

First Presbyterian Church

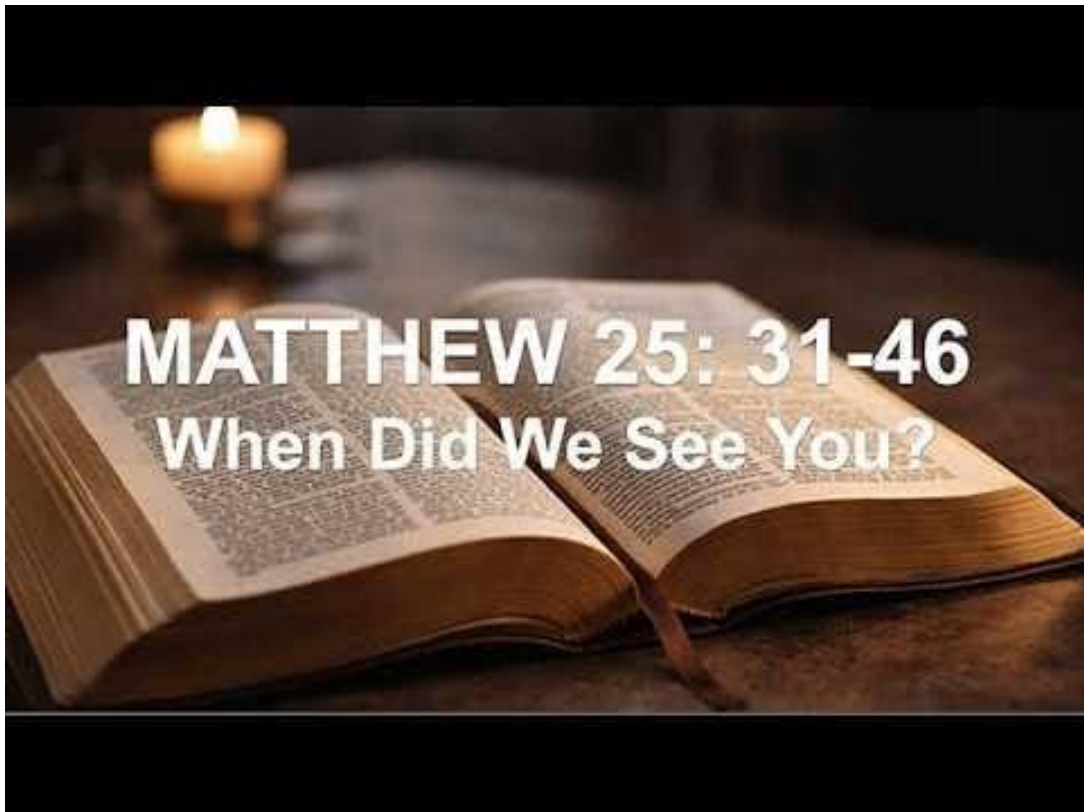
Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

July 12, 2026

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

7th Sunday after Pentecost



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: “O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand”

J. Mansfield

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 119:105-11) please join in unison

One: All who walk in shadow come into the light!

All: *God’s Word lights the way for us.*

One: God has promised to abide with us.

All: *So let us commit to walk in God’s ways.*

One: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

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

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: Spoken by liturgist

God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet the grace of God is that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever; so, let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God that we may receive that grace anew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called “Beloved” by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (from Romans 8:1-3)

Pastor: For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ’s death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new 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

NO CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (please join in unison)

Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Psalm 119:105-112

SECOND READING:

Matthew 25

SERMON "When Did we See You"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Barmen Declaration) please join in unison

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world. So we reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

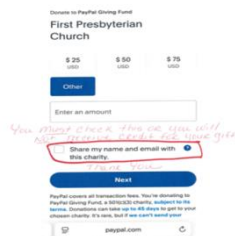
OFFERTORY: "Arabesque For Flutes"

L. Smith

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

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>

OR Scan here:



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"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Trumpetings"

L. Smith

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 and Jerry Yacullo for health needs.
- Pray for the family and friends of Donna Wiseman as they grieve for her.
- 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 from Sue Ransom in memory of her parents' 72nd anniversary.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Jeanette Tyrrell
Greeter(s)	Andrew Grove
Ushers	Peggy McAnally
Video and Sound Team	Dave Hack and Antoinette Jackson

Wishing you Very Happy Day!

July 01 Daisy Kilbourne
July 02 Gerald Yacullo
July 03 Marianne Meyer
July 04 United States of
America's 250 year celebration
July 04 June Tietzer
July 06 Derrick Mosher
July 08 Kash Williams
July 08 Andrew Ransom



July 08 Kevan Ryan
July 09 Rev. Doreen Sterba DeZur
July 09 Natalie Yacullo
July 10 Elaine Hornyak
July 16 Nolan DeLeon
July 17 Gerald Anderson
July 22 Diane Yettaw



MEMORIALS/DONATION

Memorial Fund received a donation in memory and honor of our mother, Donna Wiseman from her kids: Kathy, Susan, Greg and Doug.

