

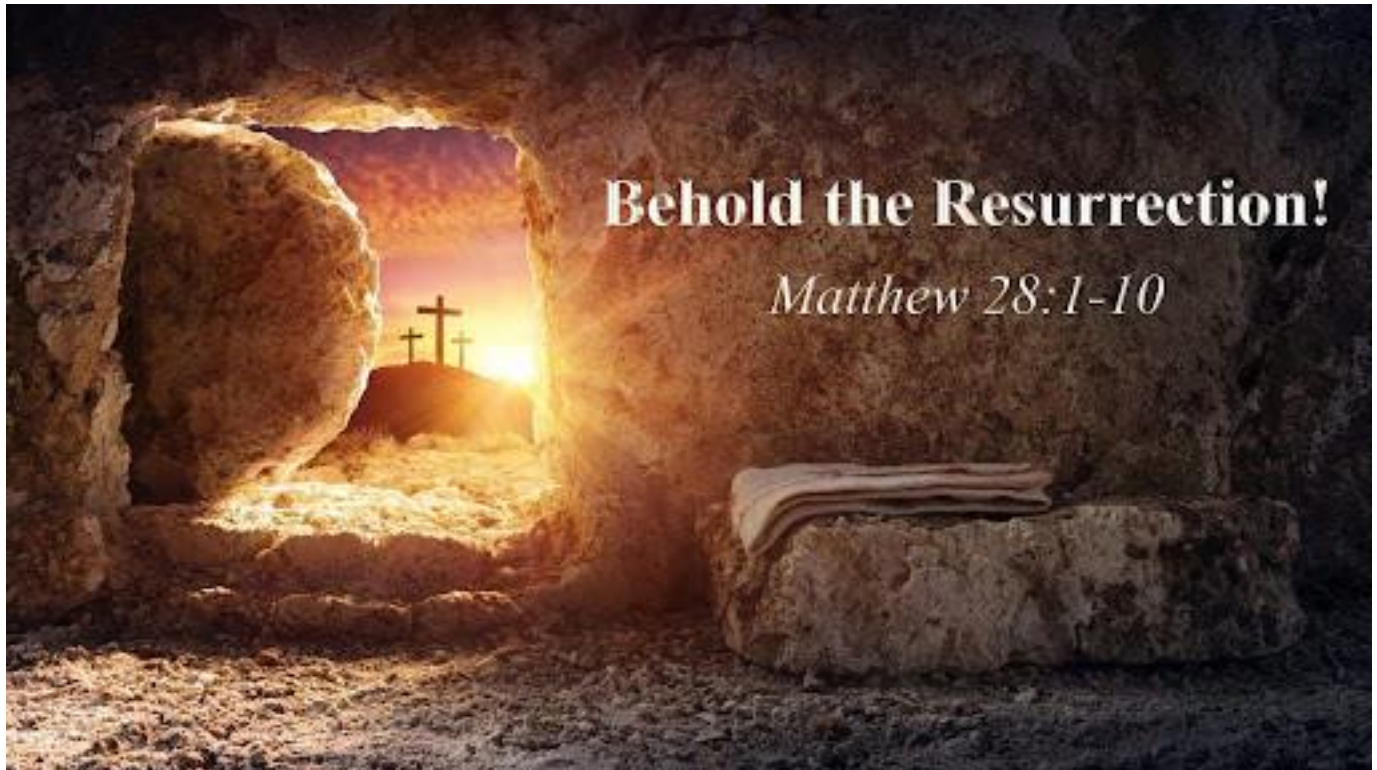
First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 05, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

EASTER AND COMMUNION SUNDAY



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

(Matthew 28: 10)

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Welcome, Happy Morning”

L. Smith

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: Alleluia”

H. Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (From Hymn, “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”) Please join in unison

One: Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Celebrate this day of days!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Let all creation be amazed!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is risen!

*HYMN #123”Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (blue pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God’s resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others, the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (from the hymn, “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”) Please join in unison

Pastor: Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Siblings in Christ, today we celebrate the bread of life, broken and risen to satisfy our deepest hunger.

All: Christ has conquered death, hate, and despair, bringing wholeness and healing to all who believe.

Pastor: As we join in the eternal feast, let us share a sign of that peace with one another. The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*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 (Please join in unison)

Leader: 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.

People: 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)

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-11

ANTHEM: "Alleluia! Christ Is risen!" (based on "Hymn to Joy")

by *L. van Beethoven*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON: "Do Not Be Afraid"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Because He Lives"

Chuck Steck, Trumpet

(Congregation, near the end of the piece, you will be invited to stand and sing the chorus):

Chorus

Because He lives,
I can face tomorrow!
Because He lives,
All fear is gone.
Because I know
He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Book of Common Worship) Please join in unison

***This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,***

*then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.*

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "He Arose!"

R. Hughes

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First time visitors-we would love to connect with you.

Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Communion Music: "This Is the Feast of Victory"

R. Hilbert

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred
minds is like to that above.***

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

*HYMN: #122 "Thine is the Glory" (blue pew hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen"

W. Hutson

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

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 LILIES are given to the glory of God from those who purchased them in memory or honor of their loved one. The list is enclosed. Remember, if you would like to take your plant(s) home after service today, please do so. For your convenience, they are labeled. Thank you.

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

No Donations were received this week.

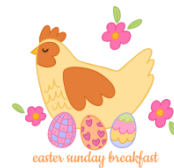
We always appreciated your kindness when giving

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Walt Barbknecht
Greeter(s)	Alice Yacullo
Usher	Debbie Langley
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson

EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us Easter Sunday, April 5th for Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 am.
Hope you are able to join us!!



Easter Sunday Offering

Today's offering will be divided between The Nest and Last Bell. If you want your donation to go to just one of these organizations, you will need to specify. Thank you.

LILIES

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



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 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 **Easter Sunday** 10 a.m. Worship (Resurrection of the Lord) Communion Sunday with Pastor Ericka 
- ❖ April 05 **NO** Sunday school
- ❖ April 05 Sunday after worship **Easter Egg hunt** 
- ❖ April 06 Monday OFFICE CLOSED
- ❖ April 07 Tuesday Pastor Off
- ❖ April 07 Tuesday 6 p.m. PFlag meeting
- ❖ April 08 Wednesday 10 a.m. Outreach meeting
- ❖ April 08 Wednesday 12 p.m. Wednesday Circle meeting
- ❖ April 10 Friday Office closed-Pastor by appointment
- ❖ April 11 Saturday Youth Spring Worship Fest
- ❖ April 11 Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ 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”



EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter egg hunt is today right after the service!

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

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



EPWORTH FOREST CONFERENCE CENTER DAY EVENT

On April 11, our youth (grades 5-12) are invited to Epworth Forest for a Spring Worship Fest. This will give our youth an opportunity to become accustomed to the space where we will be going to summer camp! Not only will we participate in exciting worship, but activities include crate climbing, hatchet throwing, monkey climbing, and more! Please speak with Jennifer Casper for more information.

Spring Worship Fest @
Epworth Forest
April 11, 2026

GRADES: current 5th - 12th graders



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. 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

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