

*Come rest on us*

*Come rest on us*

**REPEAT**

*So come down Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound*

*When You fill the room*

*You're here and I know You are moving*

*I'm here and I know You will fill me*

**REPEAT**

FIRST LESSON:

Psalm 23

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Joy (What The World Calls Foolish)"  
Joyful Noise Singers

*Martin Smith*

SECOND LESSON:

John 10: 1-10

SERMON: "The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Grant Durnell

Jenilee Haynes Peterson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from A Brief Statement of Faith) please join in unison

***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.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "He Is Risen! He Is Risen!"

*E. Broughton*

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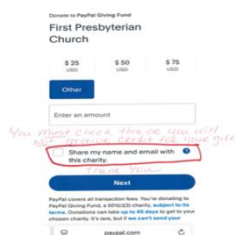
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\*Doxology Song #592  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

\*HYMN: #525 "Here I am Lord" (pew hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE: "The Strife Is O'er"

*L. Smith*

**SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:**

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

- Gerald Anderson, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider, Donna Wiseman and Jerry Yacullo for health needs
- Pray for our Military and their families
- AmeriCorps and Peace Corps workers and their families



**The CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from our congregation in honor of our friends Brian and Judy Spiece for the many hours of volunteering and for the services they have given to our church. We wish them good luck in their new home. They will be missed and we will forever keep them in our hearts and prayers.

**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.

**SERVING TODAY**

|                      |                                  |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ministers            | All Members of the Congregation  |
| Preacher             | Rev. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne  |
| Organist             | Carol Garrett                    |
| Liturgist            | Andrew Grove                     |
| Greeter(s)           | Walt & Janiece Barbknecht        |
| Ushers               | Sue Ransom                       |
| Video and Sound Team | Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson |



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

May 01 Jennifer Casper  
 May 04 Elizabeth Towle  
 May 02 Deborah Teets  
 May 06 Lois Miley  
 May 06 Susan Wiseman  
 May 07 Janiece Barbknecht  
 May 09 Dina Gasaway  
 May 15 Sue Ransom  
 May 16 Brian Spiece  
 May 22 Margo Shank  
 May 23 Sarah Blank  
 May 31 Leonard Griswold  
 May 31 Damon Gasaway



**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 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
- ❖ May 01 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ May 02 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ May 02 Saturday 1:15 p.m. Drive up food give away
- ❖ May 03 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 03 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service Communion Sunday with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 03 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ May 03 Sunday Deacons meeting after worship
- ❖ May 04 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ May 05 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B "Join us for this new session"
- ❖ May 05 Tuesday Cinco de Mayo
- ❖ May 05 Tuesday 6 p.m./ PFlag meeting
- ❖ May 06 Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Building & Grounds meeting
- ❖ May 07 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 07 Thursday 11 a.m. Mission meeting
- ❖ May 08 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ May 09 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ May 10 Sunday Mother's Day
- ❖ May 10 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 10 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 10 Sunday Woman of the Year presentation
- ❖ May 10 Sunday school after sermon

- ❖ May 11 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ May 12 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 12 Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Finance zoom meeting
- ❖ May 13 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ May 13 Wednesday 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ May 14 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 14 Thursday 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts meeting
- ❖ May 15 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ May 16 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ May 17 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 17 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 17 Sunday school after sermon
- ❖ May 17 Sunday 50<sup>th</sup> year members celebration
- ❖ May 17 Sunday blood pressure screening after worship
- ❖ May 18 Monday Pastor Off
- ❖ May 19 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 19 Tuesday 11 a.m. WAM meeting
- ❖ May 20 Wednesday 1:30 pm. Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ❖ May 20 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ May 21 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 22 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ May 23 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ May 24 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 24 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka-NOISY OFFERING
- ❖ May 24 Sunday school after the sermon
- ❖ May 25 Monday Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED
- ❖ May 26 Tuesday Pastor off
- ❖ May 26 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 28 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ May 29 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ May 30 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ May 31 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 31 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ May 31 Sunday school after the sermon

## CHURCH CHAT

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

### 3B REMINDER

3B classes will begin again on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30<sup>th</sup> except for June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Never attended a class or have question, please contact Alice Yacullo or Lois Miley for details.  
Thank you

### 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 18<sup>th</sup>** at [dyettaw@fpcmicity.org](mailto:dyettaw@fpcmicity.org)

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

### 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

If you would like to sponsor the Chancel Flowers, which goes to the Children in Need fund, we currently have the following dates available May 31, June 14, July 5, July 27, August 16, 23 & 30, and October 4. If you have an “annual” date, that is reserved for you. The cost is \$35. Please contact the office to check if a date you are interested in is available. 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

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



## 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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For prayer requests  
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