

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

July 19, 2026

8:00 A.M. (Chapel)

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

8th 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: “Prelude on ‘Mear’”

G. Martin

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (please join in unison)

One: Surely the Lord is in this place, and we did not know it.

All: *We do not know when and where God’s glorious presence will show up.*

One: Surely we are the Body of Christ.

All: *We cannot say to one another, “I have no need of you.”*

One: Surely our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

All: *Let us worship our unpredictable and uncontrollable God*

*HYMN #267 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: Spoken by liturgist

Before a word is on our tongue, God knows it completely. Before we ask for forgiveness, God is at work to set things right. Let us therefore confess our sin and the sin of the world together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Please join in unison)

Lord, you have searched us and found us wanting. You have known our inmost thoughts and called us to better things. You have set us in this world to love and serve you by loving and serving one another, to worship you by tending to those most vulnerable among us. When we fail, do not abandon us. When we go astray, call us back home. Search us O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our thoughts. Root out the wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

SILENCE IS KEPT

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: Where can we go from God’s spirit, or where can we flee from God’s presence?

All: *Even if we take the wings of the morning or settle at the farthest limits of the sea, God’s hand will find us and hold us fast.*

Pastor: Proclaim the good news with me:

All: *Our God does not abandon us to sin or brokenness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and called back home. Thanks be to God.*

*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)

***Spirit who claims us and makes us your own, join us as we come to the Scriptures today.
Reveal to us the Word within the words, that we might see Jesus and learn his way. Amen.***

FIRST READING:

Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

SECOND READING:

Genesis 28:10-19a

SERMON "Jacob's Ladder"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Second Helvetic Confession) please join in unison

***The Church is an assembly of the faithful, called or gathered out of the world.
They are all citizens of the one city, living under the same Lord, under the same laws,
and in the same fellowship with all good things. Those who are in the Church have one
faith and one spirit; they worship but one God, and in God alone they worship in spirit and
truth. Hence, we must be very careful not to judge before the time, not undertake to
exclude, reject, or cut off those whom the Lord does not want to have excluded or rejected,
and those whom we cannot eliminate without loss to the Church.***

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Tune for the Oboe"

G. Martin

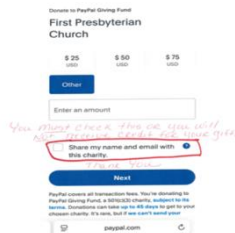
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*Doxology Song #592

"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: #535 "Go With Us, Lord" (Pew hymnal)

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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 in honor of our friendship with New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

SERVING TODAY

Ministers	All Members of the Congregation
Preacher	Rev. Ericka Kilbourne
Organist	Carol Garrett
Liturgist	Kendra Angela
Greeter(s)	Diane Hack
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

The Soup Kitchen received a donation from FPC Wednesday Circle in memory of Donna Wiseman
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 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 26 Sunday 3 p.m. Summer book club at Melanie Ledgerwood's home (address below)
- ❖ 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
- ❖ July 31 Friday Summer book club 11 a.m. at Lakeshore Coffee (address below)

CHURCH CHAT

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



FIRST MEETINGS:

- ✚ Sunday, July 26 at 3p.m. at Melanie Ledgerwood home located at 205 Bluebird Place, Trail Creek. **Maximum Six**
- ✚ Friday, July 31 at 11a.m. at Lakeshore Café' (Coffee House) located at 444 Wabash Street, Michigan City.
Sign up form is located on the door of the Edith Boyd Lounge.
If you are planning on attending, **PLEASE SIGN UP**

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

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 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



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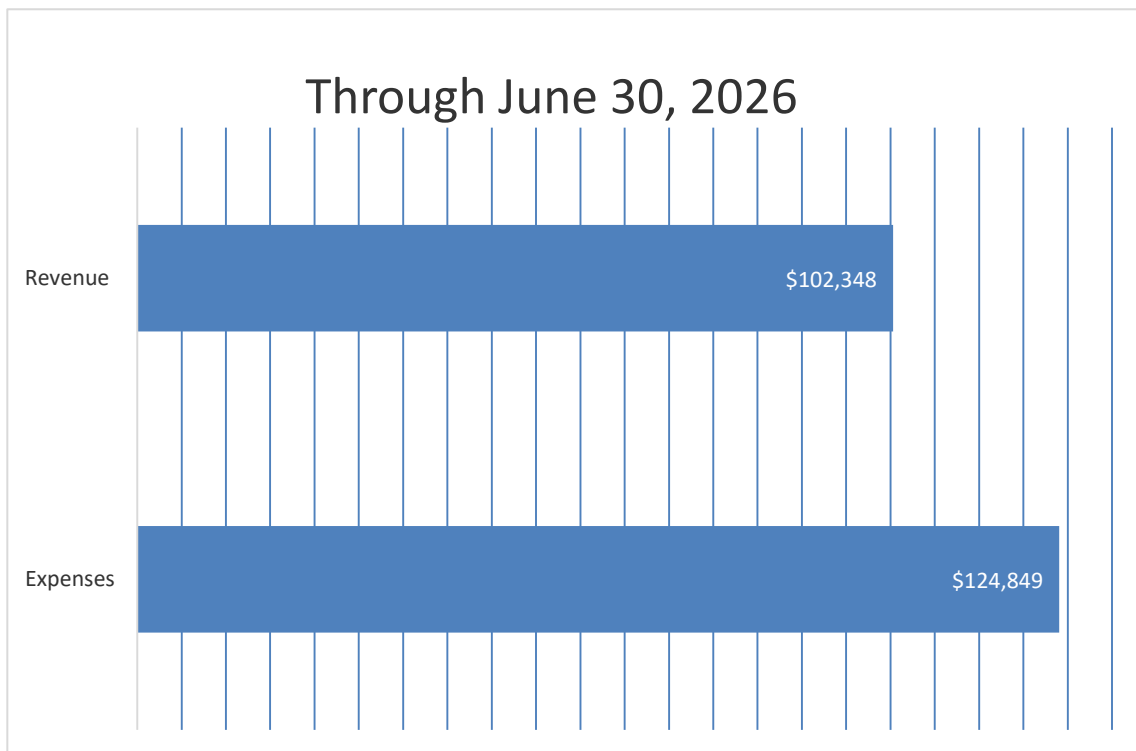
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

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.



FINANCIALS



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,

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

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