

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

May 03, 2026

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

COMMUNION SUNDAY

5th Sunday of Easter



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Fantasy on ‘St. Kevin’”

Martin/Broughton

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: ((based on Psalm 31:1–5, 14–15) Please join in unison)

One: Our God refuses to shame us. God’s justice delivers us.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

One: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

One: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

One: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

All: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

*HYMN #514”Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (blue pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

We all err from doing God’s justice. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and admit our own power to enact injustice that harms others. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Please join in unison

Pastor: Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God’s justice.

All: When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God’s just world.

Pastor: This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God’s forgiveness by making sure there is room for all.

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- \$89.07 was collect for the Noisy Offering on April 26th

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage Holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

SECOND LESSON

John 14:1-14

SERMON: "Divine Habitation"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

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

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (excerpted from portions of the Belhar Confession and updated with gender-expansive language) please join in unison

We believe in the triune God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through the Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe

- *that God has revealed themselves as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people*
- *that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor, and the wronged*
- *that God calls the church to follow them in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry*
- *that God frees the prisoner, supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, and blocks the path of the ungodly*
- *that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. To the one and only God, Parent, Child, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.*

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee"

D. Wells

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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: #2279 "The Trees of the Field" (Sing the Faith hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "A Joyous Heart"

C. Simone

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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

- Gerald Anderson, Sandy Dougherty, Stan Holdcraft, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Margo Shank, Mary Steider, Donna Wiseman and Jerry Yacullo for health needs
- Sandy Dougherty, family and friends as they grieve the loss of Dave.
- 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 **WHITE FLOWER** is in memory of David (Dave) Dougherty who passed away on April 28, 2026.



The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God from Sue Ransom in honor of all who have a birthday in May.



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	Kendra Angela
Greeter(s)	Jason & Amy McDaniel
Usher	Debbie Langley
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson



Wishing you Very Happy Day!

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

- ❖ 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 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 National Day of Prayer
- ❖ 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 Ascension of the Lord
- ❖ 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 50th 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 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka- NOISY OFFERING Day of Pentecost
- ❖ 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 Day of Pentecost
- ❖ 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 Trinity Sunday
- ❖ 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 5th at 10:00 a.m. Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 30th except for June 9th and June 11th.

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

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.

ANNUAL B&G CLEANING & GROUNDS WORK

Coming soon there we will have a signup sheet for things that are needed to be completed to spruce up our building inside and out.

LABYRINTH WALK

Since Pentecost is on May 24 (Memorial Day Weekend), the mission committee has scheduled a Labyrinth walk at Lavender Fields in LaPorte for May 31 which is Trinity Sunday. Friendship Gardens doesn't have a Labyrinth anymore so we found another place and it's free, there is a gift shop there and there are some tables so we can have a picnic before the walk; however we request that you bring a lawn chair so we can fellowship together. We will have directions to Lavender Fields when time comes.

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.

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

FEATURED ARTIST DAWN DUTY

Dawn spent 40 years as a not-for-profit executive with charities like American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and Kids Alive International. Born in Chicago she moved from the suburbs to Indiana in 2003. She and her husband live on their 30-acre horse ranch across from the Heron Rookery in Chesterton. Always an avid photographer upon retirement she joined the Duneland Photography Club, the Duneland Garden Club and the Duneland Plein Air painters. Her works of art are shown in local galleries throughout NW Indiana and she has won numerous awards including a Best in Show at the Annual Garden Show in Porter. Duneland Plein Air which meets every Thursday from April to the end of October has helped to enhance her skills from watercolor to oils and she expanded to portraits on Wednesday nights. If not painting with her friends or in her studio, you can find Dawn riding her horses with friends or in her two-acre garden of wildflowers.

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