The Elevator/Capital Project fund received a donation from Marilyn Cook in memory of Barbara Vinson
Thank you for your kindness.



**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**

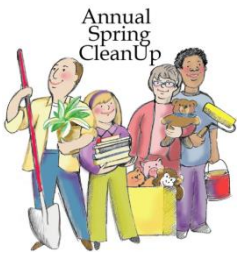
- ❖ July 12 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 12 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 12 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 13 Monday Pastor off
- ❖ July 14 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 15 Wednesday **NO** Elisabeth Circle meeting
- ❖ July 15 Wednesday **NO** 6:30 p.m. Session meeting
- ❖ July 16 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 17 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ July 18 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 Soup Kitchen
- ❖ July 19 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 19 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 19 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 19 After worship Sunday Blood pressure screening
- ❖ July 20 Monday Pastor off
- ❖ July 21 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 21 Tuesday **NO** 11 a.m. WAM meeting (next meeting will be in September, date TBA)
- ❖ July 23 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 23 Thursday 6 p.m. Bible study with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 24 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment
- ❖ July 25 Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1 Soup Kitchen
- ❖ July 26 Sunday 8 a.m. Worship service with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 26 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed Class with Pastor Ericka
- ❖ July 26 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship; service with Pastor Ericka **NOISY OFFERING**
- ❖ July 27 Monday Pastor off
- ❖ July 28 Tuesday 10 a.m. 3B
- ❖ July 30 Thursday 10 a.m. 3B **LAST FOR THIS SESSION**
- ❖ July 31 Friday Office closed Pastor by appointment

CHURCH CHAT

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



Books are in! If you would like to purchase one the cost is \$15.00. Please see Diane in the office.



ANNUAL BUILDING AND GROUNDS CLEANING & GROUNDS WORK

We have had a great start to our annual spring cleanup. Thank you to all who have helped in getting things done, but there are still tasks that need to be completed. Please use the link or QR code below for the online signup sheet.

There is also a paper copy on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge.

Please consider helping. If you have questions, please see Amy or Alice.

Thank you. Amy McDaniel, Building & Grounds Chair

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0549A8A622A4FA7-63964402-2026>



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 July 19, 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



PENCIL IT IN

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

Time flies and our annual All-Church picnic will be here before we know it. Again this year the picnic will be at Creek Ridge Park (Prairie Shelter) on September 13th at 1:00 p.m. In the near future a signup sheet will be on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge.

BUT in the meantime be sure to save the date!!

Hope to see all there.



FEATURED ARTIST

Teresina Pavel



Teresina holds an M.S. in Education, with an endorsement in Art Education and Early Childhood Development. Teresina has used Art Therapy techniques with children in domestic violence shelters and those hospitalized with chronic health issues, helping them express their hope, anger and fears. Her 40-year career also included developing and coordinating art programs for school age children and teaching classes at Ivy Tech College regarding childhood development and creativity. Upon retirement, Teresina has redefined herself from advocacy roles to that of an artist. She continues to support others through involvement with the Lubeznik Center's Art Association (A3), and the Marshall J. Gardner Center for Arts.

"What I want to express through my art has evolved. Years ago, moved by the wonders of nature, I simply tried to capture its beauty. Now, with increased threats to our environment, my art is often driven by contradictory feelings...fear of what is happening to our world combined with faith that the force of life will continue".

"I find a sense of peace creating images that brings order and balance to what could be chaos."

FRANCISCAN HEALTH MICHIGAN CITY

Tina Hoffmann is a Faith Community Health Coordinator with Franciscan Health. She also facilitates multiple types of suicide prevention and mental health courses. We are hosting an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) August 26-27, 2026 at Franciscan Health Michigan City. We believe that we will need support of the Faith Communities to help reduce suicide outcomes. We know people are still in the churches and we want to support those that are supporting the community.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a 2 day workshop that helps support growth identifying someone at risk for suicide, asking directly about suicide and then working through how to have an intervention conversation and safety plan development. We discuss the barriers to talking about suicide whether it ourselves or others including personal beliefs. This class is scenario, practice focused, supportive growth and evidence based. ASIST is considered a best practice curriculum by the national Suicide Prevention Resource Center. This community-based class is for everyone not limited to any one profession.

Franciscan Health Michigan City

3500 Franciscan Wy, Michigan City, IN 46360

8:30am-5:00pm both days required. \$25 registration fee will cover lunch for both days.

Registration link: <https://afspindianaasistaug11.attendase.com/> (Flyer is on the bulletin board)

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for sharing with your faith community, because together we can build a suicide safer community.

Thank you,

Tina Hoffmann

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There are flyers on the table under the bulletin board outside of the Edith Boyd Lounge

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